

Meeting Details

Purpose: Seward Glenn PEL Technical Advisory Committee Kickoff Meeting
Date: October 20th, 2021
Time: 9:30am AKT
Location: Conducted Virtually via Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Kelly Summers – AK DOT&PF	Michele McNulty – MOA
Doug Campbell – AK DOT&PF	Amanda Loach – MOA
Erik Hilsinger – AK DOT&PF	Craig Lyon – AMATS
Brian Elliot – AK DOT&PF	John McPherson – HDR
Kevin Jackson – AK DOT&PF	Taylor Horne – HDR
Scott Thomas – AK DOT&PF	Laurie Cummings – HDR
Todd Vanhove – AK DOT&PF	Josie Wilson – HDR
Jamie Acton – MOA	Tyler Remkus – HDR
Kris Langley – MOA (on behalf of Brad Coy)	

Summary

Kelly welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all attendees.

John introduced the project. He explained that the purpose is to identify transportation problems and solutions between the Seward and Glenn highways in the downtown area, including connections to the Port of Alaska.

Laurie reviewed the history of the corridor and the study area.

Taylor explained the purpose and benefits of a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study. He also explained the PEL public input process.

John reviewed the project schedule and current activities.

Scott asked about how this project relates to areas south of 20th Avenue. John answered that there has already been a separate PEL study of the areas south of 20th Avenue and that one of the goals of this study would be to tie into the results of the previous study.

Josie reviewed the Technical Advisory Committee Charter.

Erik mentioned the significance of Environmental Justice and Cultural Resources issues in the project area. Josie replied that Environmental Justice is an important consideration for this project. John added that the project team has demographic information on the affected

communities, and he agrees Environmental Justice is an important component of the project. John also explained that historical properties are a consideration for this project.

Amanda mentioned two issues she thinks will be important to discuss in future meetings: 1) ingress and egress for emergency planning and 2) logistical "last mile coordination" issues related to the Port of Alaska.

Scott mentioned the far-reaching benefits of the project. Scott believes this project is about investing in all neighborhoods and creating greater access for everyone, including communities that have not historically received sufficient investment and don't have adequate transportation access currently.

Todd commented that this project is unique as it contributes significantly to the level of service to the entire municipality.

Josie shared the project website and project email address:

- <http://sewardglennmobility.com/>
- info@sewardglennmobility.com

Kelly provided closing comments and expressed gratitude to committee members for their participation.

Action Items/Next Steps

Committee members should:

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