

Mountain Air Drive Extension: Open House #2 Summary

Date: April 25, 2023

Attendees: Sign-in Sheets Attached

Reporter: Holly Spoth-Torres, Huddle AK

Location: Goldenview Middle School, 15800 Golden View Dr, Anchorage, AK 99516

Project: Mountain Air Drive Extension

Project # CFHWY00710 / **Federal #** 0001690

Subject: Open House #2 Summary

Summary

The second public meeting for the Mountain Air Drive Extension project was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Goldenview Middle School in Anchorage. Attendees viewed presentation boards set up around the gym, a project area roll plot displayed on tables, and had the opportunity to provide comments and ask questions.

The presentation boards included:

- 'How to Participate' Instructions
- Project Area Map, Project Summary and Project Schedule
- Diagram of Routes Considered
- Preliminary Typical Section

Summary of Comments and Input Received Verbally from Meeting Participants

- Pedestrian infrastructure:
 - Interest in a pathway on both sides of the roadway.
 - Interest in connecting the pathway to Goldview Middle School.
- Rabbit Creek Road/Mountain Air Drive Intersection:
 - Concern that potential future connections, such as from Bear Valley subdivision, are considered for intersection traffic volumes and roadway design.
 - Interest in a roundabout or signal to slow traffic on Rabbit Creek Road or/and improve access from Mountain Air Drive.
 - Interest in a right turn lane from Rabbit Creek Road onto Mountain Air Drive.
 - Interest in widening Mountain Air Drive at the intersection with Rabbit Creek Road.
 - Interest in moving the Mountain Air Drive connection away from the Rabbit Creek Road curve.
 - Concerns about traffic queuing from the school into the intersection.
- Route selection:
 - A couple property owners preferred a route that created access to more property they owned, while minimizing acquisitions to their property. Though they were still supportive of the project.
 - Support for a Jamie Avenue connection, other connections were also a topic of conversation.
 - Most participants were supportive of the selected route (route A).
- Overall support for the project.

Open House Advertising

Mailing: A postcard invitation to the open house was sent via the USPS on April 3, 2023.

Web: The project website (www.mountainairdrive.com) was updated with the open house information, including the date, time, and location on March 10, 2023.

Email: An e-newsletter announcing the public meeting was sent to the project email list on April 4, 2023, and a reminder e-newsletter was sent on April 24, 2023.

Open House Follow-Up

An e-newsletter was sent out to the project email list on May 8, 2023, thanking those who were able to attend and providing updates to those who were not able to make it.

Attachments

1. Public Comment Forms Received
2. Presentation Boards
3. Attendance List
4. Public Meeting Advertisements (Emails, Mailer)



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Comment Form

Please use this form to provide written comments to the project team.

Name	Dianne Holmer
Street Address or PO Box	[REDACTED]
City, Sta	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

Check here to sign-up for email project updates. *only to*

COMMENTS:

Intersection of RC Rd + Mt Air Really needs a Roundabout &/or 1 way access to the school — even though the ASD may move their driveway further south

~~Also~~ Consider Round-about(s) at each school drive way on Mt air — even small ones as traffic will be going N. & S. after dropping kids or picking up

if no Round-o-bout — then a 1 way — along

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School access points then put a stop light in.

the schools-on-trails project is not set but ~~at~~ that whole area around

15674 should be designed so kids can reach the ME air DR & Bridge area so they can get to the path - wherever it may be.

I do not believe D.O.T. has considered the impact & increase in traffic that will come ~~for~~ from Bear Valley & eventually all the way over the hill from Ashland.



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Comment Form

Please use this form to provide written comments to the project team.

Name	MARC Jude
Street Address or PO Box	[REDACTED]
City	[REDACTED]
State	[REDACTED]

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COMMENTS:

One cannot tell from the materials but I hope strongly that a roundabout or similar Traffic Control device is in place for BEAR Valley School. This will be a high traffic area with young kids (ages 5-10) twice daily in winter when it is cold, dark & icy.

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Name	MARTY LEMON SGRISA
Street Address or PO Box	
City, State, Zip	

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COMMENTS:

PLANS FOR RABBIT CREEK PAVEMENT PROJECT SCOPE
AND TIME LINE

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Welcome!

