

**West Dowling Road Connection Project  
Environmental Assessment &  
Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation  
STP-0532(5)/55012**

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## Notice of Availability & Public Meeting

### Environmental Assessment & Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation and Draft Air Quality Conformity document

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### West Dowling Road Connection Project

State Project No. 0532(5)/Federal Project No. 55012

#### Notice of Public Meeting

**When:** January 16, 2007, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
**Location:** Taku Elementary School  
701 E. 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Anchorage, Alaska 99518

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) and its consultant, HDR Alaska, Inc. invite you to attend a Public Meeting to provide comment on the Environmental Assessment (EA) document for the proposed **West Dowling Road Connection Project**. The project is proposing to extend and reconstruct Dowling Road from Old Seward Highway to Minnesota Drive using federal funding through the Alaska Division of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). FHWA has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation and a Draft Air Quality Conformity document for the proposed project. The EA has been prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations. The project may require compliance with Executive Orders; 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), 11988 (Floodplain Management), and 12898 (Environmental Justice), due to potential project impacts to wetlands, floodplains, and property acquisition for right-of-way.

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**Jerry O. Ruehle, ADOT&PF Environmental Coordinator**  
**Preliminary Design and Environmental**  
**P.O. Box 196900 Anchorage, AK 99519-6900**

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Please let me know if you have questions.

Thank you,

**Kelly L. Brown**

Planner/Public Involvement Specialist

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January 16 - May 5

ANCHORAGE - ALASKA NATIVE POLICY (PADM 671-001) will be taught at UAA, Rasmuson Hall Room 207B on Thursdays from 5:30 to 8:15pm by EDGAR BLATCHFORD. Regional Native Corporation Issues and Concerns are the focus of this course. Beginning with an overview of ANSCA, the course will look at how the Corporations have evolved, issues they are confronting at present and concerns for the future. The course will examine policy regarding Alaska Natives born after December 1971 who are not shareholders; discuss what obligations, beyond those to their shareholders, the Corporations may have to Alaska Natives as a People; and address issues surrounding land ownership and resource development. The role Alaska Native heritage plays in determining qualifications for leading the Corporations into the future will also be examined. For Registration Information Contact: Pat Lee 786-4101 pat.lee@cbpp.uaa.alaska.edu or Michelle Peters, or 786-4136 asmrw22@uaa.alaska.edu.

January 17 - May 2

ANCHORAGE -BUILDING COMMUNITY: NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING, POLICY, AND IMPLEMENTATION (PADM 671-002) will be taught at UAA from 5:30 to 8:15pm by SHEILA SELKREGG. This class is a hands-on experience in working with Anchorage neighborhoods. Through neighborhood and Municipal partnerships students will work on and contribute to existing local neighborhood planning efforts. The course will address: Transportation, land use, and urban design policies' effects on neighborhood property values, health, and safety. The development and implementation of successful neighborhood plans. Implementation of Anchorage 2020 Comprehensive Plan's neighborhood goals. Strategic relationships between public policies related to neighborhoods, and to town centers and other non residential use. For registration information contact: Pat Lee at 786-4101 or pat.lee@cbpp.uaa.alaska.edu or Michelle Peters at 786-4136.

January 21 - 24

ANCHORAGE - ALASKA MARINE SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM will be held at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel focuses solely on marine ecosystems of Alaska. It provides an outstanding opportunity for scientists to inform others about their research and to network with others who comprise the vibrant research community in Alaska.. See <http://www.alaskamarinescience.org/> for more information.

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January 15

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BRENT PETRIE, Manager, Community Development & Key Accounts with Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Inc. will speak on WIND POWER in RURAL ALASKA at the meeting of the Alaska Association of Environmental Professionals at the BP Energy Center Meeting starting at 11:45 a.m. There is no charge but University Scholarship donations accepted. Call 338-2238 for info.

January 17

POLAR BEARS ON THE CUSP OF CHANGE with STEVEN AMSTRUP of the US Geological Survey Alaska Science Center is the topic for Wildlife Wednesday event from 7 to 8:30 in the Marston Theater, Loussac Library. He will discuss scientific observations about the effects of climate change on polar bears. For more information call 786-3391.

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# DOWLING ROAD CONNECTION

## West Dowling Road Connection Project Environmental Assessment & Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation Open House - Public Hearing Anchorage, Alaska



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In re: Public Comments  
West Dowling Road Connection Project

Public Comments for West Dowling Road Connection Project  
State Project No. 0532(5)/Federal Project No. 55012  
Commencing at 6:00 p.m.  
Pages 1-5, inclusive  
Taku Elementary School  
Tuesday, January 16, 2007  
Anchorage, Alaska

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

CHARLES JOHNSON: My name is Charles Johnson. And I'm at 275 East Dowling at Campbell Apartments, Lots 18 and 19, Block 3. And the proposed action it looks like our lots, along with the lots alongside us are all scheduled to be acquired for right-of-way purposes. And our concern is when this action may take place, and what kind of time frame we're going to have.

I understand under the Uniform Relocation Act that once right-of-ways of properties are purchased from the point that we receive payment we have a year to move.

So I see a lot of time delays in this project. So I'm just kind of trying to get my ducks in a row and find out what and where and when. Thank you.

