



Memo

Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 6th & Wednesday December 7th

Project: South Tongass Highway Rehab

To: David Pyeatt, DOT&PF

From: Allison Biastock, HDR

Subject: **Summary: December 6th and 7th Public Open House in Saxman and Ketchikan, Alaska**

Project Staff/Agency Attendees:

Jim Scholl (DOT&PF)

David Pyeatt (DOT&PF)

Keith Karpstein (DOT&PF)

Chris Croft (HDR)

Allison Biastock (HDR)

Carol Snead (HDR)

Tom Kretzschmar (HDR)

Stakeholder Attendees:

Area residents and landowners

Business owners

Mark Minnillo, ADF&G

Open House Purpose

The purpose of the open house events was to share information about the project's preliminary design, scope, and schedule, and to solicit public feedback.

Saxman's Public Open House Summary:

On Tuesday, December 6, 2016, the South Tongass Highway Rehab project hosted a public open house from 6:00PM to 8:00PM at the Saxman Community Center, 2841 Tongass Highway, Saxman, Alaska.

Attendance

Twelve people signed in to the event (sign-in sheets attached). Approximately 2 additional people attended but did not sign in.

Ketchikan's Public Open House Summary:

On Wednesday, December 7, 2016, the South Tongass Highway Rehab project hosted a public open house from 4:30PM to 6:30PM at the Ted Ferry Civic Center, 888 Venetia Avenue, Ketchikan, Alaska.

Attendance

Eighteen people signed in to the event (sign-in sheets attached).

Advertising

The meetings and online open house were advertised in the following ways:

- Meeting information posted on the project website: <http://southtongasshighway.com/>
- Publication on the State of Alaska Online Public Notice System



- Publication on the DOT&PF public involvement calendar
- Postcard mailed to area parcel owners and identified stakeholders on November 28, 2016
- Ketchikan Daily News legal ad on November 11, 2016.
- Ketchikan Daily News graphic print ads on November 27, and December 4, 2016
- Ketchikan Daily News on-line ads from November 29-December 7, 2016
- E-mail notification sent to elected officials and stakeholders on November 28, 2016
- E-newsletters sent to existing project contact list on November 22, 2016 and follow up reminder for online open house on December 5, 2016
- Community fliers distributed in Saxman and Ketchikan
- A meeting flier was included in December's City of Saxman Newsletter

Meeting Materials

The materials presented were the same at both open house meetings:

- Handouts (project fact sheet, FAQs, comment sheets)
- Graphic posters including typical cross section
- Project map on a central table

Media Coverage

No member of the press was identified at either meeting. To date, there has been no media coverage of the event.

Comments

Four formal written comment forms were received (attached).

In addition, the following informal comments were noted by staff while engaging with open house attendees.

These informal comments include:

- Slower speed limit south of Deermount would improve safety.
- Slower speed limit through Saxman and south of Totem Row would improve safety.
- The phase 2 portion needs to be repaved now. Can DOT go through and add a 2-inch top layer as an interim measure (before 2020)?
- Invasive plant species are a big problem, especially further south (Rotary Beach, near the hatchery at Herring Bay)
- Every road project through Saxman takes more land from the City of Saxman
- You should have made Deermount intersection safety improvements two years ago.
- If you provide pedestrian path parking, install waste receptacles
- Is this a 1% for the arts project? If so, the Ketchikan historical society would like to install art or interpretation near the canneries
- The Deermount intersection is dangerous for all users
- The Native people settled in Saxman in 1893
- Mostly I was able to answer questions from the graphics and posters – thanks!
- Please protect the golden spruce as it is a rare tree just north of forest park drive where the two double barrel culverts reside
- A signal at Deermount Intersection is needed, tour bus back-ups on Deermount cause vehicles to cut through Tatsuda's

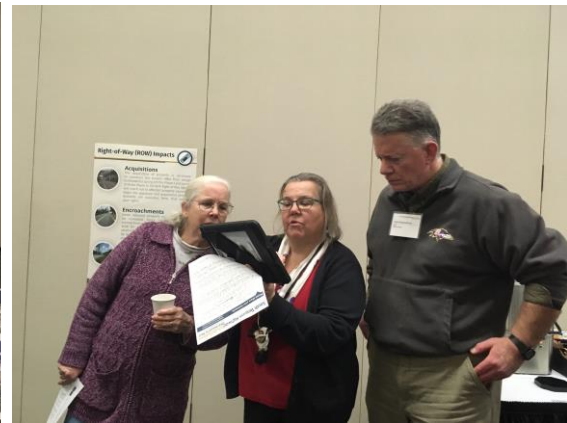
- A left turn lane should be added on Stedman to go up Deermount
- Difficult to see at Deermount intersection
- Wider sidewalk preferred on downhill side between Deermount and USCG base
- A lot of water comes off of the Forest Park Neighborhood as more houses get built, please make culverts larger or add more

Photos:

Saxman:



Ketchikan:



Follow Up

- HDR will post the meeting posters on the project website's library page.
- New email addresses captured on the project sign-in sheets will be added to the project email list.
- Comments will be considered and responses will be sent.



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Saxman Public Open House
December 6, 2016 6-8 pm**

South Tongass Highway Rehabilitation
Deermount to Surf

Please Sign In.

Name (Please print)	Email	Join the mailing list! Y or N	Street Address	City	State	ZIP Code	Gender* (M/F)	Race* (W, AN, N, B, A, P, O)
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