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Open House #2
Tuesday, April 25, 2023 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm



Introduction

The Mountain Air Drive Extension project will provide secondary emergency access to the project area with the added benefit of improving motorized and active transportation needs along the project corridor.



How to Participate

- 1** Sign in and receive a Project Fact Sheet.
- 2** Visit the stations to learn more about the project, ask questions, and talk with the project team.
- 3** Stay involved! View updates and download project documents on the project website at: **mountainairdrive.com**
- 4** Sign up for the email list by scanning this QR code with your phone.



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Project Area

Project Summary

The Mountain Air Drive Extension Project will extend Mountain Air Drive from Rabbit Creek Road to Sandpiper Drive.

The project may include:

- Construction of less than an mile of new roadway
- Installation of a multi-use non-motorized pathway and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements
- Drainage improvements (culverts, ditching, etc.)
- Construction of a water crossing at Little Rabbit Creek
- Right-of-way (ROW) acquisitions
- Signage and other roadside hardware
- Utility work
- Vegetation clearing and grubbing

Schedule

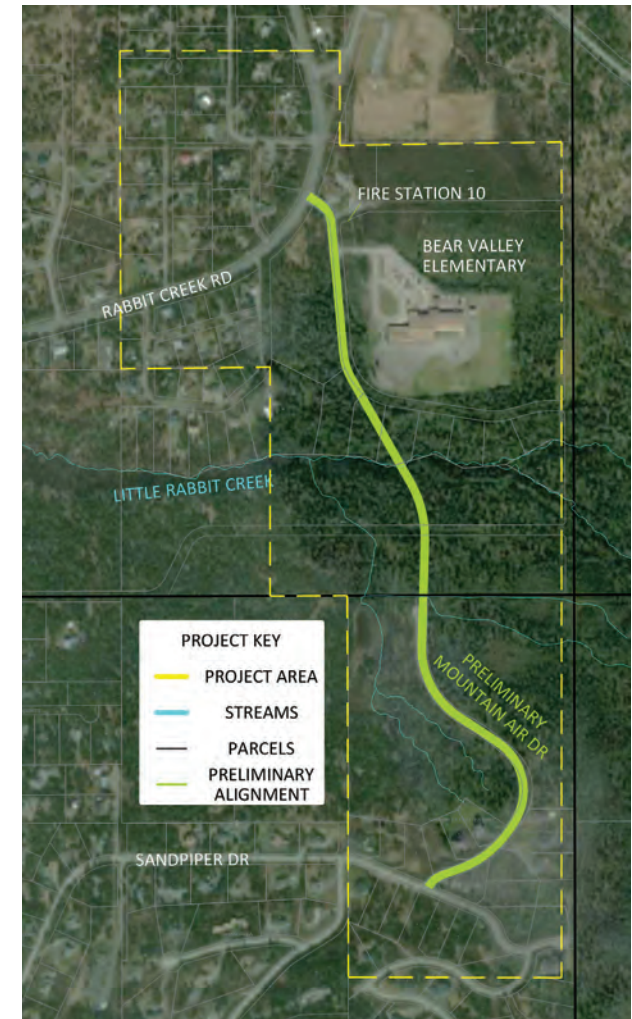
JUNE 2021 Project Start

2023 Environmental Document Complete

2024 75% Design

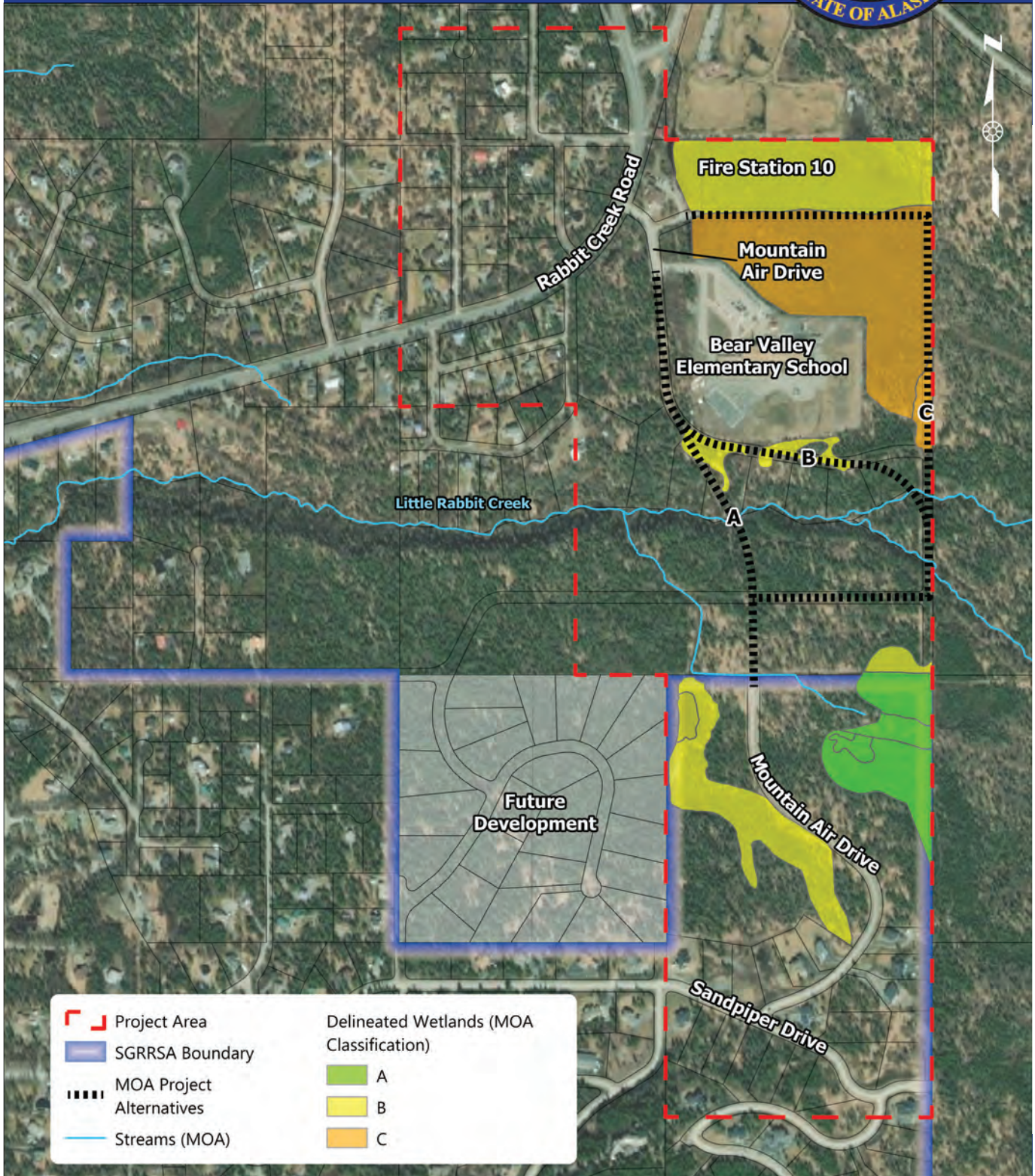
2025 95% Design

2027 Construction



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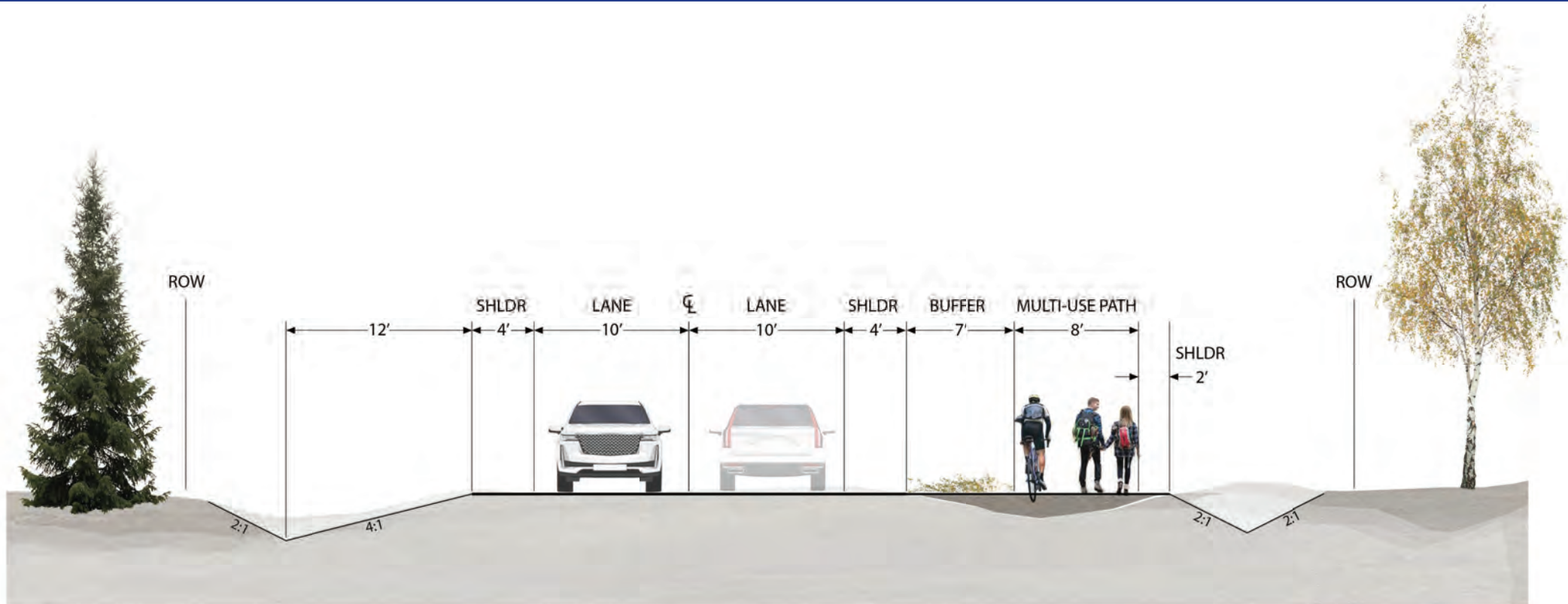
Routes Considered



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Mountain Air Drive Extension Preliminary Typical Section



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**Mountain Air Drive Extension, Open House #2
Attendance List**

Name
Carolyn Schultz
Leona Cange
Amanda Doughty
Tim Culhane
Rick Farrell
Anne Rappoport
Scott Grigsby
Michael Morrison
Augustino Bacher
Chris Zundel
Maribeth Brown
Craig Lyon
Joan Diamond
Marc June
Judy, Dan, and James Michael
Chuck Holmes
Marty Lemon
Ben Arians (plus wife and 2 children)
Deana Johnson
Dianne Holmes
John (Illegible Name)
3 additional children

Subject: You're Invited, April 25: Mountain Air Drive Extension Open House #2!

Date: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 7:59:44 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Huddle AK <holly@huddleak.com>

To: Mandy Powers <mandy@huddleAK.com>



YOU'RE INVITED!

Join the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities at Open House #2 to learn more about the Mountain Air Drive Extension project. You'll have the opportunity to view and provide input on the preliminary route selection and roadway design. The project team will be available to hear your comments and answer questions.

