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October 29, 2012

RE: HNS Old Haines Hwy Sidewalk 3rd to Allen
Project: # 67555~ SRTS-0987(007)

Stephanie Scott, Mayor
Haines Borough
P.O. Box 1209
Haines, Alaska 99827

Dear Ms. Scott:

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) has assumed the responsibilities of the Federal Highway Administration under Section 326 of amended Chapter 3 of title 23, United States Code (23 U.S.C. 326), and is proposing to construct new sidewalk in Haines, Alaska. Comments on the proposal from resource and regulatory agencies and the interested public would assist us in preparing the project's environmental documentation. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2013.

Project Location

The proposed project would be constructed adjacent to the Old Haines Highway between the intersections of 3rd Avenue, beginning of project (BOP) and Allen Road, end of project (EOP). The location for the proposed project is in Section 34, Township 30S, Range 59E, Copper River Meridian, on the Skagway A-2 Quadrangle Map (see, Key and Regional Maps, Sheet 1; Project Location Map, Sheet 2; Preliminary Area of Potential Effect, Sheet 3).

Project Description

Presently there is no sidewalk located adjacent to the Old Haines Highway between 3rd Avenue and Allen Road, which includes the area in front of Haines High School. The proposed project would construct approximately 1,700 feet of curb, gutter and 5 foot sidewalk on the north side of Old Haines Highway between Allen Road and 3rd Avenue. The proposed project activities include constructing commercial driveway entrances and curb cuts near the high school. A

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portion of the existing drainage system located adjacent to the Old Haines Highway would be reconfigured to accommodate buried culverts that would replace open ditches. New curb drainage inlets would be constructed to allow storm runoff flow from the roadway into the new culvert system. Other areas would require minor modification to the existing open ditches to accommodate the new improvements.

Potential Project Impacts

The proposed projects would result in temporary impacts to vehicle and foot traffic during construction. Vehicle traffic could be restricted to one lane during concrete pours to accommodate cement truck deliveries. Pedestrians would be channeled to the south side of the Old Haines Highway while construction was on-going. All soil disturbing activities would occur in areas of existing fill associated with the Old Haines Highway and Haines High School.

Request for Comments

We request your comments on the proposed action, particularly regarding potential impacts to resources under your jurisdiction. If you have information that would assist with our environmental analysis, please provide it. We also request the views of applicable agencies on potential effects to bald eagles, threatened and endangered species, or other possible impacts to the environment that might be caused by this project. You are also encouraged to assist us in identifying historic properties and cultural resources that may be affected by the proposed project. Your comments will be included in the project's environmental document. We would appreciate your response by November 26, 2012.

Thank you for your consideration of this request for comments. If you have question or require clarification on any elements of the proposal, please contact Chris Schelb, Project Environmental Analyst at (907) 465-4447 or by e-mail at chris.schelb@alaska.gov or me directly at (907) 465-4504 or by e-mail at john.barnett@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,



John Barnett
Project Environmental Coordinator

Enclosures:

Key and Regional Maps, Sheet 1
Project Location Map, Sheet 2
Preliminary Area of Potential Effect, Sheet 3
Project Construction Typical Sections, Sheet 4

