



West Anchorage Snow Disposal Project

Project Management and Engineering No. 19-01

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is snow disposal?

When the snow is cleared from the streets of West Anchorage, it needs to be placed in a permitted area. The process of snow plowing and clearing ensures that the roadways of West Anchorage are safe for travelers. You can check out this video on how the snow in Anchorage is removed. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsY33TmweSs&feature=share&app=desktop>

2. What is the Snow Disposal Project?

The Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) is considering a new disposal site for the snow collected in West Anchorage during winter months. Currently, the project team is gathering data and establishing site selection criteria for the future site.

3. Why do we need a new location?

The existing location is leased from the State of Alaska and is located on land owned by the Anchorage International Airport. The current site no longer meets contracting requirements.

4. Can the current site be purchased from the State of Alaska?

The existing snow disposal site is part of the long-term needs of the airport and therefore not a permanent option for the Municipality of Anchorage. MOA is conducting a site selection study to identify locations that can be permanently acquired for long-term use.

5. What is a site selection study?

A site selection study is a report that analyzes all the potential criteria, locations, and conditions for a future snow disposal site.

6. What are the site selection criteria?

The project team is including a variety of criteria for potential sites to be considered, such as size, location, cost, operations, and potential impacts on the public. For a full list of criteria, please visit the project website. The public is invited to provide suggestions on the siting criteria and potential sites under consideration.

7. Have any sites already been selected?

No site has been selected. During the information-gathering phase for the site selection study, two sites were identified as potential sites to be considered. You can view the current sites identified for potential consideration at www.westanchoragesnow.com.

8. When will this happen? What is the timeframe for this project?

Construction is planned for 2021 pending funding and permitting approvals. Currently, MOA is gathering information and identifying potential snow disposal sites.

9. How do I provide feedback or communicate with the project team?

MOA wants to hear from you. You can submit written comments via email or mail to the project team. Visit the project website to view updates and join the project distribution list.

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