

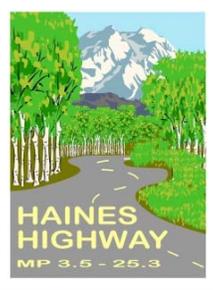
# PROJECT UPDATE

## Thursday, February 21, 2013 Public Meetings

Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve Advisory Council • 10:00 a.m.

Haines Borough Assembly Committee of the Whole • 6:30 p.m.

Haines Borough Assembly Chambers, 213 Haines Highway



### PUBLIC MEETINGS SCHEDULED

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) will be in Haines to give you two opportunities to learn more about the project on Thursday, February 21, 2013. The project manager and environmental coordinator will give updates on the project, present the proposed alignment, and report progress on the environmental documentation.

These presentations will be followed by a question and answer period. This is an excellent time to review the project and provide meaningful input to the designers.

*This project is being developed in compliance with the Executive Orders on wetlands (E.O. 11990), floodplains (E.O. 11988), and environmental justice (E.O. 12898), as well as Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act, and Endangered Species Act.*

***We look forward to hearing from you!***

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

DOT&PF, in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is proposing a project to upgrade the Haines Highway to current standards from Milepost 3.5 to 25.3. The Haines Highway, a designated Scenic Byway, connects the communities of Haines, Alaska and Haines Junction, Yukon Territory. This highway is one of two major highways out of the Southeast Alaska region and is also an important international transportation system, as it connects the Alaska Marine Highway System in Haines with the intercontinental network of roads.

The road, which was originally constructed in 1943, has been periodically upgraded over the years, with the portion from the Bluffs (Milepost 25.3) to the Canadian border (Milepost 40) being the most recently completed.

The goal of this project is to bring the last portion of the Haines Highway up to National Highway System standards for a design speed of 55 mph by realigning, widening, and straightening portions of the roadway. These upgrades will provide a safe, consistent and efficient roadway. DOT&PF is also planning to replace the existing Chilkat River Bridge, and is developing long-term solutions to debris flow problems near Mileposts 19 and 23.

DOT&PF and the FHWA are in the process of completing an Environmental Analysis (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. It is anticipated that the EA will be released for public comment in the Spring of 2013. Construction will likely be done in phases with the earliest phase starting in 2014.

### PROJECT SCHEDULE

Public and agency review of EA	Spring 2013
EA open house public meeting	Spring/Summer 2013
Finish design of first phases	Fall 2013
Begin construction of first phases	Spring 2014



### PROJECT WEBSITE

[www.dot.alaska.gov/sereg/projects/haines\\_hwy](http://www.dot.alaska.gov/sereg/projects/haines_hwy)



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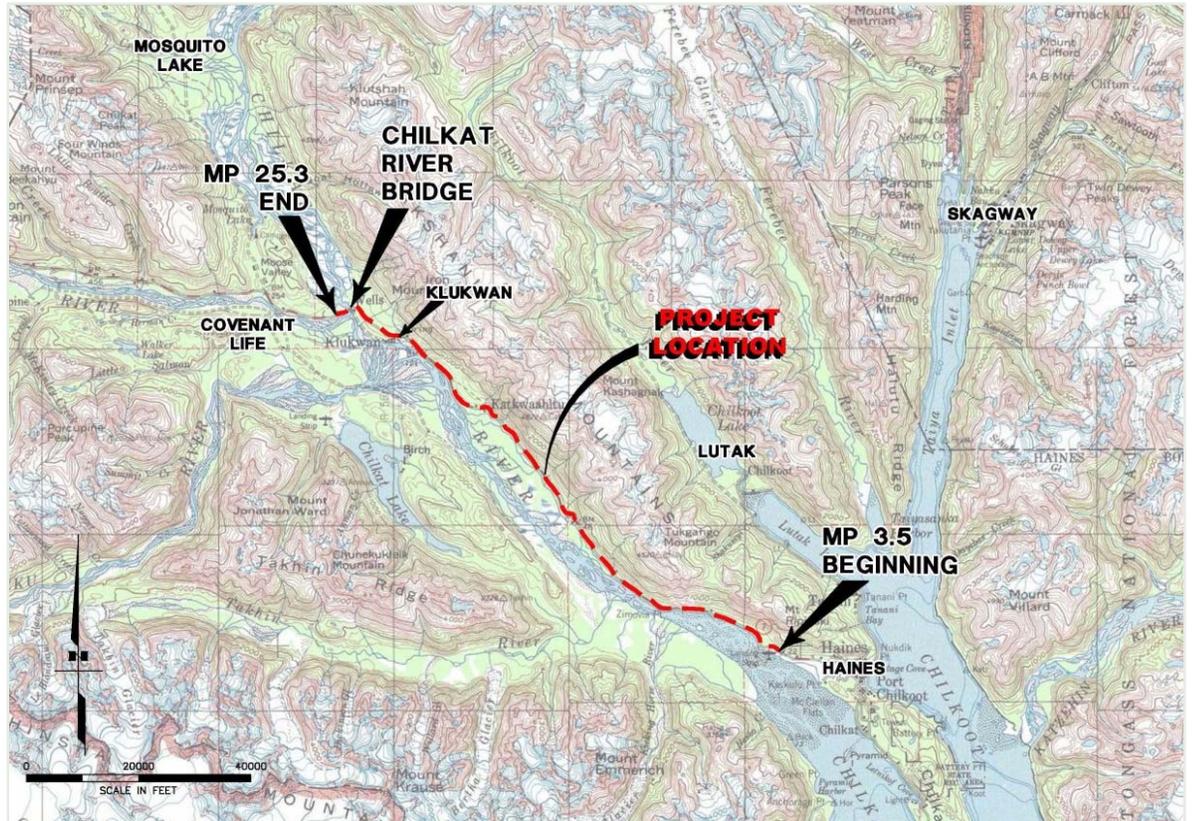
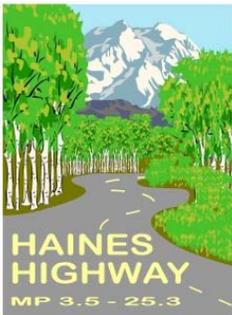
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## HOW DO I SUBMIT COMMENTS?

We encourage you to continue to provide your comments. We want to hear from you. You can use one of the following methods to submit comments on this project or you can submit written comments during the public meeting.

Via email: [HainesHighway@alaska.gov](mailto:HainesHighway@alaska.gov)

Via regular mail to: Jim Scholl, Project Environmental Coordinator  
6860 Glacier Highway • PO Box 112506 • Juneau, AK 99811-2506

For further information visit the project website:

[www.dot.alaska.gov/sereg/projects/haines\\_hwy](http://www.dot.alaska.gov/sereg/projects/haines_hwy)