TIMOTHY HROZA: My name is Timothy Hroza. I live at 242 East Dowling. That's between the Old Seward Highway and Potter. I'm right off Campbell Creek. We live on the southside, so I guess we are not going to be the one that get's demolished, which is good. But I have a big concern about the lack of a sound wall on this section of the Dowling Street extension.

Right now the traffic speeds and the noise created is pretty -- I don't know the decimals, but it's pretty horrendous -- and with five lanes, and we know the traffic speeds are probably going to go up substantially,

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1 it's imperative that we have sound walls similar to the  
2 ones that went up on C Street. They look nice, they  
3 protect. I know sound -- for the people that live  
4 directly behind them anyway, which is basically the way  
5 we are. So I would just ask that sound walls be put in  
6 this project, in this specific area.

7 Plus, I'm concerned about drainage, I guess. I  
8 assume there's going to be some sewer or storm sewer  
9 because the water is going to come rushing down right  
10 into my garage like it did this last spring, and  
11 ultimately right into Campbell Creek otherwise. All  
12 right. I guess that's all I have to say. Thank you.

13 RICHARD BURTON: My name is Richard Burton. I  
14 own or occupy a four-plex at 238 East Dowling Road.  
15 Currently it's right where Potter Drive turns into  
16 Dowling Road. So far my property is not slated to be  
17 acquired for right of way or anything. But yet my  
18 property is going to be negatively impacted by the amount  
19 of construction and the amount of traffic coming through.

20 The only way I can survive is by renting my  
21 apartment to, you know, prospective renters. And the  
22 project is going to negatively impact my ability to get  
23 good renters and keep good renters.

24 Also, the area is going to affect where I can  
25 put my snow removal. And also, for me being able to

1 cross the road on foot because my children have to get to  
2 the school bus, there's no way that is going to work out  
3 for me either.

4 So I think it's a good project and I'm all for  
5 it. I just feel like I should be compensated. And if  
6 the State needs my property to help the project go along  
7 better, I'm willing to go ahead and relocate. Thank you.

8 RUSSELL GRIMM: My name is Russell Grimm.  
9 And my comment is that I understand deeply the need for  
10 east/west traffic. I am right on the proposed way. My  
11 property is slated to be taken or acquired. But I would  
12 like to make sure that a five-lane road is really needed  
13 and not three lanes. I don't want to move any more than  
14 anybody else does if not necessary. Like I say, I see  
15 the need for it. And I applaud the City for planning  
16 that kind of stuff because traffic is just so terrible.

17 The second item I'm concerned about is the  
18 value of my property that I'm going to be turning over.  
19 I want to make sure that I have compensation that allows  
20 me to get into an equal value home. And in days past it  
21 seems like people were treated poorly -- at least in  
22 other communities I've lived in -- and given low value.  
23 So that's my concern. I just want to make sure I get  
24 fair market value. So thank you very much.

25 (Proceedings concluded at 8:00 p.m.)

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**Alcantra, Rosetta M.**

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**From:** Simpson, Dan  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2007 5:29 PM  
**To:** Miriam McCulloch; McPherson, John; Alcantra, Rosetta M.; Cummings, Laurie  
**Subject:** FW: Dowling Road  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Red

This may be an opportunity for wetland impact mitigation if it is needed.

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**From:** hudishjc@aol.com [mailto:hudishjc@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 14, 2007 11:44 PM  
**To:** Simpson, Dan  
**Cc:** mcoryell@gci.net  
**Subject:** Dowling Road

DEAR MR SIMPSON, MY HUSBAND WITH SOME FRIENDS WHEN HE WAS IN THE AIR FORCE BOUGHT SOME LOTS IN ANCHORAGE. HE SAID THEY WERE PART OF HIS RETIREMENT PROGRAM. WE ARE UP THERE IN AGE AND STILL WAITING FOR THAT RETIREMENT. IM VERY DISAPPOINTED WITH THE CHANGES MOVING DOWLING ROAD NORTH ON TINA LAKE OFF ITS RIGHT OF WAY. WE HAVE OWN OUR LOTS 1,2,3,5 AND 6 OF BK 5 WESTGATE PARK SUB LONG BEFORE WETLANDS WAS A WORD. WE ALL PAID TAXES AS MUCH AS \$10000,00 FOR THE LOTS EACH YEAR FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS, A FEW YEARS AGO THEY STOP CHARGEING US TAX ON THE PROPERTY. WE BOUGHT THE LOTS WITH PAYMENTS AND INTEREST. THE ASSESSMENTS FOR WATER AND SEWER WERE PAID WITH INTEREST. WE KNEW DOWLING ROAD HAD TO GO THROUGH TO THE AIRPORT IN TIME BUT BY MOVING THE ROW IT LEAVES US OUT. WE THOUGHT THE MUDHOLE CALLED TINA LAKE WOULD BE DRAIN AND CONTRACTORS WOULD PAID TO DUMP THERE CLEAN HARD FILL THERE THAN TAKE OUT TO SANDLAKE TO DUMP. WHAT ARE WE AS THE PROPERTY OWNER GOING TO DO NOW. SINCERLY YOURS BETTY L HUDISH JAN 15 2007



# DOWLING ROAD CONNECTION

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If you have any questions, please contact

Dan Simpson, Project Team Manager  
HDR Alaska, Inc.  
Phone: (907) 844-2000  
Email: [dsimpson@hdrinc.com](mailto:dsimpson@hdrinc.com)

### CONTACT INFORMATION (Optional)

Name (PLEASE PRINT): Charles C. Johnson  
Address: 275 E. Avenue Rd #8  
City, State, Zip Code: ANCHorage AK 99518  
Telephone: 907 720-0750  
E-Mail: mr.majors@igci.net

### COMMENTS:

What is the plan for possible property buyouts when? What kind of notice?

