

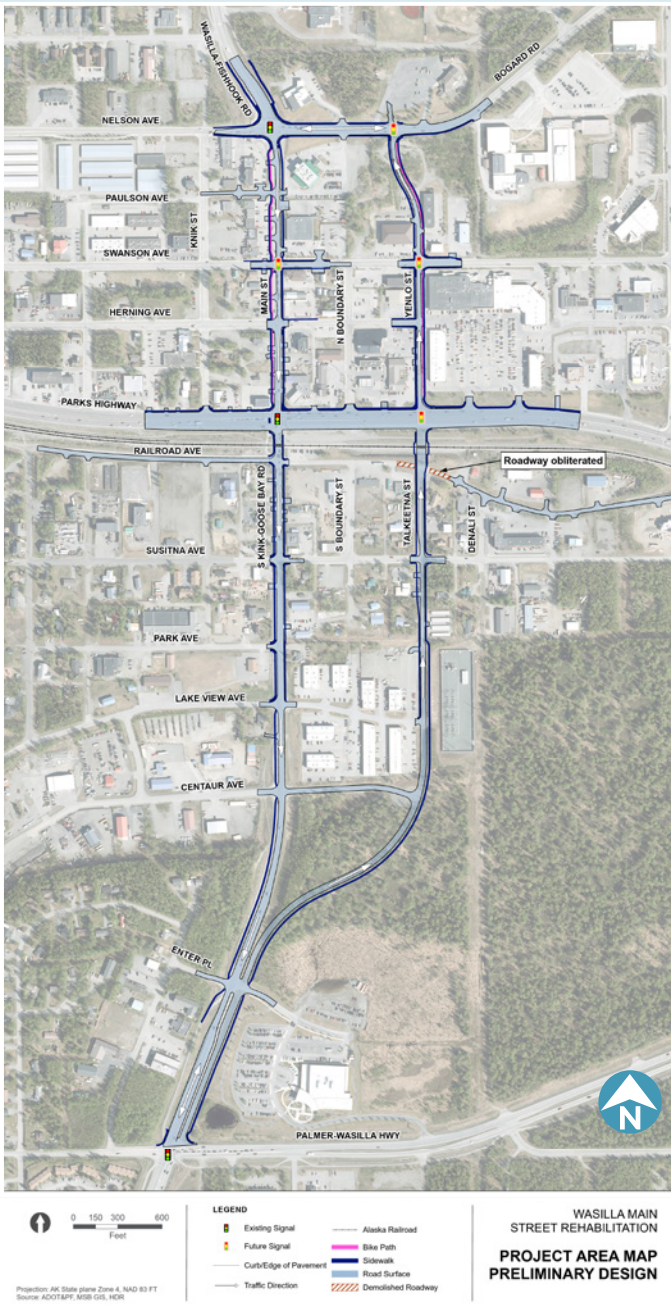
Wasilla Main Street Rehabilitation Project Fact Sheet

AKSAS Project No: 60077



The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) in cooperation with FHWA proposes to improve mobility by reconstructing Main Street and nearby roadways in downtown Wasilla. The Wasilla Main Street Rehabilitation Project consists of improvements and traffic pattern changes to the Parks Highway, Main Street, Knik-Goose Bay (KGB) Road, Yenlo Street, and Talkeetna Street.

Project Area Map



Project Purpose

The proposed project seeks to:

- » Improve travel efficiency
- » Reduce congestion
- » Enhance safety



Movement in this area is constrained by the Parks Highway and railroad corridors bisecting downtown Wasilla, which limits north-south connectivity. The purpose of this proposed project is to improve mobility for people and freight within the downtown core of Wasilla. The design will include improvements to pedestrian and bike facilities, and the roadway.

The environmental document was approved in 2013 and is being re-evaluated. Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) or 95% design was completed in July 2024 and is advancing to final. The appraisal and acquisition process for right-of-way (ROW) is well underway and should be finished this summer. The Wasilla Main Street project anticipates awarding the construction contract in Fall 2025 and construction occurring in 2026 and 2027.

Why do we need to reconstruct?

