

APPENDIX B

Public Scoping Meeting Announcement



PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

DECEMBER 11, 2008 ■ 5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB) invites you to a public scoping meeting on the Hatcher Pass Recreational Area Access, Trails and Transit Facilities project to be held on December 11, 2008. This public scoping meeting will be held at Colony Middle School located at 9250 Colony Schools Drive.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The MSB is embarking on a campaign to develop Hatcher Pass's great potential for Alpine and Nordic skiing as well as summer hiking, mountain biking, and other recreational opportunities. MSB residents have long understood that Hatcher Pass has the potential to be developed as a high-quality ski and recreation area for local residents and visitors. Development of ski and recreation facilities at Hatcher Pass could provide a substantial economic development opportunity to the MSB by bringing jobs, a new industry and infrastructure improvements that could help attract other development.

The MSB has received federal funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to design and construct transit and transportation facilities at Hatcher Pass, including bus pullouts for MASCOT Service, parking areas, road improvements and trails. The MSB is currently preparing an Environmental Impact Statement to evaluate the potential impacts associated with these transportation improvements.

Please join us at our public scoping meeting to get information on the proposed project as well as to provide input to the project team on:

- The purpose and need for the improvements,
- alternatives to meet the purpose and need, and
- potential environmental effects of the project.

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING FORMAT

Open House	5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Presentation	6:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Public Comments/Q&A	5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Additional information on the project is available on the website at www.hatcherpass.com.
Public scoping comments will be accepted on the project through January 16, 2009.