



# Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities

## Seward Highway: Right Of Way Study

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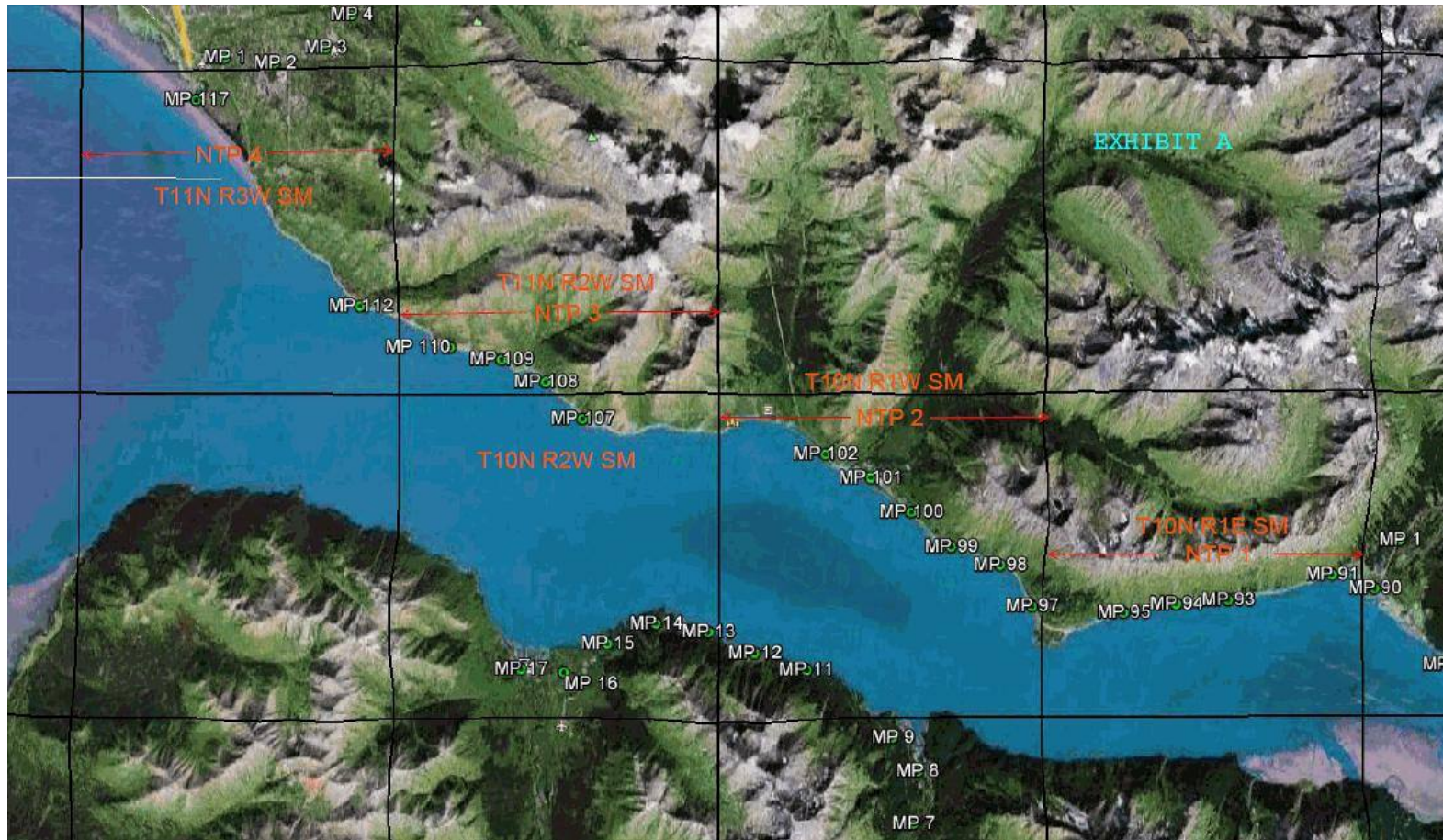


