



EAST DOWLING ROAD EXTENSION AND RECONSTRUCTION

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DESIGN SERVICES

LAKE OTIS PARKWAY TO ABBOTT LOOP

MEETING NOTES

SUBJECT: East Dowling Public Scoping Meeting
DATE: March 6, 2006
LOCATION: Wendler Middle School
MEETING ATTENDANCE: Approximately 60 people
MEETING MATERIALS: PowerPoint Presentation and Project Graphics

MEETING AGENDA:

- 6:30 p.m. Open House
- 7:00 p.m. Presentation
- 8:00 p.m. Comments and Questions

OPEN HOUSE:

Project staff discussed the project with members of the public from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m. Most attendees arrived in time to review the project materials and talk to project staff. Project staff also discussed the project with members of the public from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **The site condos north of Dowling Road have created a traffic problem. It is difficult competing with these residences for access to Dowling Road.**

Norm Drive is the main access point to Dowling Road from the residential area south of Dowling Road. Aligning Sunchase Street with Norm Drive would be preferable from a traffic operations standpoint. Access into and out of these neighborhoods will be evaluated during project design.

- **Is it possible to connect the residential area around Norm Drive to Lake Otis via 64th Avenue, so that Dowling Road is not the sole access/egress point for those residences? This will alleviate the increased traffic on Dowling Road.**

Project staff will be looking carefully at circulation issues in the project area. Access and egress points into the residential areas north and south of Dowling Road and access into and out of the Northern Lights ABC School will be evaluated during the project design.

- **Do the traffic numbers shown in the presentation reflect the new Wal-Mart on East 64th Avenue?**

The Anchorage traffic model uses land use classifications and the levels of traffic generated from various land uses to forecast traffic levels. Since the new Wal-Mart is planned for an area that is

designated for commercial use, the traffic projections being used in this study reflect commercial development of that area, such as a Wal-Mart.

- **Will the project require acquisition of any homes or property?**

It is likely there will be right-of-way acquisition on the north side of Dowling Road. There is not enough existing right-of-way to construct a four-lane road with trails and other features. The need to align this portion of Dowling Road with the portion constructed west of Lake Otis results in the need to expand the right-of-way to the north rather than to the south. The first row of site condos and the row of mobile homes closest to Dowling Road would be impacted. The State of Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) has hired R&M Consultants to begin the right-of-way acquisition process. R&M will be notifying residents and homeowners of proposed acquisitions this weekend and will invite them to a meeting on March 23, 2006 to discuss the right-of-way acquisition process.

- **What will be the speed limit on the Dowling Road extension?**

The final speed limit will depend upon speed studies conducted shortly after construction, but the posted speed limit would likely be similar to the speed limit on nearby similar roads. The existing portion of East Dowling Road has a speed limit of 45 miles per hour (mph), and the speed limit on Abbott Loop extension will be posted at 45 mph. Therefore, the assumed speed for the design effort is 45 mph.

- **What kind of development is expected to occur along the extension of Dowling Road?**

There is a private parcel located east of the existing site condos on the north side of Dowling Road. This land would likely be developed in a similar manner to the site condos. The land north of Dowling Road farther east is part of Campbell Creek Park and Greenbelt. The Municipality of Anchorage Heritage Land Bank (HLB) owns the undeveloped lands south of the road extension. The HLB has conducted a land use study for these lands and determined that the upland portions would best be used for residential development. The wetland areas are likely to be left as open space.

Attached: PowerPoint Presentation
 Newspaper Announcement
 Flyer
 Handout and Comment Form