Open House #2

Tuesday, April 25th, 2023

5:00 pm -7:00 pm

Goldenview Middle School - Gymnasium

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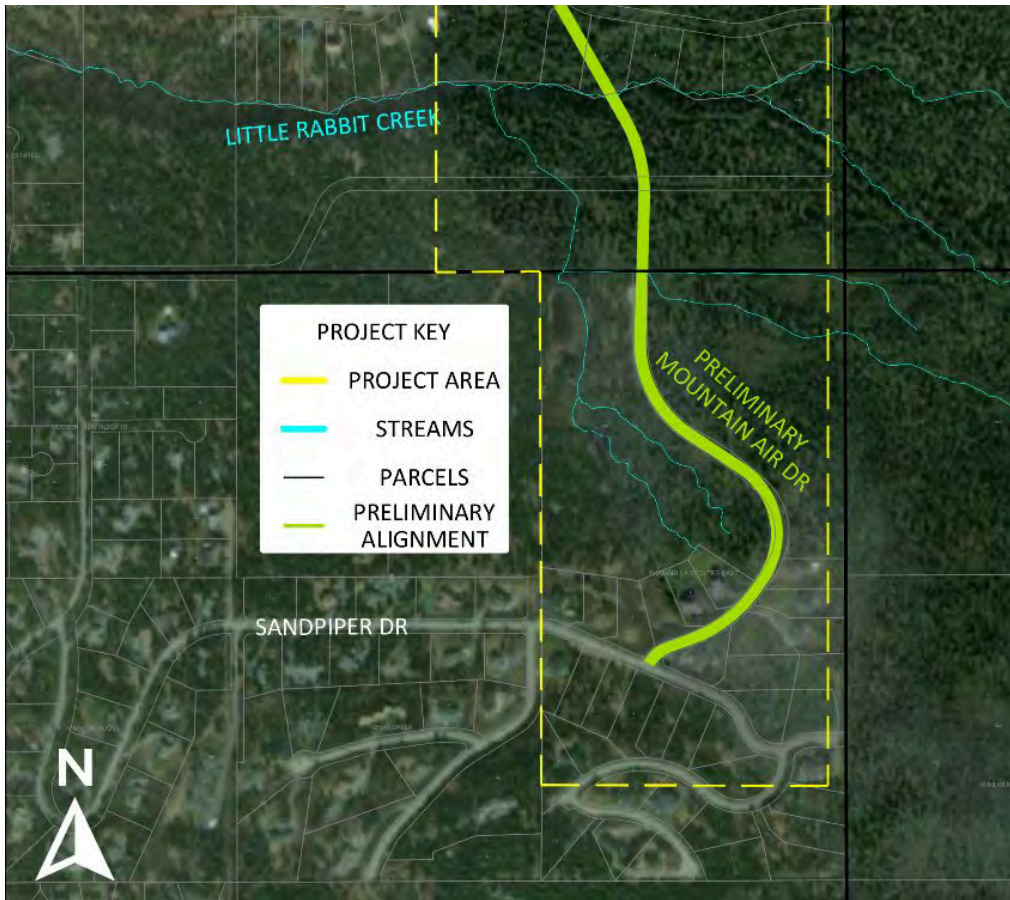
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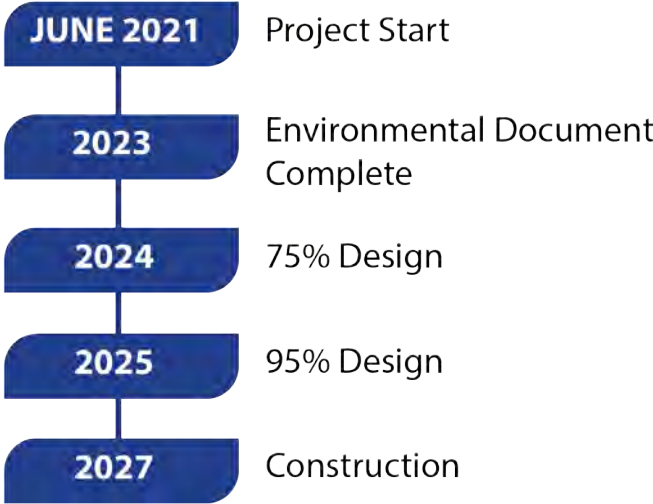
PROJECT AREA MAP





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SCHEDULE





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Subject: Reminder: The Mountain Air Drive Extension Open House #2 is Tomorrow

Date: Monday, April 24, 2023 at 6:59:34 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Huddle AK <holly@huddleak.com>

