



**EAST DOWLING ROAD EXTENSION AND RECONSTRUCTION
ENVIRONMENTAL AND DESIGN SERVICES
LAKE OTIS PARKWAY TO ABBOTT LOOP ROAD
MEETING MINUTES**

SUBJECT: East Dowling Public Meeting No. 3

LOCATION: Tudor Elementary School

DATE: June 28, 2007, 7:00 to 9:00 pm

MEETING ATTENDANCE: Approximately 15 people

MEETING MATERIALS: PowerPoint, 6 project boards

MEETING AGENDA:

7:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Open House
7:30 to 8:00 p.m.	Presentation
8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Open House

OPEN HOUSE AND PRESENTATION

Project staff discussed the project one-on-one with members of the public from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. Kristen Hansen (DOWL) introduced the project team and gave a 30-minute PowerPoint presentation (see attached) at 7:30 p.m. and took questions from the public. Some members of the public remained after the presentation to discuss the project in more depth with project staff at the display boards.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- [Concerns with noise levels, impact of studded tires, and inquiry about funding for mitigation](#)
Steve Noble (DOWL) stated that rubberized asphalt is planned for the roadway and that the decrease in noise where rubberized asphalt is used is similar to when a fence is used for noise reduction.
- [Will you be able to drive north on Laurel Street through the intersection?](#)
There will be a signal at 63rd Avenue and Laurel Street will remain a two-way street. Drivers will only be able to make right-turns onto Dowling Road from Laurel Street.

- What is the cost of a tunnel versus pedestrian overpass?

A tunnel would require a larger footprint in the project corridor, which would result in an increase in costs. In this case, the overpass is a more cost effective option. There were also issues with limited space between Abbott Loop Road and the Chugach substation.

- What is the cost of the traffic signal light at 63rd Avenue?

Approximately \$700,000 to \$800,000, which is included in the budget.

- What about moving the traffic signal to Norm Drive instead of waiting for Spruce Street to be extended?

The MOA has the traffic signal in their plans to be located at Spruce. This project is not in the current CIP, but it is still a planned extension.

- How will drivers make left-turning movements out of Norm Drive onto Dowling Road?

The ALE intersection will create gaps in the traffic allowing opportunities to exit left from Norm Drive, but it will still be difficult due to the increased traffic volumes.

- How many accidents occur on Norm Drive?

There is an elevated rate of accidents on Norm Drive due to motorists turning speeds and slippery road conditions.

- How much of the hill near Spruce Street will be removed?

Approximately 10 to 15 feet.

- Where are we getting the money for this project?

There is a state grant (\$19 million is appropriated) and there is another \$5 to \$10 million that may be appropriated for this project.

- Need a safe intersection at Spruce Street and 68th Avenue.

- What happened to the people in the trailer court?

DOT&PF acquired the ROW. The residents were offered fair market value for their trailers to equivalent or better housing. Full relocation costs and rentals were also paid for by DOT&PF.

- If construction begins next summer, when will the demolition of the condos and trailers begin?

There will be a public auction first then the demolition will follow the ROW schedule that is in the DOT&PF Summary. A request for proposal will be posted on the State of Alaska's website regarding the auction and is slated to be posted Monday, July 16, 2007. (www.dot.state.ak.us/procurement)

Attachment(s): As stated