



West Anchorage Snow Disposal Project

Project Management and Engineering No. 19-01

Phase Two Public Outreach Summary

Municipality of Anchorage
Anchorage, Alaska
October 16, 2020 – November 20, 2020



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Introduction

This public outreach summary is used for tracking and documenting the public involvement activities conducted for Phase Two of the West Anchorage Snow Disposal Project (Snow Disposal Project). It outlines the Phase Two public involvement strategies for the period of September 1 through December 1, 2020, and the methods used to engage and inform the public on the Snow Disposal Project. The summary includes a description of the October 2020 online open house and virtual meeting live chat and the other public involvement conducted to inform the public about the availability of the Draft Site Selection Study Report and the public comment period for the report.

Overview of Phase Two Public Involvement Activities

The project team conducted a variety of public outreach tactics to engage and inform the public on the Snow Disposal Project and the availability of the Draft Site Selection Study Report. The tactics used in Phase Two are described below.

Online Open House and Virtual Meeting

On Tuesday, October 16, 2020, the Snow Disposal Project team kicked off an online, interactive, self-guided public open house on the project website that was available through Friday, November 20, 2020. The online open house consisted of a total of 10 sections that outlined project information and one section that included ways to comment on the project. The purpose of the online open house was to inform the public about the progress of the project and provide feedback on the site selection study results that identify the proposed new snow disposal site location: the Connor's Bog site.

In conjunction with the online open house, the project team hosted a virtual meeting on Thursday, October 29, 2020, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at which members of the public could interact with the project team through the online open house site via a live chat feature.

Attendance

A total of 23 visitors attended the online open house on Thursday, October 29, 2020, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm, 11 of whom also participated in the virtual meeting live online chat. During the duration of the comment period (October 16–November 20), the site was viewed 137 times.

Advertising

The online open house was advertised in the following ways:

- Meeting information on the project website: www.westanchoragesnow.com
- Postcard mailer to residents near the project area (total of 4,139; Attachment A)
- Two advertisements in the *Anchorage Daily News* (Attachment B)
- Presentation at the Turnagain Community Council Meeting
- E-Blast sent to the Project's distribution list (total of 29; Attachment C)
- Flyers posted around the project area by the Turnagain, Spenard, and Sand Lake Community Councils (Attachment D)
- At the Anchorage Transportation Fair on November 18, 2020



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- Social media posts of the online open house flyer to the Sand Lake Neighborhood Watch, Turnagain Neighbors, Spenard Complete Streets Coalition, and Girl Scouts of Alaska Facebook pages

Summary of Comments

The comments received during the online open house and the virtual public meeting (see Attachment E) focused primarily on the details of the site selection process and how other agencies are included, the proposed location's land designation classification and size requirements, submission of the public's preference for specific locations, requests to be added to the E-Blast distribution list, and environmental impacts and mitigation.

Other Public Involvement and Outreach Activities

Anchorage Transportation Fair

On Wednesday, November 18, 2020, the Snow Disposal Project team hosted an online and interactive booth at the Anchorage Transportation Fair. The booth consisted of three posters that outlined project information and the Draft Site Selection Study process and results. Three interactive questions were also available for booth visitors to answer and submit in real time. One section of the booth included an invitation to the Fall 2020 Online Open House, information on ways to comment on the project, and an opportunity to sign up for periodic project updates via email.

Community Council Engagement

The engagement and feedback from the Spenard, Sand Lake, and Turnagain Community Councils have been instrumental to this project's success. On Thursday, November 5, 2020, Bill Spencer, HDR Project Manager was able to attend the Turnagain Community Council Meeting to deliver a short project update and answer questions from Community Council Board members and the public. To help advertise for the public meeting, the Turnagain, Spenard, and Sand Lake Community Councils posted flyers around the project area.

Summary

The feedback received through the Phase One and Phase Two public involvement activities helped the project team make an informed decision on the preferred location for the snow disposal site. The project team will utilize the information received from the public in the next stages of the site selection process and final site selection



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Attachment A

Postcard



West Anchorage Snow Disposal Project Virtual Public Meeting



West Anchorage
Snow Disposal Project
2525 C Street, Suite 500
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

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October 16 –
November 20, 2020

Virtual Public Meeting
Thursday, October 29 2020
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

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West Anchorage Snow Disposal Project Virtual Public Meeting



Online Open House
October 16 – November 20, 2020

Join Us!

Virtual Public Meeting
Thursday, October 29 2020
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

The Municipality of Anchorage has collected information on potential locations for the placement of snow removed from West Anchorage streets. The Draft Site Selection Study is now available and a preferred location has been identified. Public feedback is important and will be considered during the final site selection process.

You are invited to attend a Public Open House to provide your feedback regarding the Site Selection Study results and the preferred site location for the West Anchorage Snow Disposal Project.

Visit westanchoragesnow.com for project information, to sign up for project updates, and to submit comments. You can also contact the project team at info@westanchoragesnow.com.



Online open house available from **October 16 to November 20, 2020.**

If you have any questions, please contact the project public involvement lead, Josie Wilson, at (907) 644-2030 or Josie.Wilson@hdrinc.com.



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Attachment B

**Advertisement in the
Anchorage Daily news**

CRIME AND COURTS

2 charged with evidence tampering in Anchorage hotel killing

Tess Williams
Anchorage Daily News

Two people were arrested Tuesday in relation to a fatal shooting at the Chelsea Inn Hotel in Spenard, although neither is suspected of being the shooter, charges say.

Soo Seo, the owner of the Chelsea Inn Hotel, described a fight

that broke out in the lobby of the hotel late on Oct. 21. During the altercation, a semi-automatic pistol dropped to the floor and was picked up by Sean Smith, 48, who was staying at the hotel, according to an affidavit filed by Detective Jeffrey Elbie. Smith grabbed the weapon and placed it in a room adjoining his, the charges

said.

Seo said the man who started the fight left and later returned with another person. Shots were fired through the hotel window and fatally struck 48-year-old hotel employee Duane Fields.

Shannelle MacPherson, 34, told detectives she heard screams and saw Fields dead

in the lobby. According to the charges, she grabbed two knives, two guns and a cellphone from the scene and brought them to Smith's room, which adjoined her own.

MacPherson was charged Monday with five charges of tampering with physical evidence, police wrote in an alert. Smith is

facing charges of misconduct involving a weapon and tampering with evidence.

Police had not identified any suspects in Fields' death as of Wednesday afternoon, but said the "investigation is ongoing and more arrests may be forthcoming."

ALASKA LEGISLATURE

Attendance becomes the top campaign issue in a key state House district

James Brooks
Anchorage Daily News

The state House race in Anchorage's Sand Lake neighborhood is one of a few that could decide who controls the Alaska House of Representatives for the next two years.

But if you look at campaign ads in the district, the biggest issue in the race isn't the Permanent Fund dividend, school funding or the state budget — it's about the attendance of Rep. Sara Rasmussen, the Republican incumbent.

Rasmussen missed 168 of 481 votes in the 31st Alaska Legislature, the second-highest total of any lawmaker. More than 100 of the missed votes, including passage of the state budget, took place in March this year.

Rasmussen's independent challenger, Stephen Trimble, has criticized Rasmussen for those missed votes. So have third-party groups supporting Trimble's campaign.

"This is the only issue. They're sending out mailers and pushing videos into my district right now," Rasmussen said.

Rasmussen calls their approach a smear campaign that misses important context: She was prevented from returning to the Capitol because of quarantine rules added after she left Juneau to attend her great-grandfather's 100th birthday.

Attendance as a campaign issue

"I decided to run for state House when I saw that my current representative wasn't showing up for Alaska," Trimble said in a Sept. 2 video that launched his campaign.

Rasmussen issued a response two weeks later.

"I was barred from the Capitol because of COVID restrictions," she said, explaining that the video would be "the only time I'm going to talk about my opponent's purposeful and dishonest smear campaign."

But Trimble has continued to campaign on the issue, and Rasmussen has had to address it as she goes door to door. A Democratic campaign group has spent heavily on ads that feature it. One online ad says, "This November, let's elect someone who will actually show up and take care of business."

Attendance has been a key issue in at least one other race. Rep. Mark Neuman, R-Big Lake, was defeated in the Republican primary after local party officials endorsed his challenger. They said Neuman's absences, caused by health problems, had become a liability.

'Not in a normal world'

It's common for legislators to leave the Capitol during the Legislative session to visit their districts, take care of family, or deal with medical issues. When Rasmussen left Juneau on March 11, she had already missed about 60 votes, more than three-quarters of the House's 40 members.

On the day she left for a six-day family trip, Gov. Mike Dunleavy declared a statewide public health disaster.

Two days later, members of the House and Senate agreed to limit access to the state Capitol as a public health precaution. Lawmakers who traveled Outside were asked to quarantine themselves away from the Capitol for one week after returning.

While some lawmakers had left Juneau for week-end trips to their home

districts, Rasmussen was the only lawmaker outside of the state at that time. Rep. Sharon Jackson, R-Eagle River, had returned to the state before the quarantine rules became effective.

On the day that Rasmussen posted a picture of herself in St. George, Utah, the Legislature extended the quarantine to two weeks.

"We're not in a normal world. It's turned upside-down," Speaker of the House Bryce Edgmon, I-Dillingham, said at the time.

After the Legislature's action, Rasmussen asked for a legal opinion. Legislative attorney Marie Marx said it wasn't clear whether Rasmussen could be forced to stay away.

In the end, she decided to quarantine for two weeks at home after returning to Anchorage on March 17.

"I appreciate that she's going to observe that, and she's really torn up," House Minority Leader Lance Pruitt, R-Anchorage, said at the time.

Rasmussen didn't exit quarantine until April 1. By then, the Legislature had passed the state budget, authorized a statewide COVID-19 emergency, and quit Juneau until May, setting a speed record for budgetary work.

At the time Rasmussen left, did anyone know the quarantine rule was coming?

"The short answer on that is no," said House Rules Committee Chairman Chuck Kopp, R-Anchorage.

"I don't think anybody could have seen it coming that early on in March," said House Majority Leader Steve Thompson, R-Fairbanks.

Kopp said that while no one in the Capitol foresaw a quarantine, "It was understood by every legislator and every staff member was that the situation was evolving dramatically."

Rasmussen said on Friday that the problem she faced is one that other lawmakers will deal with in 2021.

"The pandemic isn't over. We need to find ways that we can use technology to still be able to conduct policy for our state," she said.

With the benefit of hindsight, would she have still gone on the trip?

"I think that everything is always different when we can see outcomes that weren't expected," she said. "I didn't expect a shutdown at the levels we saw. We learned a lot about the virus in a short period of time, and information was changing sometimes hourly. I would never want to miss the ability to vote for two weeks. It's a commitment I take very seriously."

CRIME AND COURTS

2 Alaskans charged in violent crimes connected to white supremacist prison gang

Tess Williams
Anchorage Daily News

Two people were charged in connection with violent crimes tied to a prison-based white supremacist gang, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Alaska said Wednesday.

The gang is known as the 1488s and members have been indicted on kidnapping, murder and assault charges during the last few years.

Justin Eaton, 45, of Anchorage and Felicia King, 55, of Wasilla joined several others in an indictment for what prosecutors say was a wide-ranging racketeering enterprise born out of an allegiance to the 1488 gang.

King was charged with accessory after the fact in connection with the beating, kidnapping and killing of 32-year-old gang member Michael Staton in August 2017, according to federal prosecutors.

Eaton, also known as "Skulls," was charged with racketeer influenced and corrupt organizations, or RICO, conspiracy, kidnapping and assault for his alleged role in the April 2017 beating of a former member.

Several defendants in the original indictment — including Filthy Fuhrer, who legally changed his name from Timothy Lobdell; Roy Naughton, known as "Thumper," 40; Glen Baldwin, known as "Glen Dog," 37; Craig King, referred to as "Oakie," 53; Colter O'Dell, 26; and Beau Cook, 32 — faced multiple racketeering-related charges, including murder, kidnapping and assault, tied to the killing of Staton.

Of the original defendants, all but Cook were charged in a RICO conspiracy. Naughton and Fuhrer additionally were charged with kidnapping and assault in aid of racketeering, in connection with incidents that happened in April 2017 and July 2017.

A joint investigation began in late 2017 and has resulted in 14 additional federal indictments related to the gang, according to Wednesday's statement from Alaska U.S. Attorney Bryan Schroder.

Fuhrer was a founding member of the group, which operated mainly out of the maximum-security Spring Creek Correctional Center, according to the indictment. The gang now operates in and out of prisons elsewhere in the country, investigators said.

Potential members are recruited and then required to serve a prison sentence before they can join the gang, according to the indictment. Members gain rank by committing crimes, the indictment said.

The group operates according to a widely distributed set of written rules that outline the structural order and

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rank of members, prosecutors said. Members identify through Nazi symbols and must commit violence on behalf of the gang before they're able to get a tattoo, or "patch," indicating that they're a high-ranking member.

Around 2016, Fuhrer became concerned that other members would disobey the rules while he was incarcerated, the indictment said. In order to enforce discipline within the gang, he allowed members to impose violent punishment on those who had disobeyed, the indictment said.

In 2017, Naughton had become upset with Staton, who also went by the name "Steak Knife," and asked Fuhrer for permission to "violently discipline Staton, because he had stolen from the Hells Angels and Naughton himself," the indictment said. Fuhrer agreed and gang members took him to an abandoned Wasilla home, where he was beaten and later shoved into the trunk of a car and taken to Craig and Felicia King's home, the indictment said.

Gang members had prepared an empty room with painting plastic in anticipation of beating Staton, according to the indictment. He was later wrapped in plastic and carpet, thrown in the trunk of a vehicle and taken to the woods, where O'Dell and Baldwin fatally shot him and burned his body, the indictment said.