# Handouts

- **Presentation**
- **ROW base mapping sheets**
- **2001 memorandum of agreement**
- **Section 1 – DRAFT Parcelization**

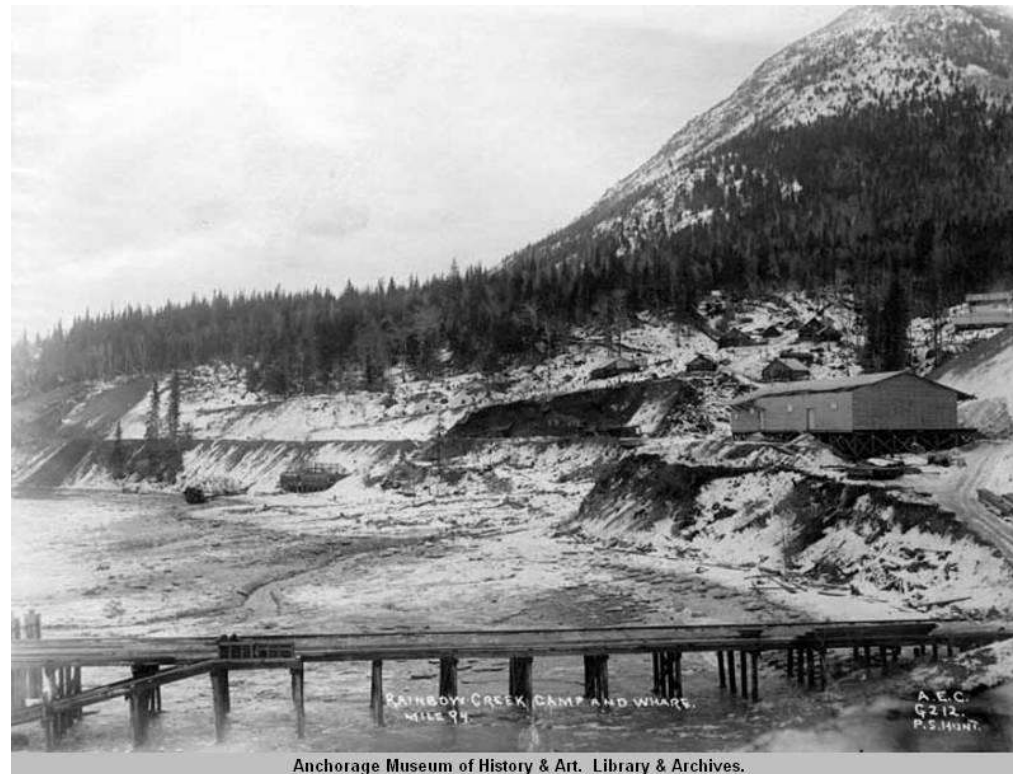


# Area of interest





# 1916 Rainbow Creek



Anchorage Museum of History & Art. Library & Archives.



# Project Scope

- **Project will provide Right-of-Way survey and As-built information as needed for portions of the Seward highway from Girdwood to Potter Marsh**
- **The project may include documentation of the corridor agreements with various public landowners within the corridor**



# 1917 Bird Flats Trestle



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# State History

- **Purchase of Alaska from the Russians – 1867**
- **District of Alaska - 1884**
- **Chugach National Forest – 1907**
- **Alaska Territory - 1912**
- **Statehood – 1959**



# History

- Construction of the Railroad along Turnagain - Began 1914
- Construction of the Seward Hwy Turnagain segment - 1949 – 1952(paved) (Included track relocation, Indian to Potter)
- Land and water conservation fund (LWCF) - 1965
- AS 41.21.121 Chugach State Park Established – 1970
- Alaska Railroad Transfer Act of 1982
- State of Alaska purchased the Railroad - 1985





