

# Seward Glenn Mobility PEL Study



October 20, 2021

Agencies and Tribes Committee (ATC) Meeting









# Welcome & Opening Remarks





### **Meeting Overview**



- Agenda review
- Purpose of the meeting, desired outcomes
- Facilitation and technology items
- Introductions



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#### Introductions



Name
Organization (if relevant)
1 interesting thing about you

# Project Team Presenters Today





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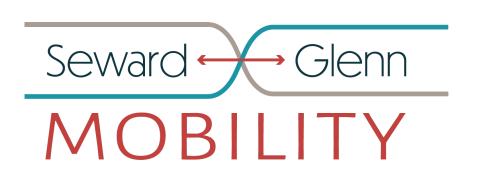
Taylor Horne



Laurie Cummings



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# What is the Seward Glenn Mobility project?



## **Corridor History**



1963 Anchorage Freeway Study

1971 Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan

1972 Revised Transportation Plan

1976 Long Range Element

1982 Major Corridors Study

1984 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

1991 LRTP

1994 and 1997 LRTPs

Anchorage 2020 Comprehensive Plan

2000 Glenn Highway MIS/NEPA

2001 LRTP

2001 East Anchorage Study of Transportation (EAST)

2005 Anchorage Bowl 2025 LRTP

2006 New Seward MIS/NEPA

2007 Anchorage Bowl 2025 LRTP with 2027 Revisions

2009 Highway to Highway

2012 2035 MTP

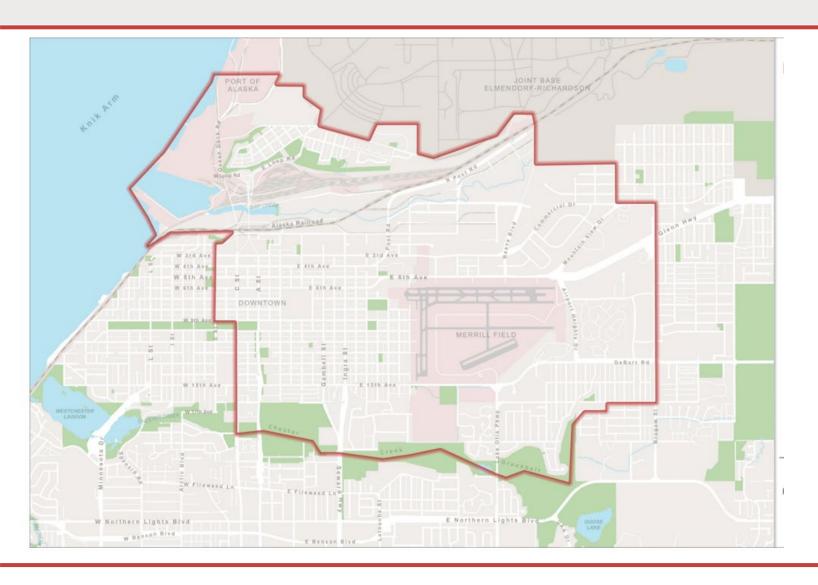
2015 Interim 2035 MTP

2021 2040 MTP - MTP# 129: Seward Highway/Glenn Highway Connection Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study - 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Chester Creek) to Airport Heights



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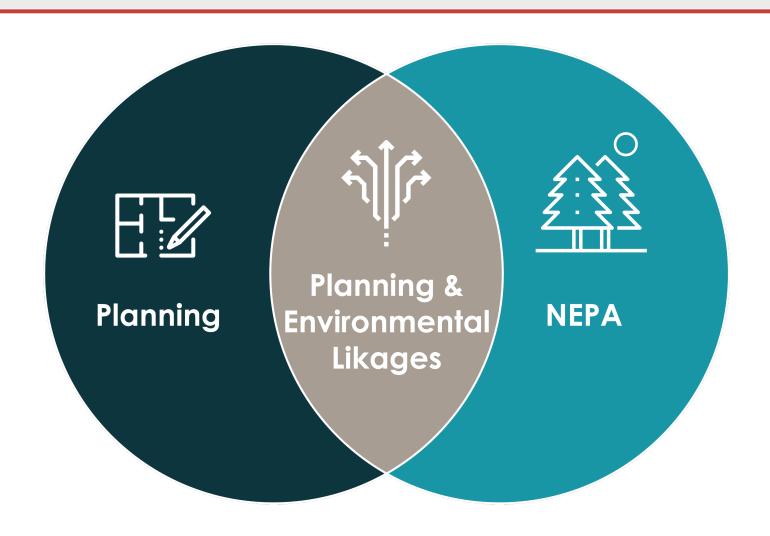


#### **Study Description**

"...identify and evaluate options to improve transportation mobility, safety, access, and connectivity between the Seward Highway, near 20th Avenue and the Glenn Highway, east of Airport Heights. The project will also identify ways to improve access to and from the Port of Alaska to the highway network."

# What is a PEL Study?





### Benefits of PEL Process for Projects



- Include input from agencies and stakeholders throughout process
- Accelerate project delivery
  - Carry work and decisions forward
  - Fewer re-do's
- Flexibility
  - Size & type of solutions
  - Implementation planning



### Public Input in the PEL Process





- Multiple public involvement opportunities and methods
  - Public meetings during each phase
  - Newsletters, website, email updates



- Four committees established:
  - Community Advisory Committee
  - Technical Advisory Committee
  - Resource Agency and Tribal Committee
  - Executive Committee



- Stakeholder input is used to shape solutions
  - Purpose and Need
  - Range of Alternatives
  - Recommended Alternative(s)

### Schedule



Timeframe	Summer 2021	Summer - Fall 2021	Winter – Spring 2022	Summer – Fall 2022	Winter - Summer 2023	Fall 2023 – Winter 2024
Study Step	Project Initiation	Problems to be Solved	Purpose and Need & Evaluation Criteria	Develop & Screen Alternatives	Evaluate, Refine, & Select Alternatives	Finalize Documentation
Objectives	Establish effective communications management protocols	Identify problems	Develop the Purpose & Need and evaluation criteria	Ensure a reasonable range of alternatives are evaluated	Refine and further develop reasonable alternatives	Finalize documentation that meets all requirements
Community Engagement	Oct 202	Jan 2022	b 2022 AC 2 2 Apr 2022	Oct 2022 AC 3 Dec 2022	Aug 2023 AC	Jan 2024 AC  Feb 2024 Public Review and Comme





## **Project Activities**



#### Q3 2021

- Traffic Data Gathering
- **Baseline Data Maps**

#### Q4 2021

- Committee Kickoffs
- Newsletter #1
- Environmental Setting
- Needs Identification
- Traffic Origin-Destination Study Purpose and Need Statement
- Travel Demand Model Base **Model Run**

#### Q1 2022

- Public Meeting #1
- System Performance
- Design Criteria
- Alternative Selection Criteria



#### **Committee Overview**



#### Charter



#### Committee Member Roles, Purpose, Expectations



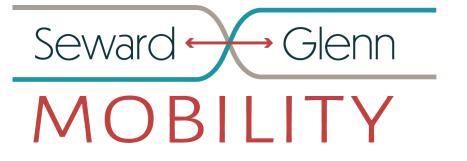
# Committee Next Steps



- Provide feedback on materials
- Participate in the Virtual Public Meeting #1 (January) & upcoming committee meetings
- Identify transportation issues and considerations for the PEL Study
- Watch your email for future communications







Q&A





#### **Action Items**

#### **Next Steps**





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#### **Closing Remarks**

