



## AK Department of Transportation & Public Facilities

### Introduction

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), in cooperation with the Alaska Division Office of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) propose to provide pedestrian accommodations along Whitshed Road in Cordova, Alaska.

### How was this Project Created?

The City of Cordova and Native Village of Eyak sponsored and submitted a nomination packet to the State supporting the design and construction of this project.

### Scope

The scope of this project is to provide pedestrian accommodations along Whitshed Road between the Copper River Highway and Orca Inlet Drive intersections.

### Purpose

The purpose of this project is to improve safety by providing accommodations for non-motorized traffic.

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### Need

The project is needed because there are no provisions for bicyclists or pedestrians along the corridor.

### Existing Conditions

Whitshed Road has a narrow right-of-way and roadway (11-foot vehicle lanes with no dedicated shoulders). The lack of shoulders causes non-motorized users to share the 11-foot vehicle lanes or trek off the paved roadway.

Roadway drainage needs improvements. Ditches need to be cleaned and/or re-graded, some culverts are undersized and/or failing

### Project Challenges

The narrow Right-of-Way (ROW) combined with the exceptionally steep rock topography just beyond the paved road surface limits the physical room to fit new pedestrian accommodations, and physically construct the project while maintaining traffic.

There are no alternate access routes to detour traffic during construction activities. The road will need to remain open during construction.

### Project Impacts

Unfortunately due to the narrow ROW, acquisition of private property is anticipated to be necessary. The extent of ROW needed has not been determined yet but is anticipated to affect all adjacent property owners along the project corridor.

### Project Information

If you have project related questions or want more information please visit the project website at:

<http://dot.alaska.gov/nreg/whitshed/>

Or you may contact the Engineering Project Manager:

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The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by DOT&PF pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated November 3, 2017 and executed by FHWA and DOT&PF.