



FACT SHEET

**Seward Highway:
O'Malley Road to Dimond Boulevard**
State Project No. CFHWY00012
Federal Project No. 0537(008)

Project Description

This is the third in a series of projects to improve capacity, safety, access, and connectivity on the Seward Highway between Rabbit Creek Road and 36th Avenue.

Current design includes the following proposed elements:

- Expansion of the existing six-lane configuration from Dimond Boulevard south to O'Malley Road
- Diverging Diamond Interchanges at O'Malley Road and Dimond Boulevard
- Grade-separated undercrossing at Scooter Avenue/Academy Drive
- Improved and new pedestrian and bicycle facilities

These proposed improvements will:

1. Increase capacity at the O'Malley Road and Dimond Boulevard interchanges
2. Improve cross-corridor connectivity and Dimond Center retail district access for both pedestrians and vehicles
3. Add new non-motorized routes and improve existing routes throughout the project corridor

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

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.

Project Timeline

Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Engineering (Rabbit Creek Road to 36 th Ave)	2004 – 2007
Public Involvement	2004 – 2007/2016 – 2020
Design Study Report	Summer 2016 – Spring 2018
Plans, Specifications, & Estimates	Winter 2017 – Winter 2020
Right-of-Way Appraisal, Acquisition, & Relocation	Spring 2019 – Winter 2020
Construction	2021 – 2024*

*Dependent on availability of funding

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Project Overview



Go to www.sewardhighway.info to view draft design graphics for each interchange.