



## Project Update

The project team completed several technical studies during fall 2022. You can find the final reports on the project web site at <http://sewardglennmobility.com/>. Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide input during the public comment period last summer. The final reports reflect the public and agency input that was received. The report details are as follows:

- **Purpose and Need Statement.** The purpose and need statement (below) explains why the project is being proposed and describes the key challenges to be addressed. Input from the public helped strengthen the multimodal nature of the project and the contributions the project can make to community cohesion, neighborhood connections, and livability.

**Purpose and Need.** The proposed purpose is to improve mobility, accessibility, safety, and livability for people and goods traveling on or across the roadway system connecting the Seward Highway, Glenn Highway, and Port of Anchorage by all modes (including people on foot, bicycles, or buses) while improving community cohesion. The intent is to (1) maintain the functionality of the National Highway System (NHS) while meeting the local travel needs of residents that live, play, and work in the area and must safely travel across or along those roadways; and (2) improve neighborhood connections, quality of life, and accommodate adopted plans, as practicable. The following needs are identified for this project:

- Reduce Conflicting Travel Functions
  - Improve Safety
  - Promote Social Equity and Economic Development
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- **System Performance Memorandum.** This report summarizes data and analyses to support the purpose and need statement for the project. It provides information about the desired performance of the transportation system based on a review of existing transportation and land use plans and data. Based on public comments, this report was strengthened to include additional details on the importance of the highway functions and the conflicts that the traffic poses for residents. Additional details were added to describe pedestrian and bicycle needs, socioeconomic conditions, and user safety.
  - **Recommended Alternative Selection Criteria Memorandum.** This report describes the evaluation screening process and criteria that will be used to evaluate alternatives. Based on public and agency suggestions, the evaluation criteria now include new measures for pedestrian and bicycle mobility, livability, and consistency with additional planning documents.

## Outreach Update

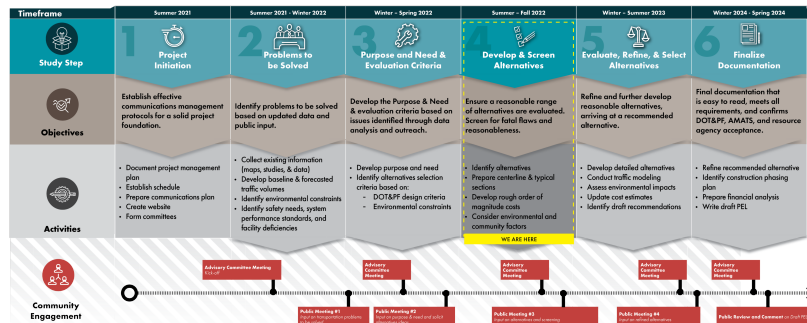
During the summer of 2022, the project team has presented and took comments on a variety of draft materials, including the reports detailed above. Commenters suggested increasing emphasis on neighborhood connections and cohesion. More specifically, stakeholders would like to better address multimodal needs to include standard and commercial vehicles, as well as pedestrians, cyclists, public transportation, and more. Suggestions include additional planning documents and land use policies to help shape the alternatives and improved documentation of the socioeconomic conditions within the study area. The comments and DOT&PF's responses from the [May 2022 public meeting can be reviewed here](#). Additional information on public involvement efforts, including input and responses from earlier meetings, is available on the [project website](#) as well.

The project team has been busy revising the draft documents to reflect the input, as well as preparing responses to the robust comments received. The team is committed to keeping you informed and will provide updated communications as the project progresses.

## Schedule Update

The project has now entered the alternatives development phase. The goal of this phase is: to ensure a reasonable range of alternatives are identified; screen alternatives for fatal flaws; and to identify workable solutions to any identified challenges. This phase of work is expected to culminate in a public meeting in late spring 2023 where the team will collect public input on the initial alternatives and analysis.

We look forward to sharing progress and working with you to develop the best possible solutions.



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## Questions or Comments?

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## Why is DOT&PF conducting this study?

This study will 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. Currently, the two controlled access freeways are connected through the study area by slower speed arterial roads. The project will also identify ways to improve access to and from the Port of Alaska to the highway network.

*This planning document may be adopted in a subsequent environmental review process in accordance with 23 USC 168 Integration of Planning and Environmental Review.*

*The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by DOT&PF pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated November 3, 2017, and executed by FHWA and DOT&PF.*

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