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## **DOT&PF Notice to Begin Engineering and Environmental Studies: Juneau Kaxdigoowu Heen Dei Improvement (Brotherhood Bridge Trail Improvement)**

**Project # SFHWY00259**

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is proposing to reconstruct and improve the Kaxdigoowu Heen Dei (Brotherhood Bridge Trail) from River Road to the edge of Brotherhood Meadow, where it will connect to a rerouted section of trail and create a new segment of paved trail connecting Brotherhood Meadow to the Wildmeadow neighborhood and the newly constructed trail from Pederson Hill neighborhood.

### **The proposed project would:**

- Replace or modify the pedestrian bridge at Montana Creek to provide a larger span for more natural stream movement and to allow emergency and maintenance vehicle use.
- Armor Montana Creek streambanks to increase the expected life of the new/modified bridge.
- Armor riverbanks under and upriver of the Mendenhall River pedestrian bridge to prevent further erosion.
- Construct/reconstruct the trail which includes repairing subgrade in select areas, repaving the trail and adding shoulders, replacing/adding culverts, and constructing approximately 1,500 feet of new trail section.

Additional improvements, if funding is available, may include adding bike racks, installing new interpretive signs, and increasing sight distance along the trail.

**Construction is projected to begin summer 2023.**

In addition to the project work outlined above, **geotechnical foundation investigation for the Montana Creek bridge design will take place in June 2021**. Work will take approximately 14 days, and the Montana Creek bridge and approximately 300 feet of the trail on either side of the bridge will be closed during geotech investigation.

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.

Development of this proposed project would follow a process required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Based on project location and scope of work, the environmental document is anticipated to be a categorical exclusion (CE). Possible affected resources include wetlands, waters of the U.S., essential fish habitat, eagles, and cultural or historic properties.

### **The proposed project would comply with all applicable authorities including:**

- EO-11988 (Floodplain Management)
- EO-12898 (Environmental Justice)
- Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act
- Clean Air Act and Clean Water Acts
- Endangered Species Act
- Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Management Act
- National Historic Preservation Act Section 106
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act

DOT&PF is soliciting comments on the proposed project. Your comments would help us evaluate potential environmental, social, and economic impacts of this project, as well as impacts to historic and cultural resources.

### **Please submit your written comments to:**

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**To ensure that all possible factors are considered, please provide comments via email, fax, or mailing address by May 30, 2021.**

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If you or someone you represent requires special accommodations in order to respond to this public notice, please call or email the project coordinator listed above, or call Alaska Relay at 711, or call (800) 770-8973 for TTY, (800) 770-8255 for voice, (800) 770-3919 for ASCII, (866) 355-6198 for STS. Ask the communications assistant to call the project coordinator listed above so arrangements can be made to assist you.

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