Thank you for your participation!

**We would appreciate receiving your comments by January 31, 2007**



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Richard A Burton

Address:

238 E. Dowling Rd unit A

City, State, Zip Code:

Anchorage, AK 99514

Telephone:

(907) 338-0822

E-Mail:

[RichardBurton@acs.alaska.net](mailto:RichardBurton@acs.alaska.net)

### COMMENTS:

This project is a good project, but economically it will

impact me too much. I own occupy a fourplex right in the curve of patter and Dowling Rd.

centers will not find my place as a favorable location due to traffic noise and accessibility to my driveway.

Also drainage is a problem because the grade will be much higher than it already is. Snow removal will be impossible. Safety is a big problem because my kids cannot cross the road to get to the bus stop. Please consider driving my property for the sake of the project.

Thank you for your participation!

We would appreciate receiving your comments by January 31, 2007



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Name (PLEASE PRINT): GERRY KUNTZ  
 Address: 7750 LOTUS DR.  
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### COMMENTS:

I attended the January 16<sup>th</sup> Open House meeting at Taku school. The displays and information were well presented and most helpful

I fully support the project and preferred alternative. Completion of the Dowling Road connection will allow both the Minnesota / Raspberry Interchange and Raspberry Road (west of the interchange) to function at their full potential. These facilities were designed in anticipation of the future connection.

My residence is located west of Minnesota Drive and I would be a frequent user of the Dowling Road connection. I'm glad to see the project has finally reached its current milestone, and I hope for continued progress toward construction.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Thank you for your participation!

We would appreciate receiving your comments by January 31, 2007

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Miriam,

My wife and I live at the north end of Chad St. (location of RR14 in Figure 3.41 of the EA) and have the following comments about the proposed West Dowling Extension Project:

- We observe congestion due to the Church every Sunday from 8am to approx. 1pm requiring the use of flaggers and traffic control devices.
- When the Church facility is used for special events (several have occurred in the evenings) similar congestion occurs.
- We expect this traffic volume to increase due to attendance at the sports dome, under construction this winter.
- From the typical depictions of the extension it appears we will lose the tall tree screen between our neighborhood and the extension. Some additional screening or fencing is desirable.
- We experience significantly more traffic noise on the west side of the house (facing Minnesota). We expect there will be noise impacts similar to other locations along Raspberry Road. Have noise studies included any locations along Raspberry to the west of Minnesota for comparison?
- We request the erection of a sound fence similar to the one along Cst south of 68<sup>th</sup>. As a second choice a design similar to the fence on Cst South of Dimond.
- We strongly request no direct access to Chad for vehicular traffic. The “crash gate” shown at the Jan 19<sup>th</sup> meeting or similar.
- Our neighborhood already experiences significant increases in airborne dust from the materials activities at CPP on west Dowling during the construction season. We request strict controls of dust be enumerated in the specifications to emphasize and reinforce the standard controls.

Thank you,

Mike and Lydia Kimlinger

## Alcantra, Rosetta M.

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**From:** Simpson, Dan  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 11, 2007 10:45 AM  
**To:** Miriam McCulloch; Cummings, Laurie; Alcantra, Rosetta M.  
**Subject:** FW: Dowling Road

-----Original Message-----

From: Jolene Head [mailto:[jolene\\_head@correct.state.ak.us](mailto:jolene_head@correct.state.ak.us)]  
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2007 9:52 AM  
To: Simpson, Dan  
Subject: Dowling Road

I am a homeowner and my house backs up to Dowling off of Lake Otis in the Spruce Meadows development. After reading the ADN article this morning, I would like clarification of which residential buildings are being considered for relocation. Thank you.

Jolene Head  
6107 Spruce Meadows Loop  
Anchorage, AK 99507

**Alcantra, Rosetta M.**

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**From:** Simpson, Dan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 10, 2007 8:47 AM  
**To:** Miriam McCulloch; Cummings, Laurie; Alcantra, Rosetta M.  
**Subject:** FW: Dowling Road

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**From:** Mher Vartanian [mailto:mher@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 10, 2007 4:30 PM  
**To:** Simpson, Dan  
**Subject:** Dowling Road

Dear sirs:

Why the 6' sidewalks, all the greenery, such a wide road. All this will not only cost much money but those affected will be losing their property. Who will maintain the greenery when already we cant afford to care for the trees and such we have. I think those who work for the government should get out of the glass houses and visualize themselves in taxpayers place. Taxpayers already are revolting and refusing to pay higher taxes for teachers salaries. The mayor only got elected because the challenger was just as big a spender. The people in this town are sick of high taxes. I think that you people should lower your designs so that it is not so costly but also effective.

sincerely Mike

**Alcantra, Rosetta M.**

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**From:** Simpson, Dan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 10, 2007 8:32 AM  
**To:** Miriam McCulloch; Cummings, Laurie; Alcantra, Rosetta M.  
**Subject:** FW: Dowling Road

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**From:** Mher Vartanian [mailto:mher@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 10, 2007 4:30 PM  
**To:** Simpson, Dan  
**Subject:** Dowling Road

Dear sir:

the propped upgrade for Dowling road seems rather extravagant. Why 6' sidewalks when not very many people ever walk in that area. Why such a wide road, when doing so you take peoples property away lower property values for those affected. Why all the trees and grass, how will we pay for their upkeep and maintainace. Already there are roads with greenery not kept up in the summer months because of funding shortages. I think, designers should get out of their glass houses and visualize the taxpayers unwillingnes to pay higher taxes. As you know the cost of living is going up, wages are stagnant people are having a hard time making it. What will it take for people in government to understand short of a tax revolt or maybe a revolution. I think you people should design something more palatable and not so costly

sincerely Mike

## Alcantra, Rosetta M.

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**From:** Simpson, Dan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 10, 2007 8:35 AM  
**To:** Miriam McCulloch; Cummings, Laurie; Alcantra, Rosetta M.  
**Subject:** FW: Dowling Road

**Importance:** High

-----Original Message-----

From: matt.wetherell@mac.com [mailto:matt.wetherell@mac.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 09, 2007 5:43 PM  
To: Simpson, Dan; miriam\_mcculloch@dot.state.ak.us; WWMAYOR@ci.anchorage.ak.us;  
jenningspk@muni.org; sullivand@muni.org  
Subject: Dowling Road  
Importance: High

Hello All,

I just wanted to submit that a Dowling Road interchange with Minnesota is a dangerous concept. You have safety issues already with the entering and exiting traffic between the International Airport Road and Raspberry Road interchanges. There is not room to add another interchange into the mix. I have read many of the reports and summaries and was not able to see this issue addressed.

Sincerely,

Matt Wetherell

**Alcantra, Rosetta M.**

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**From:** Simpson, Dan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 09, 2007 4:39 PM  
**To:** John Platt  
**Cc:** Alcantra, Rosetta M.; Cummings, Laurie  
**Subject:** RE: Raspberry to Dowling connection.

Please refer to Chapter 2 of the new Environmental Assessment link on the website: [www.dowlingroad.com](http://www.dowlingroad.com)

We also hope to have a separate map to make it easier for you to find in the next couple of days

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**From:** John Platt [mailto:kimmer1943@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 09, 2007 9:37 AM  
**To:** Simpson, Dan  
**Subject:** Raspberry to Dowling connection.

Good morning Mr. Simpson,

I'm curious as to why there are no maps or drawings as to the proposed route for cutting Dowling thru to Minnesota. I'm trying to visualize how you intend to make the connection between Raspberry and Dowling? Thanks, John Platt Concerned Citizen

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## Alcantra, Rosetta M.

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**From:** Simpson, Dan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 09, 2007 4:23 PM  
**To:** Miriam McCulloch; Alcantra, Rosetta M.; Cummings, Laurie  
**Subject:** FW: Dowling Road Extension

-----Original Message-----

From: Timothy Hroza [mailto:throza@msn.com]  
Sent: Monday, January 08, 2007 5:18 PM  
To: Simpson, Dan  
Subject: Dowling Road Extension

Dan,

I live on Dowling between Potter and Old Seward in a new townhouse. My concern is how are you going to fit 5 lanes of traffic, sidewalks and a bike trail thru this corridor? The noise already is deafening, especially in the summer with heavy equipment and belly dumps speeding down the corridor at 50 miles per hour, and no police in sight!

If this expansion goes, there needs to be sound walls built, just like on C St, not only for the noise but for safety from the speeding traffic which will probably be less than 10 feet from my townhouse.

Plus, its imperative that you put the electrical lines underground as one hit from a moving truck and the wires will come down on my townhouse.

Yes, I bought the end unit, on the street side, but thought that since this was a residential area, it would remain residential and the traffic speeds to reflect that. Please keep the speed limit to 25 as there are more and more small children in the neighborhood with the addition of 20 new townhouses in my neighborhood in the last 3 years.

Sincerely,

Tim Hroza

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From photos to predictions, The MSN Entertainment Guide to Golden Globes has it all. <http://tv.msn.com/tv/globes2007/?icid=nctagline1>



# MEMORANDUM

STATE OF ALASKA

Department of Natural Resources  
Office of Habitat Management and Permitting

**TO:** Jerry Ruchle  
Regional Environmental Coordinator  
Alaska Department of Transportation

**DATE:** January 15, 2007

**TELEPHONE:** 269-6987  
**FAX:** 269-5673

**FROM:**   
Stewart Seaberg  
Habitat Biologist  
Office of Habitat Management & Permitting

**SUBJECT:** Project 55012  
West Dowling Road  
Connection Project

The Department of Natural Resources, Office of Habitat Management and Permitting (OHMP) has reviewed your letter of December 21, 2006 requesting comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed West Dowling Road Connection Project, State Project 55012. The EA addresses various components of the upgrade and extension of Dowling Road from the Old Seward Highway to Minnesota Drive. Some of the major components included in the project are:

- Construction of a 5 lane arterial road connecting Old Seward Highway to Minnesota Drive.
- The construction of multiuse pathways and sidewalks.
- A new bridge crossing of Campbell Creek.
- Open water and wetland fills associated with roadway construction along Tina Lake.
- Overpass crossing of Arctic Blvd. and Alaska Railroad tracks.