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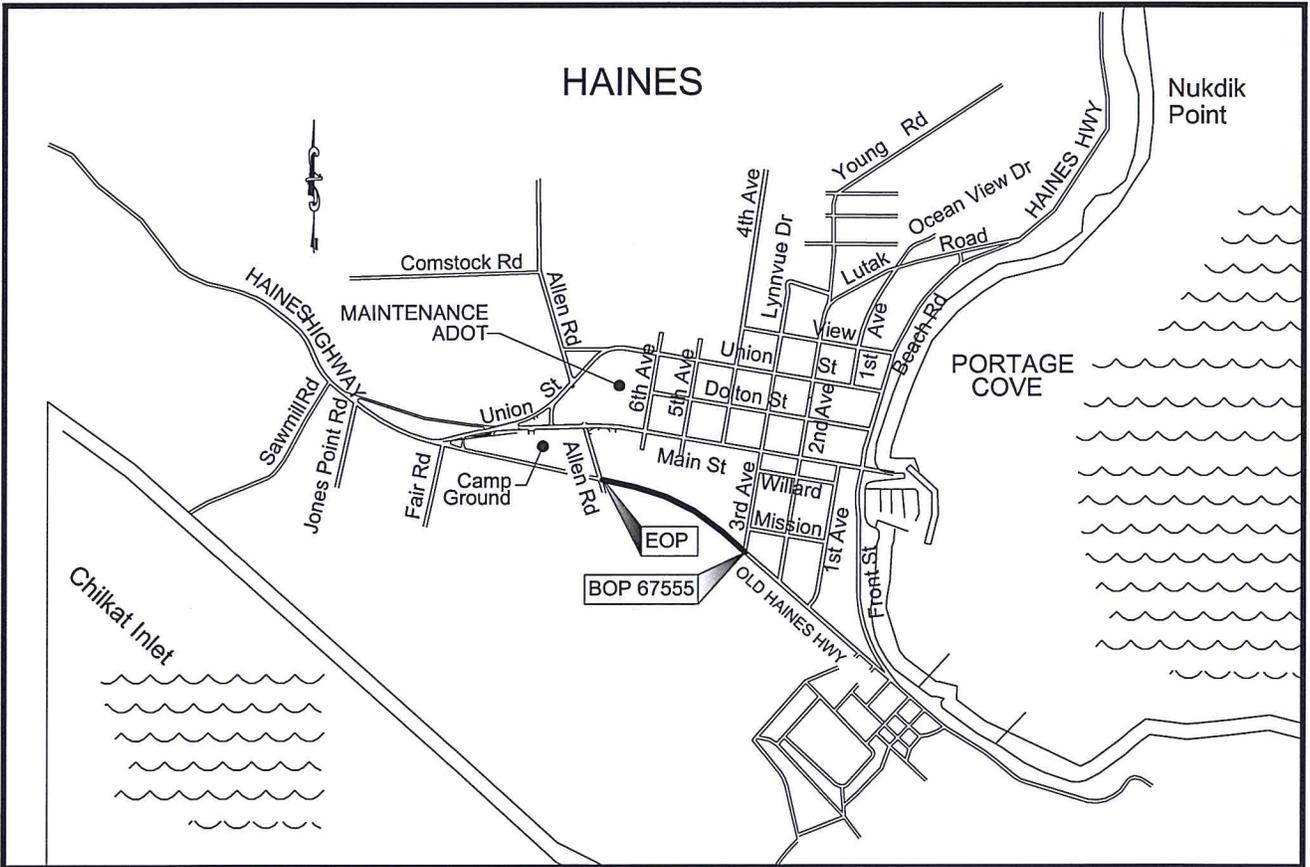
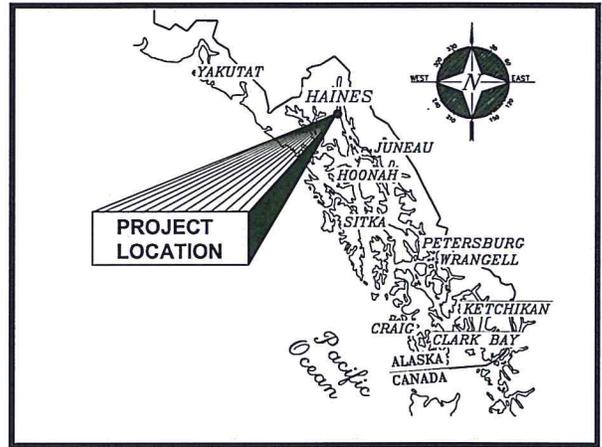
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KEY MAP



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KEY AND REGIONAL MAPS

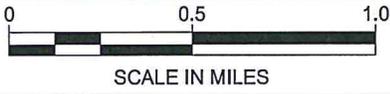
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AT: HAINES, ALASKA
LOCATED IN: SECTIONS 34
T30S, R59E
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PROJECT LOCATION MAP

