

# Hermon Rd Extension and Upgrade: Parks Hwy to Palmer-Wasilla Hwy

Project No.: CFHWY00799 / 0001729



## Mat-Su Transportation Fair 2024 - Summary

Thursday, January 25, 2024, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Alaska State Fairgrounds, Raven Hall, Palmer, AK

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) and DOWL hosted a booth for the Hermon Rd Extension and Upgrade: Parks Hwy to Palmer-Wasilla Hwy Project at the Mat-Su Transportation Fair on Thursday, January 25, 2024. The booth included one project area map with typical sections, schedule board, project contacts and feedback board, copies of the project fact sheet, project email sign-up sheet, and comment forms.

Two representatives from the project team were available to answer questions from the public on the design and schedule. The project team received no written comment forms, but recorded notes from verbal conversations they were engaged in. No comments were left on the roll plot.

Approximately fifty (50) people visited the booth, with four (4) people signing up for the project mailing list.

### Summary of Questions and Comments Received:

- **Design:**
  - Support for multi-use pathway, especially in the section where it is separated from the roadway.
  - Question about a driveway connection near the gravel pit onto Hermon Rd.
  - Consider placing a roundabout at the Palmer-Wasilla Hwy intersection instead of a signal light.
  - Consider widening Hermon Rd to a three-lane road through entire corridor to help ease congestion.
  - Consider placing a roundabout at the Tyson Trail intersection.
- **Right-of-Way (ROW):**
  - Questions about existing ROW width and project impacts.
  - Questions on how many parcels would need to be acquired during the ROW process.
  - Consider buying ROW at Mountain Village Drive.
- **General:**
  - Questions about project funding.
  - Support for the project from a property owner near Quiet Cir.
  - Concerns about traffic and congestion at the Parks Hwy intersection.
  - Support for the new road extension to Palmer-Wasilla Hwy.
  - Questions about when construction would begin.
  - Comment on how bumpy the existing segment of Hermon Rd is.
  - Concerns about the current traffic cut-through on East Whispering Woods. A resident on this road is hopeful that the extension of Hermon Rd will alleviate some of the traffic in the residential area.
  - Questions about the Hemmer Rd Extension and Upgrade: Palmer Wasilla Hwy to Bogard Rd, which is commonly mistaken for the Hermon Rd Project.
  - Questions about the Parks Highway Alternative Corridor PEL Study.

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### **Action Items and Next Steps:**

- Post meeting materials to the project website.
- Log public comments and update the project contact list.