

Project Update

SCHEDULE CHANGE: The project schedule has been changed, and construction is now planned to begin in 2021. In November 2020, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) plans to advertise the project for contractor bidding.

EXPANDED SCOPE: Also, the project now includes adding pedestrian walkways to the existing Snow River Bridges. This is a mitigation that the United States Forest Service requested as part of the Sterling Highway Milepost (MP) 45-60 project. Design of the pedestrian walkways is underway.

NEW FUNDING FOR BRIDGES: To pay for the bridges on this project, DOT&PF won a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) competitive highway bridge grant for \$11.5M. For more information on the bridge grant program, visit <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bridge/chbp/2019grantawards>.

Project Overview

DOT&PF, in cooperation with FHWA, will rehabilitate 5.5 miles of the Seward Highway from MP 17 to 22.5.

This roadway improvement project, a priority for both the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the State of Alaska, will improve safety and reduce maintenance costs. The roadway in the project area is in need of improvements and can be congested in the summer due to limited sight distances and few passing areas.

Rehabilitation efforts for the MP 17-22.5 project corridor will include:

- » Resurfacing and widening the existing roadway
- » Replacing the Victor Creek Bridge
- » Rehabilitating the two Snow River Bridges
- » Adding pedestrian walkways to the two Snow River Bridges
- » Bringing the roadside area to current standards
- » Widening ditches to mitigate rock fall and improve drainage
- » Improving vehicle turnouts as needed and adding new northbound and southbound slow vehicle turnouts
- » Replacing guardrails, signing, and striping