To: Mandy Powers <mandy@huddleAK.com>



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Join Us Tomorrow

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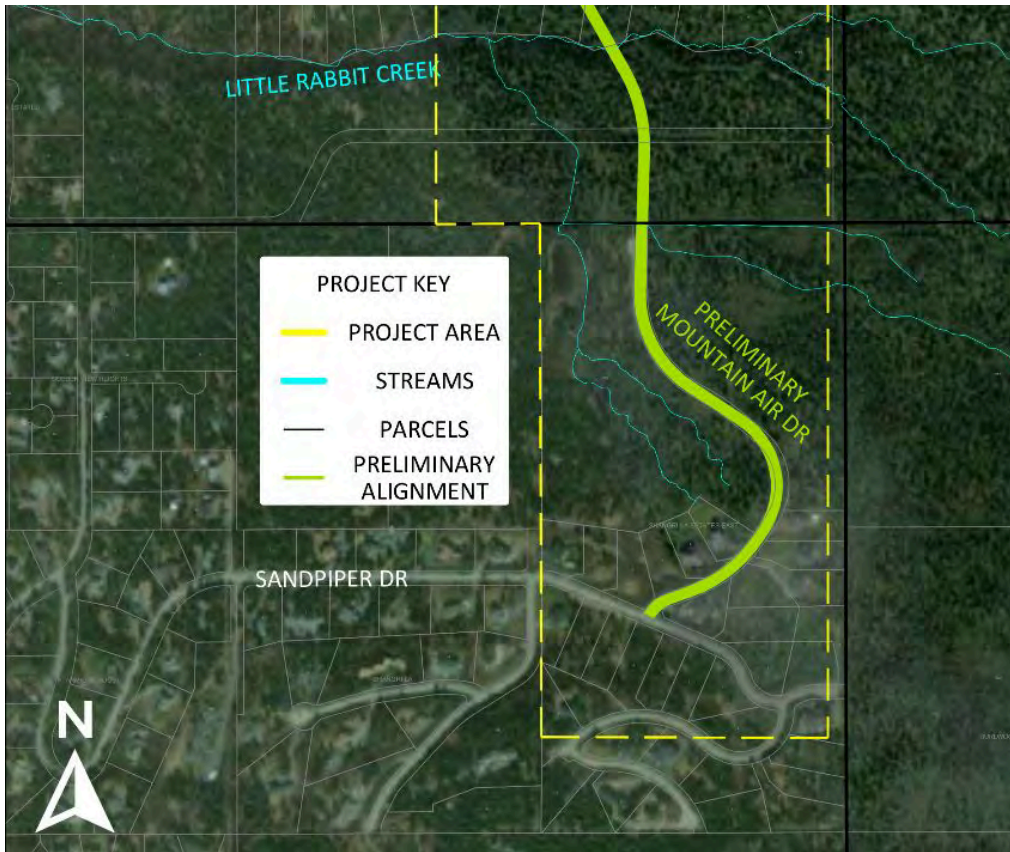
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Holly Spoth-Torres

From: Holly Spoth-Torres
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2023 11:12 AM
To: Holly Spoth-Torres
Subject: Thanks for Attending! Mountain Air Drive Extension Open House #2

Mountain Air Drive Extension

Thank you!

Thank you for joining the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities at Open House #2 to learn more about the Mountain Air Drive Extension project. If you weren't able to make it to the meeting, we have added the presentation boards to the project website. You can find them under [Presentation Boards for Open House Meeting #2](#).

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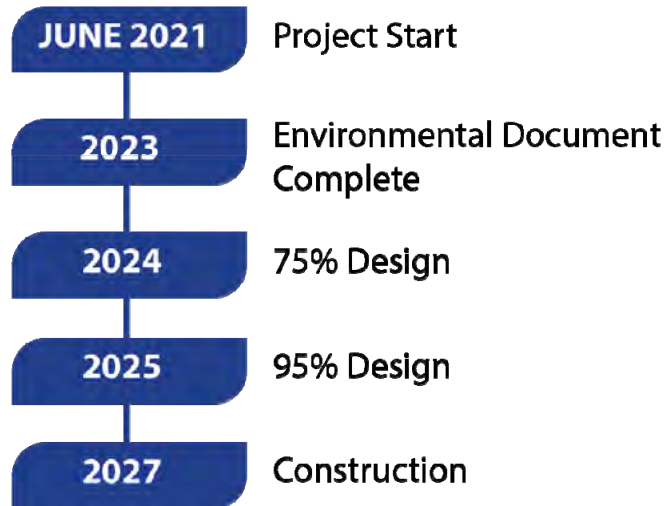
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