

Juneau Riverside & Stephen Richards Congestion Mitigation Project SFHWY-00081



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the problem?

- The problem at the Riverside Drive and Stephen Richards Memorial Drive intersection is congestion. More vehicles are trying to pass through the intersection during the morning and evening rush hour than the intersection can handle, leading to long traffic queues and delays.

Who is involved in this project?

- DOT&PF is analyzing traffic conditions, developing options for changes, and gathering public input on them in collaboration with the City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ). The CBJ will provide recommendations to DOT&PF on the final intersection design alternative.
- DOT&PF is also responsible for verifying that funding for projects that qualify for the Congestion Mitigation Air and Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program – such as the Riverside and Stephen Richards intersection–have been used in accordance with federal regulations.

Who is paying for this project?

- The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is paying for 90.97% of the project. The CBJ is providing the remainder of the funding for the project.

How will the intersection change?

- In collaboration with the CBJ and community stakeholders, DOT&PF will develop and evaluate a variety of traffic control design alternatives that can improve traffic flow while maintaining safe movement of both vehicles and people.
- Several options are being considered. A traffic signal and a roundabout are among the options currently being evaluated.

Will the public have an opportunity to provide input on the project?

- Yes!
The first open house is scheduled for July 11th. Notices and advertisements will go out a few weeks before that date. The project team will present the alternatives considered, solicit your input on the alternatives, and collect any other thoughts you have about the intersection.
- A second open house will be held once an alternative is recommended for final design. Throughout the project, please contact DOT&PF with your questions or comments.
- In addition to the open houses, a stake holder advisory group (comprised of State, CBJ, and local organization representatives) will meet during the project development to provide additional input at the right stage of the development process.

What's the project process?

- DOT&PF will:
 - Measure and quantify traffic problems at the intersection.
 - Develop and evaluate traffic options for addressing the problems.
 - Assess cost and impacts associated with various intersection redesign options.
 - Present design options and their impacts to CBJ and the public.
- The public will have a 30 day comment period to provide feedback to DOT&PF on the options.

Based on public input and impact analysis, DOT&PF will refine design options and prepare a recommendation on the preferred traffic design option

- DOT&PF will present the preferred traffic design option to the CBJ and public for further feedback and refinement.
- The public will have another 30 day comment period to provide feedback to DOT&PF on the preferred traffic design option.
- DOT&PF will prepare final design environmental document (NEPA), and manage construction.

When will this be built?

- DOT&PF is planning for construction as early as 2020.