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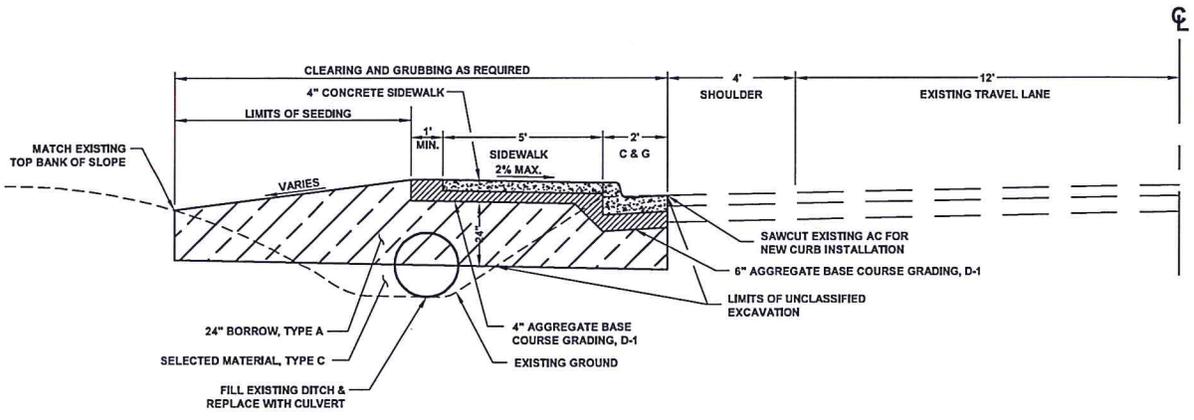
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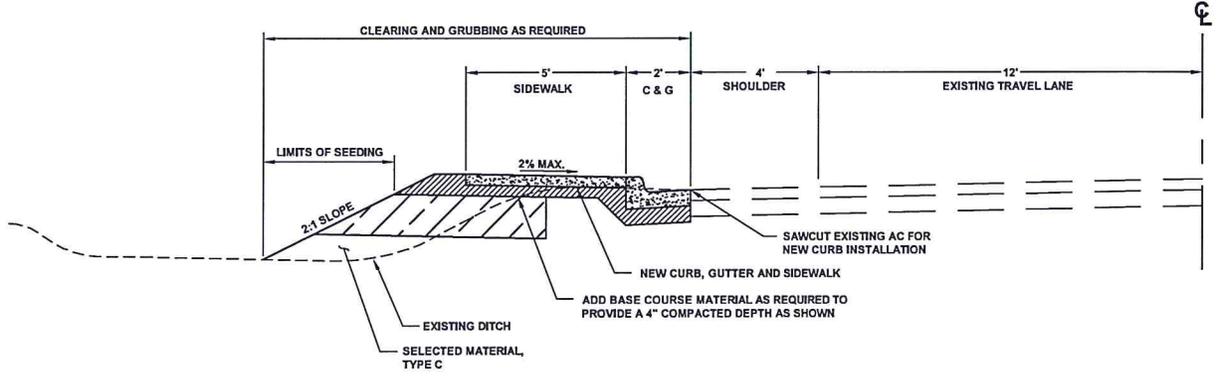
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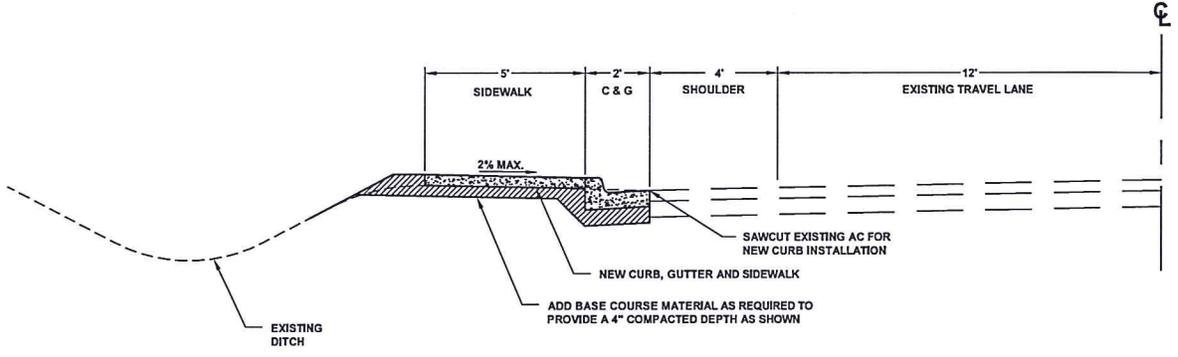
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TYPICAL SECTION A - LEFT



TYPICAL SECTION B - LEFT



TYPICAL SECTION C - LEFT

TYPICAL SECTIONS

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