

Notice of Opportunity for a Public Meeting and Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment for Seward Airport Improvement Project No. 54857

This project has been developed in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act; Executive Orders: 11990 (Wetlands Protection), 11988 (Floodplain Protection), 12898 (Environmental Justice), 11593 (Historic Preservation), the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Coastal Zone Management Act, Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and U.S. DOT Act Section 4(f).

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Seward Airport Improvement Project (project #54867). Seward is located on the Kenai Peninsula at the north end of Resurrection Bay, approximately 75 air miles or 125 highway miles southwest of Anchorage. The DOT&PF proposes to improve the existing Seward Airport. The improved airport will include replacement of a runway and improvements to drainage to mitigate Resurrection River flooding. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2019 or later. The Draft EA addresses the proposed action and potential economic, social, and environmental effects.

A public open house to present the Seward Airport Improvement Project Draft EA is scheduled for December 12, 2018, from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM, at the K.M. Rae Marine Education Building located at 125 Third Avenue, Seward, Alaska.

The Draft EA is available for review at the DOT&PF Central Region office located at 4111 Aviation Avenue in Anchorage and at the Seward Community Library located at 239 6th Avenue in Seward. The Draft EA is also available on the DOT&PF website at: www.dot.state.ak.us/creg/sewardairport. If you have questions, require additional information, or would like a copy of the EA, please contact Renee Goentzel, Environmental Impact Analyst, at (907) 269-0714, or via email at renee.goentzel@alaska.gov.

Written comments and/or requests for a Public Hearing will be accepted at the address below until January 9, 2018 and should be sent to:

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