The following comments are provided to address specific fish, wildlife or permit authorization issues contained within the EA and proposed action.

### Fish Habitat Issues

**Campbell Creek.** Campbell Creek, AWC# 247-60-10340 has been specified as being important to the spawning, rearing or migration of anadromous fish under AS 41.14.870(a). Campbell Creek supports king, coho and pink salmon spawning, coho and king salmon rearing as well as resident Dolly Varden. OHMP is pleased to see that the ADOT&PF is incorporating a replacement bridge over Campbell Creek. However, the EA understates the potential impacts to Campbell Creek for the bridge removal and construction. As the EA notes, the existing riprap boulder protection is within the stream, the bridge abutments are in close proximity to the stream and the structure constricts the channel. Removal of the old bridge abutments will impact the stream banks of Campbell Creek. The riprap, abutments and fill that is currently constricting the channel under the bridge will need to be removed and the stream banks restored. As part of this restoration the streambanks under the bridge and any streambank areas adjacent to the bridge disturbed during construction need to be revegetated with native riparian vegetation. OHMP Fish Habitat Permits will be required for the above activities.

The proposed action also calls for the stormwater between Cordova Street and the Old Seward Highway to be routed into "biofiltration treatment swales" and then drained into Campbell Creek. The

placement of any outfalls or downdrains into Campbell Creek for the discharge of storm water will also require an OHMP Fish Habitat Permit. OHMP would appreciate the opportunity to review the proposed treatment facility and discharge plans to ensure that fish habitat is adequately protected.

### **Wildlife Issues**

**Tina Lake.** The proposed plan represents a good compromise that takes into account most of the prior concerns regarding minimization of fill within Tina Lake and its associated wetlands and restoring its wetland and palustrine values. However, there are a few additional issues that may need to be addressed in final designs. The EA notes the use of Tina Lake by mallards and assumes use by other common Anchorage area waterfowl. Tina Lake is also known to be used frequently by Canada geese. Revegetation of the new Dowling Road embankment along the north edge of Tina Lake with grasses will likely attract geese to the road embankment for feeding and loafing. This will increase the likelihood of geese crossing the road and being struck or causing vehicular accidents as drivers try to avoid them. Additionally, muskrat use of the roadbed may be a concern. Alternative treatments for the embankment along Tina Lake should be looked at to maximize habitat value along the lake shoreline while minimizing attracting wildlife to the embankment and roadway corridor. Along with the modified embankment treatment the proposed culvert connecting Tina Lake with the north wetlands could be oversized to encourage geese or other wildlife to use it as a travel corridor rather than crossing the road.

**Campbell Creek Bridge.** The proposed 12 foot clearance on the bridge is not adequate for the passage of moose as noted in the EA. Literature reviews and local information gathered by the ADF&G since 2004 indicate that a minimum of 13 feet clearance be provided for moose crossings. Additionally, snow pack accumulation, snow berms from road clearing, overflow icing and noise from overhead traffic can restrict moose utilization of these crossings. Based on these more recent information the ADF&G & OHMP recommend that at least 14 feet of clearance be maintained for moose passage. This is consistent with clearances provided on crossings of Campbell Creek at Abbott Loop Extension and recommendations made for crossings of Campbell Creek on the New Seward Highway project. The 14 foot clearances are needed to minimize disruptions to moose transit routes and habitat fragmentation. The bridge should also be centered over the stream to allow wildlife to cross under the bridge along either bank of the stream. It might also be useful to place the trail a foot or two higher than the adjacent stream banks. Utilizing this concept may allow for some separation between trail users and wildlife and keep the trail drier during flood flows and icing. Both banks should be revegetated with riparian vegetation.

**Habitat Fragmentation.** The EA also understates the importance of the remaining undeveloped patches of forested land particularly those in the area west of Tina Lake. The Campbell Creek greenbelt, Tina Lake, and undeveloped patches of forested land in the area are important wildlife habitat. The patch of forested habitat east of the Change Point Church facility (old seafood plant) and north of Raspberry in the Rovenna Street area is significant to moose. Moose use the area for feeding and resting and it is a key link in their movement corridor. The project will eliminate or permanently alter this block of habitat. These patches of habitat provide important transit and connectivity links between large blocks of natural habitat such as Kincaid Park to the west and Bicentennial and Chugach State Park to the east. Additionally, these patches provide some of the only remaining habitat for

wildlife in an area that is highly developed, making them more important for the species inhabiting them. They should not be characterized as marginal habitat.

I have also included some specific comments on technical corrections to the EA text in Attachment A. OHMP appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and recommendations regarding this project. Please contact Habitat Biologist Ed Weiss at (907) 269-5901 if you have questions or need further information.

