

# Seward Hwy MP 17-22.5 Rehabilitation



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The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will rehabilitate and improve the safety of 5.5 miles of the Seward Highway between the communities of Moose Pass and Seward, Alaska.

## Update: Right of Way Appraisals and Acquisitions

Many of the proposed improvements to the highway between MP 17 and 22.5 will require some land outside the existing State-owned Right-Of-Way (ROW), and that land needs to be acquired by DOT&PF. In many cases, additional ROW is needed to accommodate areas where the roadway is being widened. This will allow for adequate ditches, wider shoulders, the necessary relocation of utilities, and the construction of a clear area for errant vehicles. In addition, some affected parcels are in places where the location of the road is changing slightly to "straighten" a tight curve or increase sight distances. The proposed improvements target roadway safety.

Last year DOT&PF received funding from the FHWA to begin the process of appraising and acquiring property required for the construction of the project. To acquire partial or entire parcels, DOT&PF has been working directly with property owners. At this time, affected properties have been appraised and initial offer letters have been sent, and all impacted property owners have been contacted directly by DOT&PF ROW Agents or the project team. The DOT&PF is currently working with property owners, and the ROW acquisition process is anticipated to continue through early 2018.

For more information on the comprehensive ROW acquisition process and policies, please visit our Right-of-Way information website and find the *Acquiring Real Property for Federal/Federal-Aid Programs and Projects* brochure located at the link below:

<http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwddes/dcsrow/downloads.shtml>

## Come Join Us for a Listening Post at the Seward Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair Friday, December 2, 5-9 p.m.

Project team members for both the **Seward Highway MP 17-22.5** Rehabilitation and the **Seward Highway MP 25.5-36** Rehabilitation will again host a table at the Seward Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair today from 5 - 9 p.m. in the **Alaska Railroad Cruise Ship Terminal**, aka the Seward Intermodal Facility.



You are invited to come learn more about the projects' proposed design, scope, and schedule. We'd love to hear your opinion on the project's current design, and how DOT&PF can best consider construction impacts.

We hope to see you there!

## Visit our Website

Our project website, [www.sewardhighway17to22.com](http://www.sewardhighway17to22.com), includes information on the project's purpose, schedule, design, outreach events, and more. Be sure to read the responses to our ["Frequently Asked Questions."](#)

Feel free to contact us at [info@sewardhighway17to22.com](mailto:info@sewardhighway17to22.com) with any questions or comments.

\*\*\*Note: Joining our e-mail list is a great way to stay up-to-date and to learn about opportunities to be involved in the process. **Please forward this message to others that may have an interest.**

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