

From: [Chad Weiler](#)
To: [John Bennett](#)
Subject: RE: Seward hwy ROW project - Girdwood to Potter Marsh
Date: Friday, March 30, 2018 8:45:48 AM

Your interpretation of “operational area” is the same as mine when I first saw the email. I don’t remember this action coming up during our meeting with ADOT, so I had no idea they were even looking at going that route. Even if they decide to go through permitting, I would think my tasks would definitely be limited but there should still be more work. There are areas where ADOT should release the ROW to DNR seeing that the PLO ROW is quite a distance away from the realigned road and currently has a pedestrian trail within it, so in my opinion it’s not in the best interest of ADOT to hold onto it. It’s been a great project to work on and I hope to continue being involved, but I’m afraid that ADOT will keep the remaining mapping in-house. Time will tell.....

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Chad, see my highlight below. Do you know what is meant by “operational area”. This seems to be an alternative to moving ROW through the land exchange process. Maybe it means that instead of exchanging land interests, each agency would issue a permit to the other instead of a land exchange. So if the ROS’s are recorded, does that mean that your phase of the project is finally over? JohnB

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Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 3:03 PM
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Cc: Fuglestad, Eric P (DOT); Roadifer, Carol J (DOT)
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Files were made available via Zendto shortly after this email was sent out. I pushed the dates out, see below.

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From: Schmid, Tom J (DOT)
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2018 4:42 PM
To: Hess, Kristin A (DNR); Brian Lindamood (LindamoodB@akrr.com)
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The Department has embarked on an effort to map the right of way along the Seward Highway from Girdwood to Potter Marsh. This effort was in part to reestablish and map the existing ROW and resolve the changes in the roadway that have occurred over time.

I have attached several documents that support this effort and the cooperation between DNR, DOT and the ARR that will allow this to happen.

I will make available to the stakeholders, electronic files of the ROW Base Maps for Alaska Project "Seward Highway Right of Way Study", project 0A31 (051), Girdwood to Potter. The project is presented in four (4) sections, MP 90-97, MP 97-105, MP 105-111, and MP 111-117.5. **Hard copies are also available upon request.** I will make these documents available via Zendto(file transfer), which you will receive in a follow up email.

The purpose of this mapping is to locate and define the Seward Highway Right of Way (ROW) from Girdwood to Potter as it existed prior to realignment and improvements to the facility which began in the early 1980's. This has been accomplished by extensive field surveys consisting of boundary, topographic, and as-built of the Railroad, current highway facilities, and adjacent properties. In-depth research into the history of the highway construction through the Department's records gives confidence in the depiction of the right-of-way associated with the original highway construction.

Please note that this mapping is the first effort to locate the Highway ROW in relation to the

Railroad (RR) and adjacent properties.

Our intent is to enter these documents into the public record with recording to occur no later than May 15, 2018.

These documents are provided as a courtesy prior to recordation for your information. **If you would like to comment, please do so prior to May 1, 2018.**

Next Steps:

The Department would like to sit down with the stakeholders and go the more challenging tasks of resolving where both ARR and DOT currently are operating, recognizing DNR is primarily the surrounding property owner in this area.

Topics of discussions:

- Would ARR and DOT ROWs move to their current location **or be considered operational areas**
- Relinquishments of old roadway and RR property
- Who has the responsibility of various areas, such as rock slopes
- Resolution of LWCF requirements pertaining to CSP
- Permitting Utilities

Give me a call if you have questions or concerns

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