Cc: M. McCulloch, ADOT                      D. Simpson, HDR                      M. Fink, ADF&G  
M. Miller, ADF&G                      T. Tobish, MDA                      C. Ballard, OPMP  
R. Sinnott, ADF&G                      A. Ott, OHMP                      M. Nation, USFWS  
M. Plumb-Mentjes, ACOE                      H. Dean, EPA                      W. Ashton, ADEC  
B. Lance, NMFS

## Attachment A

**Pg. 1-5 thru 1-6.** Permit and Authorization references should be updated to include OHMP Fish Habitat Permits required for the Campbell Creek Bridge crossing removal, construction and bank restoration.

**Pg. 2-2 & Pg. 3.5-3.** The proposed action calls for the bridge to have a 12 foot clearance above the creek banks and notes there will be "no disruptions to wildlife transit routes". As noted above a 14 foot clearance is needed to minimize disruptions to moose transit routes and habitat fragmentation.

**Pg. 3.8-2 & Pg. 6.0-1.** References the Catalog of Waters Important for the Spawning, Rearing or Migration of Anadromous Fishes (ADF&G 1998). The Catalog and Atlas have been revised three times since the 1998 revision. The current revision of the document became effective September 15, 2006.

**Pg. 3.8-3.** Notes that to the extent practicable the stream banks would be reseeded or replanted to maximize the amount of riparian vegetation near the bridge. Recommend removing the phrase "to the extent practicable" and state that the stream banks will be revegetated with riparian vegetation.

**Pg. 3.7-6.** Notes that construction related impacts may include temporary fill, vegetation removal and degraded water quality at staging areas (temporary storage areas) and 20 feet beyond the cut and fill prism. It also notes that these staging areas will not be placed in wetland areas. We recommend that these temporary staging areas also not be located with the riparian buffers of Campbell Creek.

**Pg. 3.8-1 through 3.84.** Per the above comments the project description, environmental consequences, construction, mitigation and authorization sections need to be updated to include the Campbell Creek impacts and benefits from removal of the old bridge, stream bank restoration, the revegetation of the banks, and the need for OHMP permits.

**Pg. 3.9-1.** Per above comments revise reference to "marginal wildlife habitat."

**Pg. 3.9-2.** Notes that the project would increase habitat fragmentation but the EA does not identify or quantify this fragmentation.

**Pg. 4.0-1.** Text regarding consultation and coordination references the Scoping Summary Report produced by HDR as being included in Appendix B. The Scoping Summary Report and Scoping Summary Report Appendices which contained all the agency and public comments was not included in the paper copy of the document that we received. This coupled with the Section 4(f) Appendix A (subtitled "Copies and summary of all formal coordination comments received") at the rear of the document gives the impression that the 4(f) comments are the only scoping comments received. The additional scoping materials should be included in the EA.

**Alcantra, Rosetta M.**

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**From:** Simpson, Dan  
**Sent:** Monday, February 05, 2007 8:30 AM  
**To:** Cummings, Laurie; Alcantra, Rosetta M.  
**Subject:** FW: Dowling Road  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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**From:** Johnson\_Chris [mailto:Johnson\_Chris@asdk12.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 05, 2007 6:22 AM  
**To:** Simpson, Dan  
**Subject:** Dowling Road

Please update the website. Any new info or eta on incoming info.

Concerned Condo Owner

Feb. 13, 2007

To - HDR Alaska Inc.  
2525 C Street  
Suite 305  
Anchorage, AK. 99503-2632

Dear Dan:

I'm trying to build support for the complete filling of that mosquito infested mud hole called Lion Lake, not just the road for your project.

Some common sense has to be introduced into this wetlands. Anchorage is lacking in land, not wetlands. The mid-town area of Anchorage is a very highly desired area & the land goes for a premium price. Filling would cost little if not make money. Contractors would pay to dump their clean hard fill & save time on contracts. They drive all the way out to Sand Lake now.

The land that is left over will help pay for your project, & save the taxpayer. It would also create jobs & broaden the tax base. It's a win win for all. Now lets convince the Army Corp. of Engineers.

Dan my computer was down for a few days. Did you have some information for me? What do you know about Alaska Land Rights? Could you send me their address please?

Thank You,

John & Betty Hudish

25965 SE 180th St.

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Congressman Ric Keller  
H TTP: / Keller.House.Gov  
Euclid District Off. 589-9909  
Il. only - 888-642-1211  
Wash DC - 202-225-2176

Dear Congressman Keller:

I hate bothering you with my family's personal problems but we feel like job in <sup>the</sup> Bible. We don't know where to turn + we can't afford an attorney as all our funds are tied up in this property.

The problem began almost forty years ago when my husband lived in Anchorage, Alaska. He worked in Alaska + had an Air Force assignment with the Reserves.

My husband + some friends went together + bought some industrial lots, lots 1, 2, 3, 5, + 6 of Block 5 Westgate Park Sub. in Anchorage, Alaska. They got them at a good price + made payments plus interest till they were paid off. They paid for the water + sewer assessment with payments + interest. Also paid taxes for over twenty years which ran as much as \$100,000-1 yr.

