

West Dowling Road Connection Project
OPEN HOUSE SUMMARY

OVERVIEW

The second set of open houses was held for the West Dowling Road Connection Project on May 14, 2003. One open house was held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Alaska Seafood International lobby and a later open house was held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Campbell Elementary. Forty-four people signed in at the lunchtime meeting and twenty-three signed in at the evening meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to share all of the issues and ideas that have been heard to date. The meeting also served to present the preliminary concepts for public input. The meetings included a PowerPoint presentation that ran continuously through the meeting (attached.) Three stations of information were available:

- ✍ Overview/orientation
- ✍ What we have heard to date
- ✍ Alternative concepts

The meeting was announced through a postcard mailer distributed to all properties within the study area and to the interested parties mailing list. The meeting was also announced through two display ads placed in the Daily News and a press release distributed by email to all of the community councils, assembly offices, agency contacts and the media.

Participants were asked to fill out a comment form (attached) and provide input on the 4 alternative concepts that were presented. Attendees were also asked to confirm whether or not the alternative concepts addressed the issues. A total of 14 comment forms were collected. The comments are listed below.

COMMENT FORM RESPONSES

Do you feel that the ideas on the maps address the issues?

13 out of 14 said YES, 1 did not answer

Which ideas do you think should be refined and analyzed?

Ideas and the number that circled	Comments
Rovenna Concept	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✍ This seems to address needs for connection ✍ Best concept, least impact, quick route ✍ Preferred if Raspberry could also be open between Minnesota and Arctic ✍ This one should work fine. I think it is important to establish this bike path link from Campbell Creek Trail to Minnesota/Raspberry. Eventually, it should

		<p>go on out to Kincaid Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Arctic and Potter is a poor design for anymore traffic as it exists now.
Frontage Road Concept	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Frontage Road needs to accommodate 2-way traffic, needs to resolve “Little Minnesota” problems. The new Dowling should go to the New Seward and/or beyond (east). ✗ Good solution ✗ Non-starter, what a waste of land ✗ Helps speed commercial traffic and minimize thru traffic in neighborhood ✗ Greatest impact on Tina and Blueberry Lakes plus additional wetlands. Hardest to get Corps permit. ✗ No good, need better connection to Raspberry ✗ Best of the four ✗ Still will benefit neighborhood traffic flow if an access (ramp into Minnesota or Frontage of Minnesota) to northbound Minnesota is opened at 76th.
Raspberry/Dowling Concept	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Why not extend Raspberry to New Seward directly? ✗ Addresses the issues, provides the access, is the most flexible for future development/improvement of existing roads, and future connections ✗ Drop west section of Dowling past “C” and finish, Raspberry “C” is being upgraded to better handle traffic ✗ Ok, but will result in a lot of extra traffic on and off of C Street. Not so good for bike path.
Dowling to Minnesota “S” Curve	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Business impact during construction ✗ Similar to Rovenna ✗ Acceptable but Rovenna would have less impact on light industrial area. I think it’s important to save the industrial. ✗ Helps speed commercial traffic and minimize thru traffic in neighborhood ✗ Least impact on Lake and other wetlands ✗ I like this one best because it will enhance traffic flow the most. However, it is probably too expensive. ✗ Looks very costly

Draw any refinement ideas on the maps on the back or larger map handouts.

One person wished to remove the west section of Dowling past C Street from the concept, saying that Raspberry/C Street is already being upgraded to better handle the traffic.

If you have other questions, concerns, or comments, please write them here, send us a letter or email to the address at the bottom of the page.

- ✍ Length of time for project
- ✍ Impact to businesses during timeframe
- ✍ I would like to see separated sidewalks/bike paths on both sides of the road. Traffic moves too fast for comfort when walking/biking immediately adjacent to the road. This is especially true with children
- ✍ It is hard for me to imagine that Tina Lake is really a Class A wetland. This should be reclassified as a “C” wetlands.
- ✍ Railroad can back up traffic considerably. How will the plans handle that crossing with additional east-west traffic? Our concern is the east to west will bring commercial traffic through local neighborhoods.
- ✍ Any plan that includes moving people out of their homes is not a good idea. I realize this has to happen at times, but you should use the plan that least disrupts people’s homes. People have lots of memories, time, and investments into these homes. No dollar amount can compensate them for the loss of their home. Instead of looking 10-15 years down the road, try looking further.

COMMENT FORM

Comment Form

*West Dowling Road Connection Project
Elementary*

October 30, 2002—Campbell

1. What do you believe are the current transportation problems, if any, in the project area?

2. Do you feel this project will alleviate the issue(s)?
Circle one: YES NO MAYBE: _____

3. Is there an alignment that you believe would best serve the area and create an east/west connection? If so, please explain the alignment (use the back of this sheet if necessary).

4. What are the three most important issues that should be addressed when looking at a possible alignment?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

5. Do you have other questions, concerns, or comments that you would like to share with the project team (please use the back of this sheet if necessary)?

Optional

Name: _____
Business or Affiliation: _____
Address: _____
City, ST ZIP: _____
Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

POSTCARD MAILER



West Dowling Road

CONNECTION

**Project
Update
May 2003**

Come to one of two Open Houses on Wednesday, May 14, 2003
Drop by either session any time ☞Talk to staff ☞
Give us your input on the alternative concept maps

? MID-DAY MEETING

? 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Alaska Seafood International
The Great Alaskan Seafood Company
Main Lobby
6689 Seafood Drive
Drop by on your lunch break.

? EVENING MEETING

? 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Campbell Elementary School
Multi-purpose Room
7206 Rovenna Street
Join us in the evening after work.

For more information contact Dan Simpson at HDR Alaska 274-2000, dsimpson@hdr.com or Miriam Tanaka, Project Manager, ADOTP&F at Miriam_Tanaka@dot.state.ak.us



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? WEST DOWLING ROAD
? CONNECTION PROJECT

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? OPEN HOUSES

Wednesday, May 14, 2003

A proposed project by the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities would improve east-west connections along the Dowling Road corridor from Old Seward Hwy west to Minnesota Drive. Come learn more about the project, look at preliminary alternatives and give us your input.

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Alaska Seafood Int'l	? Campbell Elementary

☞ **Drop by either session at any time.** ☞ **Talk to staff**
☞ **View the maps and displays**

For more information, contact Dan Simpson, Project Team Leader, HDR Alaska at 274-2000