

Sterling Highway MP 45-60 Project

Public Hearing and Open House Details



Open House and Public Hearing Information	
April 20, 2015 - Anchorage Dena'ina Center - 600 W 7th Ave. Open House: 4-8pm Public Hearing: 6-8pm	April 21, 2015 - Cooper Landing Community Hall - Mile 0.8 Bean Creek Rd. Open House: 4-6pm Public Hearing: 6-8pm
April 22, 2015 - Soldotna Soldotna Sports Center - 538 Arena Ave. Open House: 4-8pm Public Hearing: 6-8pm	April 30, 2015 - Washington D.C. Holiday Inn Capitol - 550 C Street SW Open House: 4-6pm Public Hearing: 6-8pm

Open House

The purpose of the open house is to provide information about the Sterling Highway MP 45-60 Project, including an opportunity to view the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and Section 4(f) Evaluation, and ask questions of the project team.

Stations:

- » Welcome and Sign in
- » Project Background and SEIS Process
- » Proposed Alternatives (including a No-Action Alternative)
- » Environmental Impacts
- » Next Steps
- » Comments
- » Court Reporter: A court reporter is available during the open house prior to the public hearing to record private oral testimony for the public record. Comments documented by the court reporter during the open house will have the same consideration and weight as testimony offered during the public hearing.

Public Hearing

One public hearing will be held in three locations in Alaska—Anchorage, Cooper Landing, and Soldotna. A second public hearing will be held in Washington, D.C. The hearings fulfill requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA).

The purpose of a public hearing is to allow the public to address the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) regarding the Sterling Highway MP 45-60 Project Draft SEIS and Section 4(f) Evaluation. Decision makers will be present at the public hearing to hear and consider your comments. Testimony will be recorded and transcribed for the record by a court reporter. For purposes of fairness, individuals and organizations may only provide testimony at one location.

General Ground Rules

- » Be respectful, courteous, and patient.
- » Remain quiet while others are giving testimony so the court reporter and others can hear; leave the room for side discussions.
- » Refrain from addressing the audience or asking for audience participation.
- » Please help maintain an atmosphere where everyone feels comfortable and welcome, regardless of his or her position on the project.
- » Please don't interrupt anyone while he or she is speaking.
- » Turn off or silence cell phones and other electronic devices.
- » No displays, signs, or banners should be posted in the building or used during the hearing.

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Public Hearing Guidelines

General guidelines for public hearing sign in and participation are listed below. The Hearing Officer has the authority to deviate from these guidelines, if needed, to conduct the hearing.

Signing In

- » The hearing sign-in table will be the central contact point for those who want to testify or who have questions about the hearing process.
- » All hearing attendees will be asked to sign in at the hearing sign-in table before entering, to check the appropriate box if they wish to testify, and to note the name of the organization if they are testifying on behalf of an organization.
- » People wishing to testify must personally sign in.
- » A person may testify only once, whether speaking as an individual or on behalf of a group.
- » To allow equal opportunity for all, and to accommodate the number of people who may wish to speak, yielding time to another person will not be allowed. Attendees should check the sign-in box to testify only if they personally wish to speak.

Testimony

- » Testimony from individuals, including a representative from a commercial enterprise, will be limited to three (3) minutes.
- » Testimony by an agency or an established non-profit club or association will be limited to five (5) minutes. An agency or organization representative must identify him- or herself as the designated organizational representative prior to beginning testimony.
- » An individual, organizational, or agency representative who testifies may submit more detailed written comments for the hearing record or provide additional written comments later during the formal comment period. Written and oral comments have equal weight.
- » During the hearing, sign-in sheets will be taken to the Hearing Officer and court reporter. Those who checked the box to testify will be called forward in the order they signed in to speak. Testimony will be recorded and transcribed for the record by a court reporter.
- » The hearing format for the Alaska locations is "one hearing in three locations." For purposes of fairness and to allow all those who wish to testify time to do so, testimony may only be provided at one hearing location.
- » The hearing is scheduled to run until 8:00 PM in. At that time, if people who have signed up have not had the opportunity to testify, the Hearing Officer will announce the continuation of the hearing.
- » The hearing is held for the purpose of receiving testimony. It is not a question-and-answer session.

Thank you for your participation!