The lots were not the best, but most I-1 land were just as bad. There was water standing on two lots but the other three were mostly dry with trees. The largest shopping center today was just as our lots were.

Several years after the purchase of the lots we were informed they made them wetlands, but were okay for development.

We gave it no more thought + continued making our payments + paying the taxes.

My husband knew the lots were in a key location on a main right of way of Dowling Road which he thought would be a major east/west road to Anchorage main airport. So we sat on the property all these years waiting for the road to go through. That time has come + its the top property in Anchorage.

They decided to move the road north a couple hundred feet + fill for a road bed. On my land they are going to trim the trees + plant grass, but I can't touch my own lots. A few years back the wetlands were increased where I can't develop them anymore.

Anchorage today has run out of building lots + that's where that Bridge to Nowhere was all about. My lots if I were able to sell them would go for as much as three million dollars. My husband was right on all his assessments about the land but you can't second guess bureaucrats.

I have sent two E-mails to the Army Corp. of Engineers with no response. My husband + I are up in age + this was to carry us in our retirement years. All our money is invested in these lots while I have two mortgages on our house.

This mud hole that the Corp. of Engineers are trying to save is eighteen inches deep + takes up about three acres, because of it + the lack of development the area is an eye sore of junk cars.

Two things I am certain of is ① - Anchorage has run out of land., ② - Anchorage is a land of lakes + streams.

Sincerely yours,  
John + Betty Hudish

Feb. 12, 2007

To: Mayor Mark Begich  
632 W 6th Ave.  
Anchorage, Alaska. 99501

Dear Mayor Begich:

As a retired & ex. long time resident of Anchorage, I would like to impress on you the negative effects Tina Lake has had on mid town Anchorage.

The lake, or as I call it a mud hole is only 18 inches deep & about three acres. If you look at the surrounding area it is run down & covered with junk cars for lack of development. I know you understand what this does to the tax base. Anchorage is short of land not wetlands.

The extension of Dowling Road west to the airport was clear to me forty years ago. The plan now is still to save this mud hole. If the lake was drained & filled the land would go for a premium price & help pay for the project, & give much needed building lots to Anchorage.

You can see I have a large investment, an injustice has been done to me & my partners (letter to Congressman R. Keller).

Development is the only fair way to the tax payers of Anchorage & the surrounding property owners.

Sincerely Yours,  
John & Betty Hudish  
25965 SE 180th St. Unalaska, Al. 99584  
Tel - 352-669-1376  
E-Mail - HudishJC@AOL.com

Feb. 12, 2007

To - Anchorage Chamber of Commerce  
441 W. 5th Ave. Suite 300  
Anchorage, Alaska. 99501

Sir :

As a retired & ex long time resident of Anchorage  
I would like to impress on you the negative effect  
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Feb. 12, 2007

To - Anchorage Economic Development Corp.  
900 W 5th Ave. Suite 800  
Anchorage, Alaska, 99501

Enclosed is a letter to my Congressman Ric Keller.

It doesn't help the development of Anchorage with injustice like this to investors. We could use your help to correct this injustice by promoting the removal of the wetlands on Line Lake & drain & fill the whole area. Sell off this highly prized area to a starved Anchorage for building lots. Use the funds to help pay for the Bowling Road West extension to the airport. This would also help the tax base & create jobs & business. Anchorage is not lacking in wetlands.

I have written to the Mayor, Anchorage Daily News, the Chamber of Commerce, & E-mailed the Army Corp. of Engineers, with no response. Your help would be appreciated.

John & Betty Hudish  
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## Alcantra, Rosetta M.

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**From:** Simpson, Dan  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2007 8:49 AM  
**To:** Miriam McCulloch; Cummings, Laurie; Alcantra, Rosetta M.  
**Subject:** FW: 273 E. Dowling Rd. canberra codo?

-----Original Message-----

From: rick van tassel [mailto:rick19402001@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2007 8:32 PM  
To: Simpson, Dan  
Subject: 273 E. Dowling Rd. canberra codo?

Hi, my name is Rick Van Tassel and i live at 273 E Dowling #2. What impact is this extension going to have on this property? I have herd a rumor that the property might be bought by the state, is this true? It looks like there is plenty of room on the right of way for a five lane road. Please write me back.

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**Alcantra, Rosetta M.**

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**From:** Simpson, Dan  
**Sent:** Friday, March 02, 2007 8:17 AM  
**To:** Miriam McCulloch; Cummings, Laurie; Alcantra, Rosetta M.  
**Subject:** FW: TINA LAKE WETLANDS  
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**From:** hudishjc@aol.com [mailto:hudishjc@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 02, 2007 6:12 AM  
**To:** Simpson, Dan  
**Cc:** mcoryell@gci.net  
**Subject:** TINA LAKE WETLANDS

DAN AFTER READING A LETTER I RECEIVED FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE JULY 29 2003 MR. THEDE TOBISH. ANCHORAGE WAS THE VILLAIN THAT REDESIGNATED TINA LAKE FROM DEVELOPABLE, TO "A" WETLANDS NOT THE ARMY CORP. THEY TOOK OUR MONEY WITH TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS FOR DECADES THEN CUT OUR JUGULAR. ANCHORAGE HAS THE POWER TO CHANGE IT BACK AND MAKE YOUR JOB CHEAPER AND SIMPLER. YOU WONT HAVE TO BUY UP FOR A NEW R/A/W AND SPEED UP YOUR PROJECT. IF YOU WANT A COPY OF THE LETTER ILL MAIL IT JOHN C HUDISH 25965 SE 180 ST. UMATILLA, FL. TEL 352 669 1376 E-MAIL [HUDISHJC@AOL.COM](mailto:HUDISHJC@AOL.COM)

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## Alcantra, Rosetta M.

