



Alaskan Dignitaries Help Project Team celebrate milestone

More than 50 community members gathered June 29 as Alaska dignitaries celebrated the opening of the Seward Highway to Glenn Highway Connection project office with a ribbon cutting ceremony and reception.

U.S. Senator and former Anchorage Mayor Mark Begich was joined by Alaska Senator Johnny Ellis, Acting Mayor of Anchorage Matt Claman, Anchorage Assembly member Patrick Flynn, and Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) Regional Director Gordon Keith.

“This office is important because it helps citizens understand what the project is about,” Begich said. “This is going to be a valuable asset to Anchorage, not just another road.”

The H2H project office is located in the Fairview Neighborhood, a community that has been heavily involved in the project since it began the scoping phase last summer.

“This office is a perfect example of how to do a project,” Claman said. “It’s something that previous projects have failed to do. It’s going to make Fairview a better place to live, to work, and to raise a family.”

Flynn, who represents Fairview, agreed.

“The team’s done a great job gaining a presence here and we need to see more talk and more work,” he said. “Highway to Highway doesn’t divide the community, it unites it and we’d all like to see even more cooperation.”

The purpose behind centralizing project team members is to create synergy and to offer a resource for the public to get project updates and information outside of scheduled, formal meetings. At the location, they can have questions about H2H answered, access the project’s Web site, and view previous meeting materials. Housing team members in one location also increases efficiency by providing a collaborative environment and immediate access to project decision-makers . It’s located at 820 E. 15th Avenue, next to Dooley’s Costumes and Tuxedo, and is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.