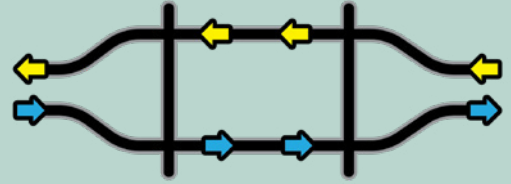
Wasilla, Alaska is the most populous city in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB). As the community and surrounding areas have significantly grown, traffic congestion in the downtown core area has increased. Specifically, north-south connectivity has become a limiting factor for effective traffic movement 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.

Key Rehabilitation Project Features

- The project will establish a one-way couplet to improve north-south traffic flow and ease congestion in this busy corridor.
- An at-grade intersection will be constructed at the intersections of the Yenlo Street/Talkeetna Street corridor with the Parks Highway and the Alaska Railroad.
- Traffic signals (stoplights) will be installed and replaced along several intersections.
- Drainage facilities will be added or upgraded throughout the project area.
- Separate pedestrian and cyclist facilities will be added and existing amenities will be brought to current ADA standards.

What is a couplet?

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

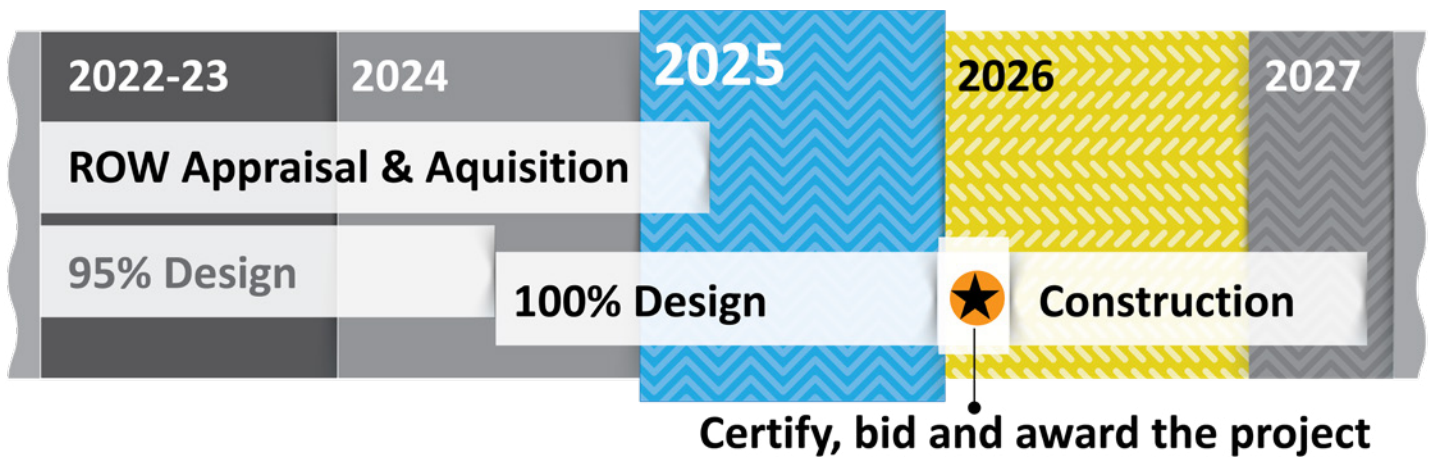


Cost

The Wasilla Main Street Rehabilitation Project is estimated to cost approximately \$83 million (including design, Right-of-Way acquisition, utility relocation, and construction), and will use State and Federal funds.

Schedule

The project team completed 95% in July 2024 and is working to certify the project. ROW negotiations and utility relocation agreements are nearly finished. The project is expected to bid and award the construction contract in late 2025/early 2026 and construction to occur in 2026 and 2027.



We Want to Hear From You!

DOT&PF wants to hear from you as we work towards a final design and prepare for construction. We will keep the public informed of project progress via newsletters, meetings, and by reaching out to affected stakeholders. To learn more about the project, sign up for the project e-mail list, or reach the design team, visit www.wasillamainstreetproject.com.

You may also contact the project team at info@wasillamainstreetproject.com, or by using the contact information provided below.



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