



# West Dowling Road CONNECTION

Project Update  
October 2002

## Proposed Dowling Road Connection Project Underway

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) is beginning the process of developing an environmental document regarding the proposed extension of West Dowling Road to serve the long-term transportation needs of the City of Anchorage. The project area would extend West Dowling Road from the Old Seward Highway west to Minnesota Drive.

### Why West Dowling Road?

The reasons for the project are to relieve traffic congestion on nearby arterial roads and improve cross town access. The proposed extension will provide east/west traffic flow, reduce traffic on Tudor Road and help to implement the goal of developing a more connected roadway pattern as identified in the Anchorage Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The LRTP has identified this project as one of the top three projects to complete and anticipates the roadway will be a minimum of four lanes wide.

### What is the proposed route?

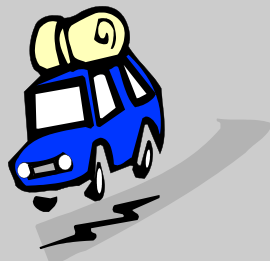
There is not a proposed or preferred route at this time. The study will develop and analyze a range of reasonable alternatives, including leaving things the way they are, and will result in identifying a preferred alternative in the Winter of 2004. Issues to be evaluated include: a bridge over Campbell Creek; impacts to Tina Lake; impacts to adjacent residential and commercial property; and access during and after construction. HDR Alaska Inc. is the lead engineering/environmental firm.

### Want more information?

Two public open houses are being planned for Wednesday, October 30, 2002 (at 11:30 a.m. and again at 6:00 p.m.—details on back). Your attendance is encouraged. For more information, contact Dan Simpson, Project Team Leader, HDR Alaska at 274-2000 or Miriam Tanaka, Project Manager, ADOT&PF at [Miriam\\_Tanaka@dot.state.ak.us](mailto:Miriam_Tanaka@dot.state.ak.us).

### Anchorage's Long-Range Transportation Plan

This plan directs Anchorage's long-range road, transit, trail and related transportation development. It is a joint state and municipal document which is revised every three years. The current plan identifies the long-range planning goals and addresses the general transportation needs of Anchorage through the year 2023. Conformity to national air quality standards is evaluated prior to plan approval. The plan also identifies the need for corridor and sub-area studies. Projects may be added to the plan at any time throughout the year, but each major amendment must be approved by a policy committee. For more information, go to [www.ci.anchorage.ak.us/transplan](http://www.ci.anchorage.ak.us/transplan).



### Related News: What's going on with the Raspberry Road Extension Project?

A separate road extension project in the vicinity of Dowling Road is developing concurrently with this project. The City of Anchorage will be extending Raspberry Road from Rovenna Street to Arctic Boulevard. Funding for the design study is proposed for 2003.

The project will upgrade and extend Raspberry Road to urban arterial standards. Improvements are expected to include pavement, curbs, street lighting, storm drains, pedestrian facilities and landscaping. Construction will provide neighborhood access to Arctic Boulevard via Rovenna Street and Raspberry Road.

For information about this project, contact Jerry Hansen with the City of Anchorage at 343-8143.

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## WEST DOWLING ROAD CONNECTION PROJECT

# OPEN HOUSES

Wednesday, October 30, 2002

Drop by either session any time • Talk to staff • View the maps & displays

### MID-DAY MEETING

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Alaska Dept. of Transportation &  
Public Facilities  
4111 Aviation Drive

*Drop by on your lunch break.*

### EVENING MEETING

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Campbell Elementary School  
7206 Rovenna Street

*Join us in the evening after work.*

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**A West Dowling Road website is under construction:  
[www.dowlingroad.com](http://www.dowlingroad.com). Check back for more details.**