

Highway to Highway –Agency Meeting

Potential Agency Roles, to be determined by Federal Highway Administration ~ as of 6-25-08

Agency	Role	Jurisdiction/Interest	Contact
<i>Lead Agencies</i>			
Federal Highway Administration	Lead Agency	Responsible for oversight and decision making authority for the EIS. NEPA Document signatory. Responsible to ensure federal funding requirements and NEPA process are met.	Dave Miller, Division Administrator Mike Vanderhoof, Project Manager
Alaska DOT&PF	Joint lead Agency	Responsible for prep development of preliminary engineering. Will own the facility when complete. Will own the future Right-of-Way. Responsible to ensure state funding requirements are met. Contract manager for consultants. Responsible for engineering and construction. Responsible for National Highway System.	Gordon Keith, Regional Director Jim Childers, Project Manager
<i>Cooperating Agency</i>			
Municipality of Anchorage	Cooperating Agency	Responsible for land use planning and regulation. Owns and maintains municipal facilities and streets. Provides municipal services (police, emergency, social services, maintenance, etc.). Provides transit service. Recognized Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Air Quality Planning Agency. Sits on AMATS Policy Committee. Responsible for drainage and traffic operations. Owner and manager of Merrill Field. Keeper of traffic model and traffic forecasting. Responsible for the Municipality's Coastal Zone Management. Responsible for health and human services. Responsible for parks, recreational and cultural facilities and services.	Mayor Mark Begich John Tolley Municipal Project Manager
<i>Potential Participating Federal Agencies</i>			
US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	Participating Agency	Several HUD Section 8 properties (subsidized housing for low income renters) are located in the project area and may be affected by the proposed project.	Carmen Tennison
National Park Service (NPS)	Participating Agency	NPS is responsible for 4(f) park land and 6 (f) land and conservation funds issues.	Glen Yankus
National Marine Fisheries Service	Participating Agency	NMFS is responsible for enforcing the Marine Mammal Protection Act	Brian Lance Biologist

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(NMFS)		(MMPA) and the Magnuson Stevens Fishery and Conservation and Management Act under which essential fish habitat (EFH) is managed. Chester Creek is an anadromous fish stream containing EFH, and will be crossed by the proposed project. Ship Creek is an anadromous fish stream directly north of the project area.	
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	Participating Agency	USACE is responsible for issuing permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for impacts to wetlands or waters of the United States, and under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 for areas subject to the ebb and flow of the tide. There are wetlands in the study area.	Mary Lee Plumb-Mentjes Permitting
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Participating Agency	EPA is responsible for reviewing, rating, and publicly commenting on the environmental impacts of major federal actions, including actions that are the subject of EISs under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.	Jennifer Curtis Heather Dean
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	Participating Agency	USFWS administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, and conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands. Migratory birds and wetlands are located in the project area.	Maureen Dezeeuw Biologist
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)	Participating Agency	Merrill Field is within the study area and may be affected by the proposed project.	Gabriel Mahns
Potential Participating State Agencies			
Alaska Department of Corrections	Participating Agency	The Anchorage Jail is located directly north of 5 th Avenue in the project area, and may be affected by the proposed project.	Joesph Schmidt, Commissioner
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)	Participating Agency	ADEC is responsible for issuing Water Quality Certifications under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, implementing and permitting under the 1970 Federal Clean Air Act, and managing the cleanup of contaminated soil and groundwater in Alaska. The project will require a 401 certification. It will also require Air Quality conformity. The project area is located within the MOA CO	William Ashton Rich Sundet Cindy Heil

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		Maintenance Area Boundary. Contaminated soil is likely to be encountered.	
Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG).	Participating Agency	ADF&G is charged with the management of fish and wildlife in the state. This agency has jurisdiction regarding fish and wildlife resources in the project area.	Mark Fink
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation	Participating Agency	AHFC provides affordable housing and administers Section 8 properties (subsidized housing for low income renters). Several subsidized housing properties are located in the project area.	Jim Gurke, Director, Housing
ADNR Office of Habitat Management and Permitting (OHMP) <i>* Will move to ADFG on July 1, 2008</i>	Participating Agency	OHMP is charged with protecting Alaska's fish and wildlife resources and their habitats.	Will Frost
ADNR Division of Coastal & Ocean Management	Participating Agency	DCOM is responsible for project permitting and the Alaska Coastal Management Program. DCOM would determine whether the project is consistent with federal, state, and local coastal management plans. The project is located within the Anchorage Coastal Zone.	Christine Ballard
ADNR State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)	Participating Agency	SHPO is consulted during the process for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This project will be required to comply with Section 106.	Stefanie Ludwig, State Historic Preservation Officer
ADH&SS Division of Family, Community and Integrated Services	Participating Agency	ADH&SS is responsible for children services, juvenile justice, public assistance, senior and disabilities services, and behavioral health. Family, Community and Integrated Services serves the Mountain View and Fairview neighborhood areas and will assist in Environmental Justice issues.	Bill Hogan, Deputy Commissioner
Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC)	Participating Agency	The Alaska Railroad is a for-profit organization that provides freight and passenger service, and manages ARRC owned land. The ARRC tracks are at the north end of the project area.	Bruce Carr, Strategic Planning Director
Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority	Participating Agency	KABATA has state legislative authority to construct a bridge	Andrew Niemiec, Executive Director

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(KABATA)		across Knik Arm connecting the Municipality of Anchorage and the Mat-Su Borough. Long-term planning includes a connection to the H2H facility.	