



## OPEN HOUSE NO. 3 SUMMARY

PROJECT:	Seward Highway: O'Malley Road to Dimond Boulevard	DATE:	May 20, 2026
PROJECT NUMBER:	CFHWY00012	TIME:	4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
ORGANIZER:	DOWL	SUBJECT:	Open House No. 3
PROJECT TEAM ATTENDEES:		ORGANIZATION:	
Ryan Harris		DOT&PF	
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### MEETING PURPOSE

Share updates about the Seward Highway: O'Malley Road to Dimond Boulevard project restart, identified area needs, and draft concepts with interested members of the public.

### SUMMARY

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) with Jacobs and DOWL, hosted an open house for the Seward Highway: O'Malley Road to Dimond Boulevard project on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at the Dimond Center Hotel Conference Room in Anchorage. Attendees were invited to sign up for email updates and provided informational materials including a fact sheet. The meeting featured project boards, including information about the revised draft purpose and need, schedule, funding information, and draft concepts, and a roll plot displaying proposed concepts developed and supported by the Advisory Committee. This event provided a platform for public engagement and feedback on the project's development.

Approximately 28 people attended the open house, including project team members, elected officials, Advisory Committee members, and interested members of the public.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS SUMMARY

The following comments summary is based on discussions with project team members, comments submitted in writing via comment forms, and comments noted on the roll plots.

#### *General Comments*

- Support for the project restart to align with current and future community needs

- Suggestion to further revise draft purpose and need statement 4 to remove jargon: Operational, Non-Motorized, and Motorized User-Accommodation Gaps at Interchanges

### *Brayton Drive*

- Suggestion to add design features, including chicanes and medians, to reduce speeds on Brayton Drive, in addition to lower posted limits
- Support for the two-way Brayton Drive concept, as it supports land use patterns envisioned in the 2020 and 2040 Comprehensive Plans
- Suggestion for roundabouts at the O'Malley Road and Brayton Drive intersection to connect a two-way Brayton Drive to O'Malley Road
- Questions about design features that would prevent wrong way vehicle movements with a two-way Brayton Drive to the Seward Highway northbound on-ramp
- Suggestion for set-back stop-bar markings for motorists at the Dimond Boulevard and Brayton Drive intersection
- Request to maintain pathway along Brayton Drive during the winter
- Support for buffers between Brayton Drive and the pathway for snow plowing without obstructing the pathway and bike lanes
- Support for a pathway along Brayton Drive
- Question if bike lanes are needed with a pathway

### *Seward Highway Crossing at Scooter Avenue and Academy Drive*

- Support for motorized and non-motorized connections under Seward Highway from Academy Drive to Scooter Avenue
- Support for a non-motorized crossing to Scooter Avenue rather than a motorized underpass due to funding limitations and to provide an alternative to vehicle-centric Dimond Boulevard
- Questions about whether the project will connect Academy Drive to Scooter Avenue
- Support for a northbound exit from Seward Highway onto Academy Drive and retaining the on- and off-ramps at Scooter Avenue
- Suggestion for lighted non-motorized tunnel with adequate drainage at Scooter Avenue under Seward Highway

### *Non-motorized Facilities*

- Suggestion to repair or replace the pathway on the west side of Seward Highway between Dimond Boulevard and O'Malley Road
- Support for connecting the pathway on the west side of Seward Highway to O'Malley Road
- Question about whether a bike route exists along Sandlewood Place

### *Other Projects*

- Question about the future of the property on the corner of Vanguard Drive and Academy Drive purchased as part of the Municipality of Anchorage Academy Vanguard project

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- Comment that the Seward Highway: Dowling Road to Dimond Boulevard project team indicated sidewalks on Homer Drive north of Dimond Boulevard would be added as part of this or a later project and request non-motorized improvements along Homer Drive be considered