

Meeting Notes

SUBJECT: Eagle River Loop Road (ADOT&PF Project No. STP-0551(3)/53936)
Eagle River Road (ADOT&PF Project No. STP-0550(15)/53943)
Eagle River Projects and Plans Open House Public Meeting

GROUP: Public

DATE: March 29, 2006

TIME: 7-9 p.m.

LOCATION: Gruening Middle School Multipurpose Room, Eagle River

MEETING OUTREACH:

- Postcard mailing in combined project area of Eagle River Road and Eagle River Loop Road
- Display ad in *Anchorage Daily News* March 28
- Display ad in *Alaska Star* March 16 and 23
- Public Service Announcement sent to all Anchorage radio and tv stations
- Email meeting information and pdf of newspaper ad as full-page flyer to Eagle River, Eagle River Valley, Chugiak, Birchwood, South Fork, and Eklutna Valley Community Councils through the Federation of Community Councils.
- Email meeting information and pdf of flyer to all principals of Eagle River and Chugiak schools
- Email meeting information and pdf of flyer to MOA Eagle River road maintenance office, staff and board of CBERRRSA (rural road district), Superintendent of Chugach State Park, information office of the State Department of Natural Resources, and Eagle River Chamber of Commerce.

MEETING ATTENDANCE: 128 signed in, approximately 10 others participated but declined to sign in

MEETING MATERIALS: Large-scale aerial photos of project area; Information sheet for each project and comment sheets

STAFF PRESENT:

Michael Hall, ADOT&PF
Robert DeVassie, ADOT&PF
Shawn Snisarenko, TNH
Peter Crews, TNH
Anne Brooks, Brooks & Associates

Kathy Burgess, Brooks & Associates
Betty Caudle, Brooks & Associates
Jacqueline Summers, Brooks & Associates

MEETING INFORMATION:

These projects were two of over a dozen represented at the large multi-project open house held to give Eagle River residents a one-stop opportunity to participate in many projects in their area.

Attendees were greeted at the door and asked to sign in at a single location that served the whole event. They were oriented to the evening's format and room layout and then were free to visit those projects that interested them

At the Eagle River Road and Eagle River Loop Road area of the open house, large aerial photos of the corridor were laid out on long tables, and the public was encouraged to informally discuss issues and areas of interest in the project with project team members present. Comments could be given verbally to the team, written/drawn on the maps, or written on comment sheets.

Oral comments taken by Peter Crews:

- Kent Kelly (Groll Subdivision Lot 2B, STA 332+00 RT) -- Voiced a concern about the proposed driveway grade not getting any steeper than it is now. *Told Mr. Kelly that we try not to make the driveways steeper and that we are providing landings on driveways.*
- Rebecca Hawkins (Lot 13 Hamann Subdivision, STA 305+00 RT) -- They live on the downhill side of ERR, there is a small creek that crosses the road and flows in an old drainage ditch on the east their property (within a 33' section line easement). In the winter the creek glaciers up and spreads into their driveway. To make matters worse, when the water starts to overflow onto Eagle River Road, water crosses the road and flows down their driveway. In the summer during heavy rains the water overflows the ditches and flows down their driveway, causing erosion.
Told Ms. Hawkins that we would look into it and try to solve the drainage problem.
- Kyle Patterson (Tract 8B-2 Slopes Subdivision, STA 320+50 RT) -- He is concerned about preserving the small hill between their house and Eagle River Road near the ROW line. *Showed Mr. Patterson the cross section at 320+50 RT, it shows that we are not cutting the hill down, just making a partial cut along the roadside face of the hill, this seemed to satisfy his concerns.*
- Bill Holland (Lot 2 Loye Subdivision, STA 337+00 LT) -- Voiced a concern about driveway grade not getting any steeper. *Told Mr. Holland that we try not to make the driveways steeper and that we are providing landings on driveways, this seemed to satisfy his concerns.*
- Bruce & Cheryl Bates (Homestead Subdivision, STA 475+00 LT) -- Constructed their home in the fall of 2005 up on the hill above the canoe turnout/moose pond area. Voiced a concern about the driveway grade not getting any steeper. Currently it is very steep. Have been holding off improving driveway pending construction of Eagle River Road. Said that sight distance coming around the curve approaching their driveway is limited. *Acknowledged that this is a difficult driveway and we will be reconstructing the portion of the driveway tying into Eagle River Road the best we can.*

- Margaret Wolfe (STA 612+50 LT) -- The driveway at 612+50 LT serves two cabins up the driveway, they want to ensure that the intersection of the driveway at Eagle River Road will be reconstructed. *Reassured her that we will be reconstructing the portion of the driveway close to Eagle River Road as part of the project.*

Comments provided to Anne Brooks:

- Be aware of runoff from side street onto Eagle River Road causing flooding and icy conditions.
- Crown driveways to move water to ditches.
- Early spring flooding occurs along the entire roadway where culverts have yet to thaw and ditches fill with water.
- There is a sink hole or low spot at the base of a hill (not exactly sure where) that people drive around. Your survey should locate it.

Comments written on flip chart:

- Please make shoulders wide enuf so I feel safe walking on the shoulder of the road. *This statement was annotated with the comment “massive, unnecessary, expensive”*
- Please make wide enough shoulders/pedestrian traffic paths to allow access and passage for emergency response vehicles!!!
- Please address drainage problems in Berry Hill/Hammond Road area.

Related documents on file:

Eagle River Road Fact Sheet
Eagle River Loop Road Fact Sheet
Eagle River Road Comment Sheet
Eagle River Loop Road Comment Sheet
Meeting Sign in Sheets
Comment Sheets Received
Anchorage Daily News and Alaska Star Advertising