

MINUTES: ABBOTT LOOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

March 25, 2019

Meeting called to order by President Bruce Roberts at 6:55pm at Abbott Loop Elementary. 22 people present.

Officers and Board members present: Bruce Roberts, Patti Higgins, Calvin Schrage, Susan Soule, Vicki Gerken.

Minutes were approved without changes.

Treasurer's Report: \$709.99 less \$161.05 paid to Patti for June park rental for a balance of \$548.94. Report approved w/o change.

Representative Laddie Shaw: Submitted a written report (attached.)

Assembly Member Dick Traini: Next meeting is the 9th. April 2 is Election Day. There is discussion continuing regarding deregulation of taxi cabs.

Candidates for Office:

Margo Bellany: Joshua spoke about her campaign

FCC update: There is discussion of changing the number of Assembly Districts from 11. Several scenarios: Make each Assembly District with 2 reps each for a total of 12; or go back to the rotation as set in City Charter. The CIP process started March 1 and is open until May 31st. APD Police Chief Doll talked about aligning the shift boundaries with the Community councils. Some shifts will have multiple CCs. The officers will try to attend some of the CC meetings.

Roads & Projects, Calvin Schrage: Dowling Round-a-bout will start work in 2020. Right now they are acquiring more property. O'Malley phase II will start Spring 2020. There will be a Round-A-Bout at Vanguard and Academy.

Parks and Rec Committee: Susan Soule: Phase II of the WFK Dog Park. We are looking at landscaping, agility equipment, benches. Committee will be fundraising.

P & Z: Mountain Meadows: The Platting Board approved the variances asked by developer Bill Taylor: no sidewalks in cul-de-sac, approved rolled curbs instead of square curbs. Colony Builders have 21 lots on about 4 acres. There was an old house there that is being demolished. Colony will build about 10 of the houses and sell lots to other builders. Staff did not recommend the variances. An appeal was filed by a neighbor, Carol Combs which costs \$1,000 and Carol brought a resolution.

MOTION BY Carol Combs, seconded by Susan Soule: The Abbott Loop Community Council request Board to overturn decision on the variance for sidewalks and encourage the installation of traffic calming measures in Mountain Meadows.

Motion passed: 10 yes/0 nay

Cannabis & Alcohol Committee No Report.

Membership and Events: The Summer Picnic will be Thursday, June 20, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Abbott Loop Community Park. We will have door prizes, BBQ Hamburgers & Hot Dogs, potluck sides and desserts, games, and we are trying to get the Fire Department to bring a rig.

Abbott Loop Community Patrol: Patti Higgins Always looking for new members. Looking forward to connecting with the officers assigned to our area.

New Business:

- **Dowl Engineers Road Project Rachel Steer:** In May they will start repaving the Seward Hwy. Scooter- there will be a noise wall. Undercrossing of Scooter at 92nd. Diverging Dimond at Dimond and

O'Malley. They are at 75% design and going for the final. There will be an open house within two months.

- **Best Beginnings – Aimee Collins:** Background – Only 1 out of 3 kids enter school ready. Best Beginnings partnered with the Parks Foundation. In 2020 they will install Little Libraries in 50 different Parks. In our area they are looking at Ruth Arcand, Abbott Loop Community Park. They are open to adding Whisper Faith Kovach Park with two libraries.

MOTION BY Mark Miner, seconded by Calvin Schrage: The Abbott Loop Community Council is very happy to support Best Beginnings application for an Anchorage Park Foundation Challenge Grant to install little libraries in Anchorage parks including one at Abbott Loop Community Park and one at Ruth Arcand Park. We are delighted that two of our neighborhood parks will receive little libraries. Both Parks have busy play and picnic areas. The libraries are certain to be well used and our children and grandchildren are certain to benefit. We not only strongly support Best Beginnings' application, we also hereby volunteer to help support and maintain the libraries once they are installed.

AMENDMENT BY Susan Soule, seconded by Calvin Schrage: To add “and support existing Whisper Faith Kovach Park with two libraries.

Motion passed as amended 11 yes/0 nay.

Municipal Election Day is April 2, 2019.

Next ALCC Meetings: **DATE CHANGE:** May 16th, 2019 from 6:30pm to 8:30 pm at Abbott Loop Elementary. Summer picnic Thursday, June 20th 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Abbott Loop Community Park.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.



Representative Laddie Shaw

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Good evening friends and neighbors,

The last month in Juneau the priorities have been on three primary topics: the budget, the budget, the budget. The House budget subcommittees have been working very hard on getting together reports to give to the House Finance standing committee in order to create a budget.

Here are some small breakdowns of the work done on the subcommittees on which I sit on:

- Courts Subcommittee: We debated the benefit to the cost/workload of courts being open on Friday afternoons. The committee voted to maintain the closure of courts Friday afternoons.
- University Subcommittee: The University subcommittee generated by far the most public participation among the committees I sit on. After weeks of debate we agreed to fund the University for \$327 million.
- Administration Subcommittee: Public broadcasting falls under the purview of Department of Administration. Our largest vote was to restore funding for public broad casting which includes radio and TV.
- Law Subcommittee: We added funding for more prosecutors to the budget to help with the overloaded court system.

Keep in mind the duty of these subcommittees is to pass on recommendations to the Finance standing committee. Before the budget is finalized and sent to the Governor's office we expect there will be many more changes through the committee process.

Please let me know what your thoughts are with an email or a phone call, I would love to hear from you.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laddie".

Rep. Laddie Shaw

Representing Lower Hillside, O'Malley, and Huffman since 2019

A Resolution of the Abbott Loop Community Council in Support of the Best Beginnings Application for an Anchorage Park Foundation Challenge Grant to Install Little Libraries in Anchorage Parks Including One at Abbott Loop Community Park and One at Ruth Arcand Park. *& support existing Whisper Faith Kovach Park*


WHEREAS: Best Beginnings is a public private partnership with a focus on ensuring young children are well prepared to enter school; and

WHEREAS: Learning to enjoy stories and books is an important part of the Preparation; and

WHEREAS: Best Beginnings will stock its little libraries with books geared to children under the age of 5 and will work with local businesses, community councils and volunteer organizations to help install and maintain the libraries;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Abbott Loop Community Council is very happy to support Best Beginnings application for an Anchorage Park Foundation Challenge Grant to install little libraries in Anchorage parks including one at Abbott Loop Community Park and one at Ruth Arcand Park. We are delighted that two of our neighborhood parks will receive little libraries. Both parks have busy play and picnic areas. The libraries are certain to be well used and our children and grandchildren are certain to benefit. We not only strongly support Best Beginnings' application, we also hereby volunteer to help support and maintain the libraries once they are installed. *including WFK Park.*

Passed this day March 25, 2019


Bruce Roberts, President
Abbott Loop Community Council



Fact Sheet

State Project No. CFHWY00012

Federal Project No. 0537(008)

Project Description

This is the third in a series of projects to improve safety, capacity, access, and connectivity on the Seward Highway between Rabbit Creek Road and 36th Avenue. Construction of the segment from Tudor Road to Dowling Road was completed in 2013 and construction on the Dowling Road to Dimond Boulevard segment will be complete in Summer 2019. The segment from O'Malley Road to Dimond Boulevard is currently in the design phase.

These proposed improvements will:

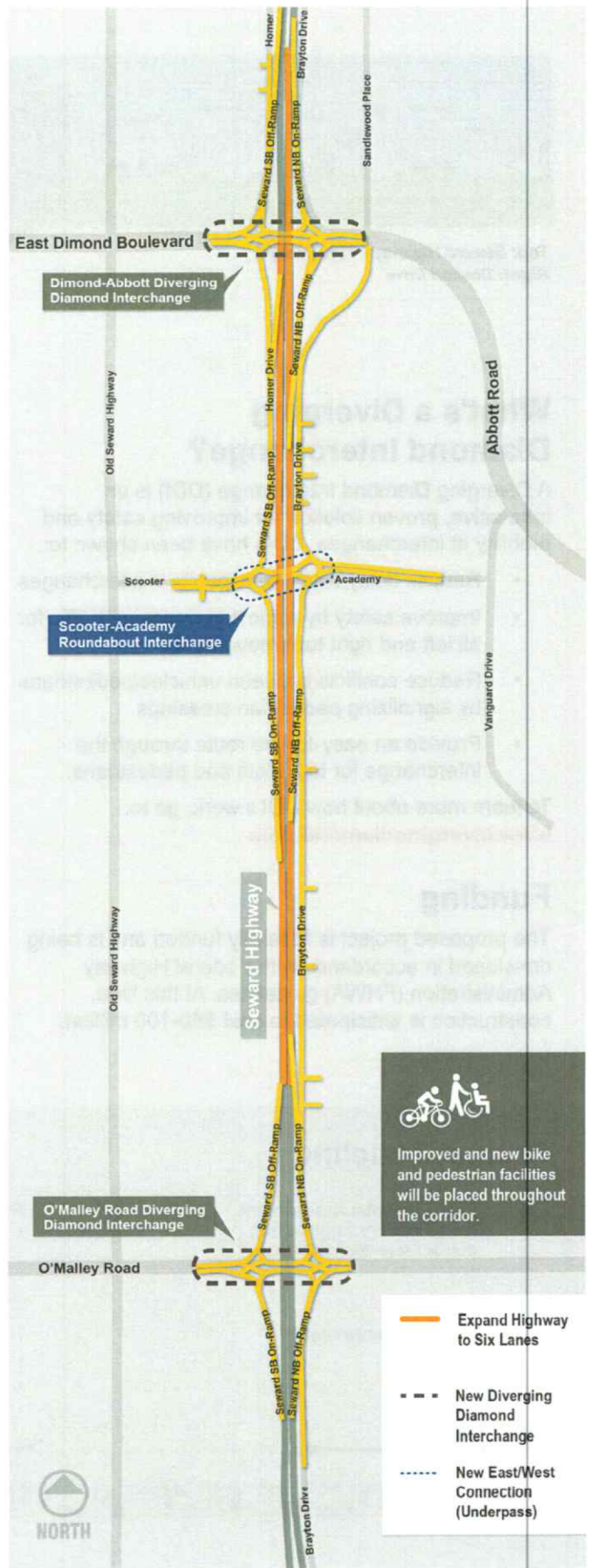
- Improve the safety throughout the project corridor.
- Improve connections between both sides of the highway and improve access to the Dimond Center retail district for both pedestrians and vehicles.
- Add new bike and pedestrian routes and enhance existing connections throughout the project corridor.
- Increase capacity at the O'Malley Road and Dimond Boulevard interchanges.
- Expand existing Seward Highway from two to three through lanes in each direction.

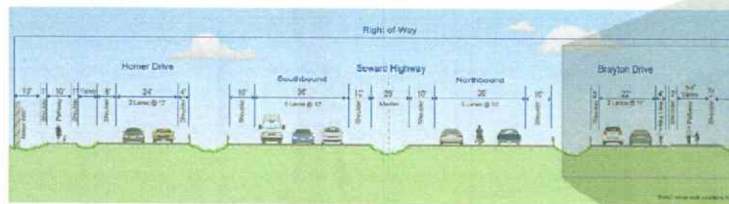
Emails can be sent to O2D@dowl.com.

Watch for updates on the web at:

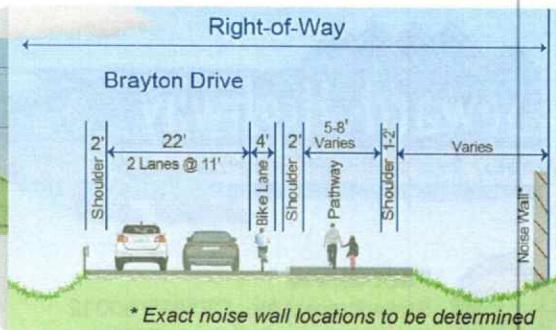
www.sewardhighway.info

Last updated: March 22, 2019





Top: Seward Highway - 75% Design
Right: Brayton Drive



What's a Diverging Diamond Interchange?

A Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) is an innovative, proven solution for improving safety and mobility at interchanges. DDIs have been shown to:

- Reduce delay/increase capacity in interchanges.
- Improve safety by removing opposing traffic for all left and right turn movements.
- Reduce conflicts between vehicles/pedestrians by signalizing pedestrian crossings.
- Provide an easy-to-use route through the interchange for bicyclists and pedestrians.

To learn more about how DDI's work, go to:

www.divergingdiamond.com

Funding

The proposed project is federally funded and is being developed in accordance with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidelines. At this time, construction is anticipated to cost \$80-100 million.

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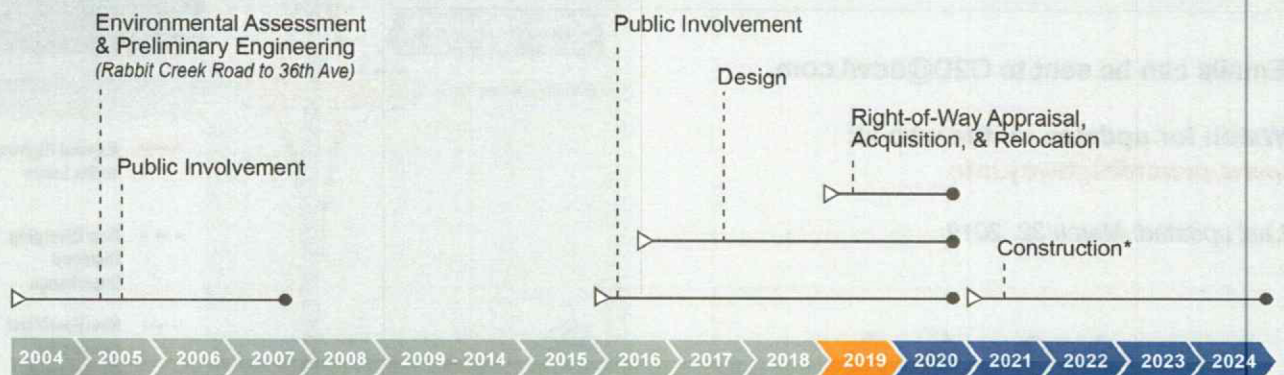
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Project Timeline



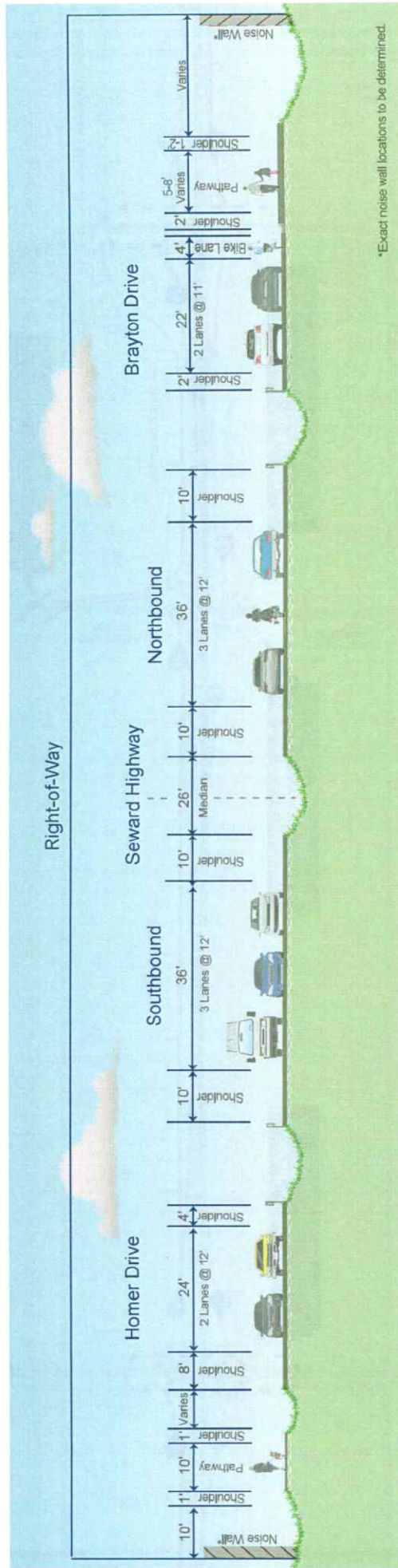
* Dependent on available funding

Project Overview



Improved and new bike and pedestrian facilities will be placed throughout the corridor.

Expand to Six Lanes
 New Diverging Diamond Interchange
 New East/West Connection (Underpass)
 Southbound Off/On Ramps
 Northbound Off/On Ramps



*Exact noise wall locations to be determined.