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Re: Spenard Road Safety Project:
36th Avenue to Fireweed Lane

Name
Address1
Address2
City, State Zip

Dear Name

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) is working on a safety improvement project for Spenard Road between 36th Avenue and Fireweed Lane. We would like your input before finalizing the project recommendations. We are sending this letter to all businesses within the project corridor to invite you to attend a meeting to learn about the project and provide input.

Spenard Road is a 35-mile per hour north/south minor arterial. In the three-year period between 1996 and 1998, 426 accidents occurred along the project corridor. The purpose of this project is to analyze the accident patterns and traffic volumes, and to recommend safety improvements to the roadway from 36th Avenue to Fireweed Lane.

The ADOT&PF hired the local engineering firm of Lounsbury and Associates to perform the study. Lounsbury produced a Traffic & Safety Study and an Engineering Analysis Report identifying alternatives to reduce the accident rates for rear-end, right angle, and left-turning collisions. They also identified potential improvements to pedestrian, bicycle and public transportation facilities.

Lounsbury recommends a reduction from 4 lanes to 3 lanes, as has been done with the southern end of Spenard Road. Unlike south Spenard, there will be no major expansion of the right-of-way. Funds will be available for some street amenities such as benches, landscaping, or fixtures, to be developed in coordination with the public, business and property owners. Please note that details of individual driveways and accesses will not be addressed in this phase of the project. Engineers will work closely with residents and owners on these issues in the subsequent Design Phase of the project.

We hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to share your ideas and concerns with the project team at the Spenard Community Council meeting Wednesday, November 7. The team will be available with project materials at 6 p.m., prior to the meeting. A presentation will be made during the community council meeting that begins at 7 p.m., followed by a question and answer session.

If you cannot attend the meeting but have questions about the project, contact Anne Brooks, the project Public Involvement Coordinator, via telephone at 272-1877 or via email annebrooks@ak.net. We look forward to seeing you.

Yours truly,

Judy Dougherty, P.E.
Project Manager

Cc: Lounsbury & Associates