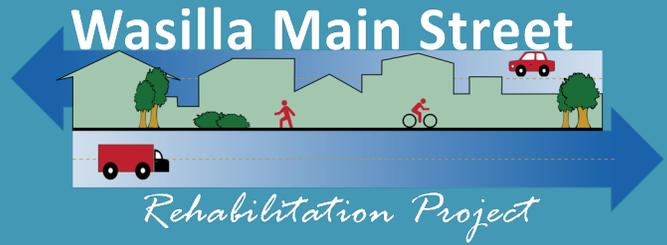


Wasilla Main Street Rehabilitation Project Frequently Asked Questions

AKSAS Project No: 60077



Why does this area need reconstruction?

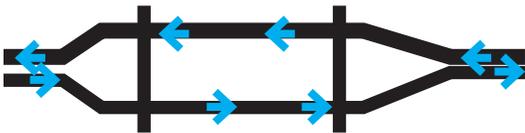
As the community and surrounding areas have significantly grown, traffic congestion in the downtown core area has increased. Specifically, north-south connectivity has become a limiting factor for effective traffic movement in the area. There are also limited pedestrian facilities along Main Street, and the current intersection design at the Parks Highway, near an at-grade rail crossing, contributes to congestion and has a higher than average crash rate than similar intersections.

How will the new design benefit the area?

The selected preferred alternative design will improve local mobility for people and freight. Travel will be more efficient by increasing traffic circulation, decreasing delays, and increasing the north-south corridor connectivity. Added safety features will reduce crash rates, minimize railroad conflicts, and separate pedestrians and bicyclists from traffic.

What is a couplet?

A couplet is a pair of one-way parallel streets that carry traffic moving in opposite directions.



How much will this project cost?

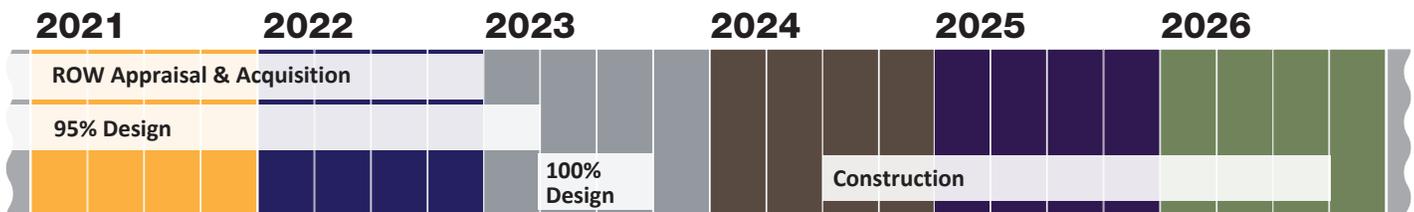
The Wasilla Main Street Rehabilitation Project is estimated to cost approximately \$40 million (including design, Right-of-Way acquisition, utility relocation, and construction), and will use Federal and State funds. Cost estimates will be further refined as the project design is finalized.

Will properties need to be acquired by DOT&PF?

The Project Team will reach out to property owners affected by roadway work. This includes everything from the reconstruction of driveways to purchasing property that is needed for the Project. Letters will be mailed to affected homeowners to begin the Right-of Way (ROW) process. You may see DOT&PF, HDR, and other personnel in the area accessing the ROW phase details. If you would like to learn more about the ROW process in general please contact the Project Team to receive the Right of Way Acquisition Process Simplified and the Types of ROW Acquisitions handouts.

When will the project be constructed?

This project is working towards 95% design and is currently starting the ROW Phase with FHWA. DOT&PF will need to purchase property along the project corridor. Once design is finalized, construction is slated to begin in 2024, and is anticipated to take two to three years to complete.



How can I stay up to date with Project information?

DOT&PF is committed to working with the public to share timely information, and will seek and consider public feedback on issues relating to project design and construction. You can participate in the Wasilla Main Street project by signing up for our email contact list, attending a public meeting, and leaving a comment for the Project team. Please visit the Project website to view Project updates or contact a team member.