



THE STATE
of **ALASKA**
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Dear Interested Party:

You are receiving this letter because you are an occupant or have an interest in a Government Hill property.

This spring, the Alaska State Legislature approved capital and operating appropriations for the Knik Arm Crossing project. Additionally, they passed legislation establishing a public finance plan and new management structure for the bridge project. This means that the project can now move forward to construction, and will be funded with a combination of federal highway dollars, state bonds and a federal loan. The design and construction will transition to the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. With the Governor's signature, these changes take effect on July 1, 2014.

In this transition, Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority staff is collaborating with DOT&PF to ensure the project stays on schedule, vital engineering and project development information is transferred, and the public continues to be informed on the progress of the project.

The project itself will not change, as the Knik Arm Crossing is a federal aid highway project and the transfer will not affect the decisional document, the Federal Highway Administration's Record of Decision. For example, the Erickson Street route was selected by the Federal Highway Administration and will remain the same. No additional properties will be impacted because the route is established. Commitments and obligations agreed to by FHWA and KABATA will all remain intact via DOT&PF, such as the commitment to coordinate with the community during construction.

To that end, the state continues to purchase right of way for the bridge project, with about 85% of the land needed for the project currently acquired. The state owns four parcels on Government Hill and the only remaining properties in your neighborhood are being purchased from the Alaska Railroad Corporation. Property management will become the responsibility of DOT&PF, and the disposition of the vacant structures will be determined by DOT&PF.

At this time, you may see some activity at 801 Erickson, the former Sourdough Lodge, as some fixtures and equipment may be removed under a previous agreement. You may see large moving trucks and workers. If, however, you see anything out of the ordinary, or conditions you would like to report, please feel free to contact our office.

We will continue to be your primary source of project information up to the transfer to DOT&PF, as there are a great deal of details to be determined in the upcoming weeks and months. In the meantime, please contact us with any questions you may have at (907) 269-6698 or by stopping by our office at 820 East 15th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Judy J. Dougherty', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Judy J. Dougherty, P.E.
Acting Executive Director
Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority