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From the Desk of SENATOR JOHNNY ELLIS



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March 5th, 2010



**SENATOR
JOHNNY ELLIS**

JOBS ON THE STREETS

***Infrastructure Construction, Deferred
Maintenance Work Underway***

Friends and Neighbors,

My back to basics agenda is focused on ensuring we take care of what we have by devoting a significant portion of our capital investment to deferred maintenance.

A number of construction projects are getting

***Working hard
Solving problems
Getting things done***

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underway this summer that will put Alaskans to work upgrading and maintaining crucial infrastructure throughout our state. While economists are split on the state of Alaska's economy, projects that have been funded in previous capital budgets are going out on the street this summer.

This year's capital budget includes a number of important projects for our neighborhoods, and I hope that the community priorities I fought for will survive the Governor's potential vetoes. Everything I sponsored was supported at the local level by community councils, schools, or Mayor Dan Sullivan and the Municipality of Anchorage.

While it can take time, many of the items I have secured funding for over the past few years have moved to final construction, and I wanted to take a moment to highlight a few projects that will be taking place this summer in Downtown and Midtown Anchorage. While construction season can be a hassle, I hope you'll agree that these will improve the quality of life and ease of transportation in our part of town:



Anchorage Area Safety Improvements 2010

Construction Date: September 2009 to 9/1/10

Scope: Project will provide intersection safety improvements at the referenced locations to include channelization and signing improvements, curb bulb installations, sight distance improvements, and signal pole / signal head mastarm relocation and improvements:

- 6th Ave at H St Lane Use Control Imps
- Homer Dr at 74th Ave Seward Hwy Off Ramp Channelization

Status: The contract was awarded to Granite Construction Company. Most work will be accomplished at night. Periodic lane closures are expected at all locations. One weekend closure is expected at each location. The actual date of these closures is yet to be determined.

Central Region Rumble Strips, Phase II

Construction Date: Summer 2010 to 10/31/10

Scope: Install approximately 334 miles of continuous milled shoulder rumble on major rural routes in the Central Region. The Seward Highway Traffic Safety Corridor will receive continuous centerline rumble strips along with other segments of the Seward and Glenn Highways with a higher head-on crash experience. (Basically from Airport Heights north on the Glenn Highway and from 36th Avenue south on the Seward Highway.)

Status: The contract was awarded to Surface Preparation Technologies. Work will primarily occur during the day with some traffic restrictions. No road closures are expected.



Senator Ellis at the opening of the East Dowling extension.

East Dowling Rd. Extension & Reconstruction

Construction Date: August 2008 to June 2010

Scope: Widen and reconstruct Dowling Road as a 4-lane roadway from Lake Otis Parkway to Norm Drive. New construction of Dowling Road between Norm Drive and the proposed Abbott Loop Road.

Status: The new roadway was opened to the public in October 2009. The remaining landscaping and punch list cleanup work is expected to be completed with some traffic restrictions. This work will be completed during day time operations.

13th Avenue at Gambell Intersection Improvements

Construction Date: June 2010 to 10/31/10

Scope: Construct eastbound and westbound

channelization improvements to include associated drainage work and signal reconstruction on 13th Avenue at Gambell Street Intersection. Project also includes landscaping improvements.

Status: Contract was awarded to Construction Unlimited, Inc. April 13, 2010. Work on Gambell will be primarily at night. Work on 13th may be during the day at off peak hours. One weekend closure is expected during the course of construction.



Safety Improvements 2008

Construction Date: July 2009 to 9/1/10

Scope: These projects will provide intersection safety improvements to include channelization and signing improvements, sight distance improvements, and signal pole / signal head-mastarm relocation and improvements.

- 5th Ave at C Street
- Seward Hwy at 36th Ave.
- Dowling & Seward Ramps

Status: The contract was awarded to Granite Construction Company. Work at the Dowling & Seward Ramps is nearing completion. Work at other sites continues primarily with night operations and traffic restrictions. Weekend closures expected for the 5th & C location during the course of construction.

Tudor Rd & Lake Otis Pkwy Intersection Improvements

Construction Date: May 2010 to 10/30/10

Scope: Project will reconstruct the Tudor Road / Lake Otis Intersection, providing dual left turn lanes at all four legs of the intersection and dedicated right turn lanes in the westbound, southbound and eastbound directions. The project will also install new traffic signals, transit turn outs, street and pedestrian illumination and landscaping amenities.

Status: The contract was awarded to QAP, December 21, 2009. Work began early May. The contractor will

be working primarily during the day with traffic restrictions. Four full and two partial closures weekend closures are expected May through July. The contract completion date is October 30, 2010 with a July 15 completion date for all paving.

Until next week,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Johnny Ellis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Johnny" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Ellis".

Senator Johnny Ellis

P.S. Check out my [online photo gallery](#) for a frequently updated look at constituent meetings, hearings, and other activities around the Capitol.

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