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The Gravina Access Project would improve public access between Revillagigedo Island and Gravina Island. This draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) describes the purpose and need for improved access, alternatives evaluated in detail and alternatives eliminated from detailed consideration, the potential environmental and human effects of the project alternatives, and proposed measure to minimize and avoid impacts. Six action alternatives are evaluated, along with the No Action Alternative. The draft SEIS examines potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts associated with each alternative.

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## Acronyms and Abbreviations

<b>Acronym/ Abbreviation</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>A</b>	
AAC	Alaska Administrative Code
AASHTO	American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials
ACMP	Alaska Coastal Management Program
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADEC	Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
ADF&G	Alaska Department of Fish and Game
AHRS	Alaska Heritage Resources Survey
AMHS	Alaska Marine Highway System
Anchorage Center	FAA Anchorage Air Route Traffic Control Center
APDES	Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
APE	Area of Potential Effect
ARFF	Airport Rescue and Firefighting
AS	Alaska Statute
ASD	Alaska Ship and Drydock, Inc.
<b>B</b>	
BMP	best management practice
Borough	Ketchikan Gateway Borough
<b>C</b>	
CEG	Conditionally Exempt Generator
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
Cruise Ship Program	Commercial Passenger Vessel Environmental Compliance Program
<b>D</b>	
dB	decibels
dB(A)	decibels, A-weighted scale
DCED	(Alaska) Department of Community and Economic Development
DEIS	Draft Environmental Impact Statement
DNR	(Alaska) Department of Natural Resources
DOT&PF	(Alaska) Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
DPS	Distinct Population Segment
<b>E</b>	
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EFH	Essential Fish Habitat
EPA	(U.S.) Environmental Protection Agency
EO	Executive Order
<b>F</b>	
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FEIS	Final Environmental Impact Statement
FAR	Federal Aviation Regulation

<b>Acronym/ Abbreviation</b>	<b>Definition</b>
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FHWA	(U.S. Department of Transportation) Federal Highway Administration
FR	Federal Register
FRC	Fast Response Cutter
FSS	Flight Service Station
<b>G</b>	
GHG	greenhouse gas
<b>H</b>	
HDR	HDR Alaska, Inc. (a subsidiary of HDR Engineering, Inc.)
HTL	High tide line
<b>I</b>	
IFA	Inter-Island Ferry Authority
IFR	instrument flight rules
ILMA	Interagency Land Management Assignment
I-O	input-output
<b>K</b>	
KCMP	Ketchikan Coastal Management Plan
KPC	Ketchikan Pulp Company
KPU	Ketchikan Public Utilities
kWh	kilowatt hour
<b>L</b>	
LEDPA	Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative
Leq(h)	average sound level over a 1-hour period
LOS	level of service
LUST	leaking underground storage tank
<b>M</b>	
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Act
medevac	medical evacuation
MHW	mean high water
MHHW	mean higher high water
MLLW	mean lower low water
MMBF	million board feet (of timber)
MMT	million metric tons
MOVES	Motor Vehicle Emissions Simulator
mph	miles per hour
MPO	metropolitan planning organization
MPRSA	Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act
MSL	mean sea level
MV	motor vessel
<b>N</b>	
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NAC	Noise Abatement Criteria



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Native	Alaska Native
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOI	Notice of Intent
NO <sub>x</sub>	nitrogen oxides
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
NWI	National Wetland Inventory
<b>O</b>	
O&M	operation and maintenance
OEDP 1994	1994 <i>Overall Economic Development Plan</i>
OEDP 1998	1998 <i>Overall Economic Development Plan</i>
OHA	(Alaska) Office of History and Archaeology
OHW	Ordinary High Water
OPAF	Only Practicable Alternatives Finding
<b>P</b>	
PA	Programmatic Agreement
PDT	project development team
PHV	peak hourly volume
PIANC	International Navigation Association (formerly: Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses)
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	particulate matter up to 2.5 microns in size
PM <sub>10</sub>	particulate matter up to 10 microns in size
<b>R</b>	
RSA	Runway Safety Area
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
<b>S</b>	
SATP	Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan
SAFETEA-LU	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users
SDZ	Surface Danger Zone
SEIS	Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement
SFHA	Special Flood Hazard Areas
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Officer—Change in chapter 3; should not be office
SO <sub>2</sub>	sulfur dioxide
SVFR	special visual flight rules
SWPPP	Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan
<b>T</b>	
TAMS	Tippetts-Abbett-McCarthy-Stratton Engineers
TDF	Tailings Disposal Facility
TEA-21	Transportation Equity Act for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century
TMP	Transportation Management Plan
<b>U</b>	
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

<b>Acronym/ Abbreviation</b>	<b>Definition</b>
USC	U.S. Code
USCG	U.S. Coast Guard
USDOT	U.S. Department of Transportation
USFS	U.S. Forest Service
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
UST	underground storage tank
<b>V</b>	
VFR	visual flight rules
VMT	Vehicle miles traveled
VOC	Volatile organic compounds