

# 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.

## Project Update: Right of Way Appraisals Commencing

This spring, DOT&PF plans to begin the process of appraising and acquiring property required for the construction of the Seward Highway Milepost 17-22.5 rehabilitation project. To acquire these parcels DOT&PF works directly with impacted property owners, and follows comprehensive Right of Way (ROW) policies and procedures.

All impacted property owners will be contacted directly by DOT&PF ROW Agents in the coming weeks to begin the appraisal process.

Many of the proposed improvements to the highway in the project area will require some space outside the existing State-owned ROW. In many cases, the impacts are to accommodate shoulders, construct a clear area for vehicles, and provide adequate ditches. Some affected parcels are in areas where the location of the road is changing slightly to accommodate "straightening" a curve or increasing sight distances. These upgrades will improve roadway safety.

The section of the Seward Highway between MP 17 and 22.5 is one of the few that, aside from resurfacing, has not been significantly updated since the road was originally constructed. Given the topography of the area, Kenai Lake, the Alaska Railroad, and other constraints, DOT&PF's design needs to meet modern design criteria, all while enhancing safety the existing corridor.

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## Project Schedule

The ROW appraisal and acquisition process will begin this spring. During the next two years, the ROW appraisal and acquisition process will progress and the engineering team will finalize the project design to 95% complete. This spring and summer you may spot field crews in the project area; they will be on-site gathering field data for the final design.

Following final design, DOT&PF will select a construction contractor to build the project. Construction is slated to begin in 2018, pending the availability of funding and other factors. Watch for additional opportunities to engage with the project team prior to construction; feel free to contact us at [info@sewardhighway17to22.com](mailto:info@sewardhighway17to22.com) with any questions or comments.



Project schedule - [read more about the project timeline here](#)

\*\*\*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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