

Project Purpose

The State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is continuing the effort to “Connect Anchorage” by improving east-west travel along West Dowling Road from Old Seward Highway to Minnesota Drive. The improvements to West Dowling Road will require some circulation changes in some nearby neighborhoods. These changes are shown and described below.

Circulation Changes as a Result of this Project



Franklin Drive and Cordova Street

Due to the close proximity to the intersection, Franklin Drive will no longer be accessible from Dowling Road or Potter Drive after construction has been completed. In response, DOT&PF is currently studying the extension of Cordova Street to 56th Avenue. The extension is needed to meet emergency access requirements for at least two accesses into/out of the neighborhood east of Potter Drive. The extension will be constructed in accordance with Municipality of Anchorage criteria and will be similar in cross-section to the existing road.

Pearl Street and Old Seward Highway

Proposed changes to the Old Seward Highway and West Dowling Road intersection will include a new median on Old Seward Highway south of Dowling Road. This will eliminate left turns to and from Pearl Street. Right turns in and out of Pearl Street will be maintained. To accommodate neighborhood circulation, Austin Avenue at Dowling Road will be constructed as a full access intersection.

Additional Information

Additional information on the project is available at www.wdowlingroad.com or by calling Alison Lohrke, Public Involvement Planner, at 562-2000. Public comments will be accepted throughout the project, and can be submitted via e-mail at wdowlingroad@dowl.com or by mail to: DOWL HKM, 4041 B Street, Anchorage, AK 99503.

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