# Public Land Orders

- **PLO 601 – 1949** FIRST FEDERAL RESERVATION OF ROW INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY/ROAD SYSTEM
- **PLO 757 – 1951** AMENDED PLO 601 BY ADDING THE SEWARD-ANCHORAGE HIGHWAY
- **PLO 1613 – 1958** REVOKED PLO 601 AS AMENDED BY PLO 757 AS THEY AFFECTED THE WITHDRAWAL FOR THE THROUGH ROADS, AND ESTABLISHED EASEMENTS, CENTERED ON THE EXISTING ROADS, FOR THE LISTED THROUGH ROADS
- **1959 - OMNIBUS ACT** QUITCLAIM DEED, DEPT. OF COMMERCE QUITCLAIMED TO THE STATE “ALL RIGHTS, TITLE, AND INTEREST ... PROPERTIES LISTED...”



# ROW History

- **DOT has a 300' Right of Way Easement**
- **ARRC has a 200' Right of Way**
- **ARRC and DOT corridors**
  - Overlap in many locations
  - Fall within the boundary of the Chugach State Park
- **Throughout the corridor, various ROW/easements exist: Utility, section line, subdivision, material sites, transportation, etc...**
- **Legislation - Ch.116 SLA 2000**
  - *As described “grants or conveyances of interests in public land among the [Parties] to relocate or widen the Seward highway, to relocate railroad facilities, and to relocate adjacent utility facilities from Potter Station to Girdwood...”*



# Historic Agreements

- **DOT/ARRC blanket permit term, April 1989 to December 2008**
- **DOT/DNR executed an MOU in 1990 and amended 1993, in recognition that the ROW has moved over time**
- **In October 2001, DOT, the Alaska Railroad and DNR entered into a memorandum of agreement for the corridor between Potter station and Girdwood**
  - This agreement recognized that over time improvements would have to be made to the facilities in the public interest
  - This agreement established the cooperative framework for the parties to work within for the benefit of the public good
  - It recognized that each of these parties have separate missions but common goals
  - The term of this agreement was 10 years, with the ability to amend, extend or terminate by the Parties



# Progress to Date

- **\$1.5M was programmed in the STIP for this effort**
- **Department received ATP from FHWA in Fall of 2012**
- **Department has conducted field survey control**
- **PSA for survey/ROW services was executed in May 2013**
- **Photography and LIDAR were acquired in summer of 2013**
- **Project corridor was broken up into 4 sections**
  - Sections 1 & 2 have been field surveyed
  - Section 1 **draft** ROW plans and land quantities have been prepared
  - Sections 3 & 4 will be surveyed and mapped in the coming year



# LWCF Land transfer Steps

- 1) Initial meeting between SLO, CSP, and DOT&PF
- 2) Revise compensation proposal - PDE and ROW revise compensation plan as needed based on meeting
- 3) DOTPF requests preliminary concurrence from SLO for compensation plan
- 4) SLO responds to REM letter with a LWCF Section 6(f)(3) preliminary concurrence to the proposed compensation plan
- 5) Compile formal conversion application package
- 6) SLO and NPS approve conversion request and grant ROE
- 7) **Legislative Approval**
- 8) Management authority and title transfer



# New Agreements

- **Master agreement between DOT/ARRC - March 2012**
- **Memorandum of Agreement between DOT/DNR for M&O of facilities – Draft review**
  - Pedestrian/bicycle facilities
  - Parking areas/trailheads
- **2001 MOA between DOT/DNR/ARRC has expired, **reauthorize????****
- **Other agreements?????**



# Whats Next

- Circulate Right of Way mapping for review
- Field survey remaining segments of the corridor
- Process data and prepare ROW mapping
- Platting of the property to acquire and/or relinquish



# Discussion

## Section1- Gird to Bird pt

- **Mapping**
- **Parcelization**





# Project Schedule

**Complete ROW Mapping -- 2014**

**Land Exchange -- 2015-201?**



# YOUR INPUT

