

Draft Recommendations for Planning Commission from Haines Borough Staff for 11/8/18 Meeting

General recommendation: Based on what has been submitted from DOT, Haines Borough does not have enough information to approve Phase II DOT Highway Reconstruction Project Milepost 12.2 to 23. We recommend the DOT address the following concerns and questions. Once addressed, the planning commission may approve the project based on the criteria in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan.

A second public hearing for approval of the project has been tentatively scheduled during the Commission's regular meeting on December 13, 2018.

	Topic	MP/WS#	Sheet	Borough Recommendation	Notes
1	General	--	--	Add mile markers and/or land marks to the plan sets so that they can be more easily understood by the Haines community. The station marks appear to be on the realigned highway making it difficult to interpret and review the location on the plan sheets.	9/11/18 Local Concurrence Planset
2	General	--	--	Provide plan sheets with scale, elevations, slope, materials, etc. along with the artist renditions so that the project can be completely understood.	10/16/18 Plan and section view diagrams for HNS 15, 16 & 17
3	General	--	--	In areas where the grade of the highway is raised beyond current levels, how will DOT ensure that access is maintained for private properties' driveways?	
4	General	--	F2-F3, F5-F7, F9, F11- F17	Pullouts that have historically been used to access trapping, hunting, and recreation trails along the highway are not included in the planset. Maintain these pullouts.	See planset comments to be submitted by Borough on 11/9/2018
5	Site Specific	12.3/ Station 627+00	F1	Provide a widened area adjacent to shoulder for parking and foot access to the Chilkat River.	
6	Site Specific	13 / HNS 13 / Station 657+50	F4	Allow vehicle access to the Chilkat River for future road improvements.	
7	Site Specific	HNS 14	?	Provide widened area adjacent to shoulder for parking and foot access to the Chilkat River.	10/15 DOT Comments suggest that the planset will be amended to include a widened area.
8	Site Specific	13.9/HNS 15 & 16	F8	Maintain access, expand and level parking area without blocking access to launch areas. If possible create a natural eddy for creating a downstream ramp.	10/15/18 DOT Comments suggest that HNS 15 access will be maintained and that the parking area will be paved as shown on the plan and

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				Pave expanded parking area.	section views, this information was not included in the diagrams. See comment #2. DOT comments also suggest that there will be no access improvements HNS 16, though DNR comments disagree with DOT decision.
9	Site Specific	HNS 17	F10	<p>Provide a widened area where the existing roadway will be abandoned.</p> <p>Grade the widen area to provide a smooth surface finished with stable material for parking large vehicles towing trailers and boats.</p> <p>Grade the area to provide vehicle access adjacent to the river and the ability to load and unload rafts and canoes.</p>	10/15/18 DOT Comments suggest that access will be maintained and a widened area will be provided as shown on the plan and section views, this information was not included in the diagrams. See comment #2.
10	Site Specific	16.1/HNS 18	F18	<p>Please submit the revised planset showing that there will be a widen paved approach, creating parking for 4 to 6 vehicles.</p> <p>There is eagle habitat in trees here. How will construction and finished project protect the eagle habitat?</p>	10/15/18 DOT Comments suggest the design for this section is still in the revision process. The revision will show that access will be maintained.
11	Site Specific	MP 19/HNS 19	?	Provide access to river and mountains prior to and after the 19 mile slide area. We understand and agree with DOT's decision to prevent access due to the instability of the area. However, we believe that DOT is obligated under the comprehensive plan, the scenic byway plan, and the EA submitted for the project to compensate for the loss of this access point by providing another.	
12	Site Specific	21/ HNS 24 & 25	?	Maintain as is and maintain grassy island between road and parking area. Improve Boat Launch. Add an outhouse.	10/15/18 DNR comments support this recommendation.
13	General	--	--	Add specifications that require the contractors hired for reconstruction to consult and coordinate with locate tour operators regarding traffic delays.	10/24/18 DOT comments support this recommendation.