

Abbott Loop Extension – Public Involvement Plan

Objective: The public and agency involvement process for the Abbott Loop Extension project is a joint effort between the ADOT&PF and DOWL. The team members are committed to keeping the public informed, have no lapses in coordination, maintain a brisk project pace, be ready to respond to pertinent comments and questions in a timely manner, and use state of the art tools and approaches.

This public involvement plan fulfills the public process requirements for all elements of the NEPA process. Other tools may be added as necessary to insure the public is involved in the project. The estimated dates are subject to change as the project evolves.

Summary of Project Phases:

Initial Tasks/Project Kick-Off

A Public Involvement Plan (PIP) is developed and receives ADOT&PF approval. An initial Kick-Off effort shall include participation in the joint Transportation Fair and the formal announcement of public and agency scoping meetings.

Scoping Meetings

Formal Public and Agency Scoping Meetings are held. The scoping comment period provides for community input on the project. This work results in the production of a Scoping Summary Report.

Design Phase

Following the Scoping Meetings, a Reconnaissance Report is completed resulting in the adoption of an alignment for analysis through the environmental document process and for design purposes.

Environmental Document

Concurrent with the design process is the development of the environmental document. Depending upon the project impacts, the work may result in the development of a Draft EIS.

On-going Activities

A project Web Site will provide continuous access to the project schedule, technical reports, and a comment area. The Public Information Office (PIO) will have copies of the appropriate documents, access to the project web site and have comment forms available. An updated mailing list of all interested individuals and groups will receive regular newsletters or public presentations of project information.

Media Communications

The single point of contact for all external communications is Jim Childers, the DOT&PF Project Manager. However, upon occasion the DOT&PF Project Manager may refer a matter to the Assistant to the Regional ADOT&PF Director. This will include press releases, media briefings, telephone interviews and communication with elected officials.

Communications with DOT&PF

Stewart Osgood, P.E. the DOWL Project Manager will handle day-to-day communications with DOT&PF. Mr. Osgood and Jim Childers, the DOT&PF Project Manager will review all public involvement communication and written communications with agencies, the client, or public. The DOWL project manager shall approve all correspondence with agencies before being transmitted to the DOT&PF project manager for review and delivery.

Written Communications

External correspondence will follow the DOT&PF standard letter format. The respective DOWL project manager shall review for accuracy and comment on all external correspondence prior to submitting to DOT&PF for transmittal. Public and agency correspondence shall be reviewed and accepted by the ADOT&PF Project Manager and sent out on State letterhead when appropriate.

Telephone Communications

All telephone communications will be documented on the telephone conversation record form with copies distributed to the DOT&PF Project Manager, the DOWL project manager and the public involvement coordinator. Copies can be provided to other interested team members as appropriate. The original record of the telephone communication shall be located in the DOWL office project files.

Reading File

On a monthly basis, DOWL will submit to ADOT&PF a project Reading File that shall consist of copies of all correspondence, telephone logs, and public and agency communication received by the project team. All time-urgent communication shall be transmitted to the DOT&PF Project Manager when received.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT WORKSHEET

Project Title: Abbott Loop Extension: Abbott Road to 48th Avenue
Project No. 56559

Date: April 2, 2004

Effective Period: Startup through Environmental Document Approval

Preliminary Design Project Manager: Jim Childers, P.E.

Environmental Team Leader: Jerry Ruehle

Design Project Manager: Jim Childers, P.E.

Area Planner: David Post

Activity Dates: Project Startup to September 2005

- Informal Public Meeting
- AMATS Technical & Policy Committee informational presentations
- Community Council Presentations
- Names: Abbott Loop, Campbell Park, Mid-Hillside, and University
- Anchorage Assembly Briefing
- User Group Meetings
- Names: Technical Advisory Group of Federal and State resource agencies
- Formal NEPA Scoping Meetings

Formal Hearings, Environmental

- Opportunity of Public Hearing
- Public Hearing on Environmental Assessment/Impact Statement
- Combined Location/Environmental Public Hearing
- Combined Location/Design/Environmental Public Hearing

Support Activities/Tools

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Displays | <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Press Release | <input type="checkbox"/> Task Force-Citizens Advisory Committee |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: flyers/newsletter |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slide Show/Video | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: resp. summary, web site |

Comments:

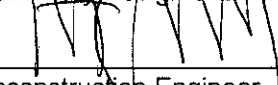
see attachments—Detailed Public Involvement Plan

Approval:


Preliminary Design & Environmental Chief


April 2, 2004

Date


Preconstruction Engineer

4.2.04

Date


Regional Planning Manager

4/2/04

Date

Original: Project Manager

- cc: Area Planner
- Environmental Analyst
- Central File
- Consultant