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**From:** Simpson, Dan  
**Sent:** Friday, March 02, 2007 8:18 AM  
**To:** Miriam McCulloch; Cummings, Laurie; Alcantra, Rosetta M.  
**Subject:** FW: dowling road property acquisition

-----Original Message-----

From: Russell Grimm [mailto:russgrimm@gmail.com]  
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2007 5:27 AM  
To: Simpson, Dan  
Subject: dowling road property acquisition

Good morning Dan,

I'm a property owner at 361 E. Dowling and I'd like to know where things stand now for purchasing our property. As you can imagine, we have a number of things to consider, including finding a new domicile.

Questions:

1. At the Jan 16 meeting, 2008 was floated as the time scheduled to begin property acquisition. Is there anything more specific...like Springtime or December or ??
2. Since our house is to be razed, I assume there is allowance for homeowners to salvage items from the home, such as cabinets and appliances. True?
3. If this project is dependent on funding from State Legislature, is it useful for us to contact legislators?

Thank you for your reply,  
Russ and Jody Grimm

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MAR 26 2007

# DOWLING ROAD C O N N E C T I O N

## COMMENT FORM

Your input is a valuable element in the development of the West Dowling Road Connection project. To help us incorporate your views and suggestions, please provide your comments below and mail to the address provided on the back of this page. Please write legibly (printing is appreciated). You may attach additional sheets if necessary.

Comments can also be submitted on the website at [www.dowlingroad.com](http://www.dowlingroad.com) through the "send us a message" link, or via email at [www.dowlingroad.com](mailto:www.dowlingroad.com).

If you have any questions, please contact:  
Miriam McCulloch, P.E., Project Manager  
Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities  
Phone: (907) 269-0546  
Email: [miriam\\_mcculloch@dot.state.ak.us](mailto:miriam_mcculloch@dot.state.ak.us)

Dan Simpson, Project Team Manager  
HDR Alaska Inc.  
Phone: (907) 644-2000  
Email:

### CONTACT INFORMATION (Optional)

Name (PLEASE PRINT): BETTY L. HUBISH  
Address: 25965 DE 180 ST.  
City, State, Zip Code: UMATILLA, FL. 32784  
Telephone: 352-669-1376  
E-Mail: HUBISHFL@aol.com

### COMMENTS:

Dear Mrs. Rosetta Alcantara: March 20, 2007  
My husband & I have sent dozens of letters, E-mails to Alaska concerning the moving of the right of way for the Dowling Road West extension. We haven't received any response, except my husband talked to Dan Simpson on the phone.  
The moving of the right of way is unnecessary. The Tina Lake area has been a Class "C" wetlands since the 70's. These wetlands were planned for development by the Army Corp. of Engineers. The Municipality of Anchorage redesignated the area to a Class "A" wetlands, & they can change it back to a Class "C" wetlands.  
The lack of development because of the wetland designation has created an eyesore of junk cars in the heart of Anchorage. Tina Lake has no relevant value except for the breeding of mosquitoes.  
We have owned property fronting Dowling Road, waiting for this project to start for almost 40 years. The taxes have been paid for almost thirty years. The taxes were as much as \$10,000.00 per year. The property was paid for with payments plus interest.  
Thank you for your participation!

We would appreciate receiving your comments by January 31, 2007

The water + sewer assessments were paid in advance with interest.

To be contemplating buying up property for a new right of way for this project is irresponsible to the citizens of Alaska + especially the property owners of productive enterprises that will lose their property. This will also put people out of work, also make the cost of the project to increase + have less taxes for Anchorage.

Anchorage should change the wetlands back to where the Army Corp. of Engineers set them a class "C" wetlands. Drain + fill Tina Lake with Free Fill from Contractors who will pay to dump their fill in midtown instead of sending their trucks all the way to Sand Lake. This will give them better productivity. The remaining left over property on both sides of Dowling Road could be sold off + help pay for the cost of the project. This is a win-win situation for all of Alaska, but especially for that local area of mid-town.

Sincerely Yours,

John + Betty Jewish

Inclosed is a letter from Steve Jewish the Senior Planner for the Municipality of Anchorage. July 29, 2003

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**Ms. Rosetta Alcantra, Project Involvement Specialist  
West Dowling Road Connection Project  
2525 C Street, Suite 305  
Anchorage, AK 99503-2632**



Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

Ken

As you can see, not a lot of people responded so your request, Ken, I did want to make. The problem is, it's as possible for you to be sending. I know it's not here to contact me with the others. I will contact you should there be any changes in the situation, and I have any questions about your letter.

Ken  
Frank Adams  
Dennis Adams

Ken  
Frank Adams  
Dennis Adams