Two other 1488 members, Nicholas M. Kozorra, 29, known as "Beast," and Dustin J. Clowers, 34, previously pleaded guilty to murder in aid of racketeering. Cook also pleaded guilty to kidnapping for his role in Staton's death.

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"Violent, race-motivated gangs don't belong in Alaska's communities, and those who engage in such violence will be aggressively pursued and held accountable," said Robert Britt, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Anchorage Field Office. "Today's additional charges exemplify the FBI's commitment in using a task force approach to disrupt and dismantle criminal organizations wherever they may surface."

ANCHORAGE

Assembly to consider special election for mayor at Nov. 4 meeting

Aubrey Wieber
Anchorage Daily News

The Anchorage Assembly plans to vote Nov. 4 on whether to hold a special election for mayor this winter.

A resolution sponsored by Assembly members Crystal Kennedy, Jamie Allard and Kameron Perez-Verdia would create a special election on Jan. 26.

The resolution was originally on this week's agenda, but the meeting ended before the body took it up.

Also on the Wednesday agenda is a public hearing for an ordinance from Assemblyman John Weddleton, which would have the winner of the April mayoral election take office upon certification of the results, rather than wait until July.

Acting Mayor Austin Quinn-Davidson was sworn into office Friday evening, after former Mayor Ethan Berkowitz resigned after acknowledging an "inappropriate messaging relationship" with a reporter.

After Berkowitz announced his resignation, the Assembly voted to reorganize the body, as the chair becomes acting mayor until a new one is elected. Quinn-Davidson was selected.

The next regularly scheduled mayoral election is in April, and the winner would normally take office in July. However, some felt that's too long to have an unelected mayor leading the city.

Any candidate eligible for the April election would be eligible for a special election, but like the regular election, the winner needs to get at least 45% of the vote.

More than 10 candidates have filed letters of intent with the state for that position, making a runoff for a special and general election likely.

City clerk Barbara Jones said the city estimated a special election to cost about \$350,000 and a runoff could cost around another \$323,000.

That candidate would have to win again in the April election to remain mayor.

The resolution to hold a special election needs six votes to pass, which is more difficult than usual since Quinn-Davidson, as acting mayor, will not vote. Neither will Forrest Dunbar, who is running for mayor. That would mean two-thirds of the voting members would need to support the resolution.

INTERIOR

Collision near Fairbanks leaves truck driver dead

Anchorage Daily News

A collision early Tuesday involving a water tanker and a volunteer fire department pickup along the snowy Parks Highway near Fairbanks left one man dead, Alaska State Troopers said.

An Ester Volunteer Fire Department pickup driven by 22-year-old Emma Ison of Fairbanks was northbound on the highway near Mile 354 around 8:30 a.m. when she started to pass a


slower-moving vehicle in the other northbound lane, troopers said in an online statement. The pickup went out of control and crossed into oncoming traffic lanes, where it struck a Pioneer Wells water-hauling tanker.


Troopers said Ison tried to help the other driver, 36-year-old Dewey Frost of North Pole, after the crash. Frost was trapped inside the truck and died of his injuries, troopers said.

The highway remained

dangerous Wednesday morning, and the state Department of Transportation said travel would be difficult in the area because of ice, packed snow and fresh snow on the roadway.

Troopers said the crash is under investigation.

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**ANCHORAGE DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP**



Election official Elaine Leibert prepares absentee ballots to be scanned and tabulated at the Division of Elections Region II office in Anchorage on Tuesday.

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COUNT

independent challenger Alyse Galvin by 18 points, down from 26 on Election Day. U.S. Sen. Dan Sullivan led Democratic-endorsed independent Al Gross by 30 points on Election Day and now leads by 22 — 58% to 36%.

At the top of the ticket, President Donald Trump leads Democratic candidate Joe Biden by almost 20 points, or 58% to 38%, down from 29 points on Election Day.

Entering Tuesday, Gross, Galvin and Biden needed to win about 70% of all remaining votes in order to overcome Republican leads on Election Day. Instead, they won between 53% and 57%. That means they must win a much greater percentage of the remaining 100,000 or so uncounted ballots to win.

Following Tuesday's batch of results, the Gross campaign sent out a statement saying the race remains too close to call. When asked if he is confident that future batches will more heavily favor Democrats, Gross campaign manager David Keith said "absolutely."

Gross would have to win more than three-fourths of the remaining ballots to win the election.

Matt Shuckerow, Sullivan's campaign manager, said the numbers reflect what the campaign anticipated, and Sullivan continues to hold a strong lead. He said he doesn't want to be critical of the Gross campaign's optimism, but eventually the numbers are undeniable. "I think ultimately our opponent is going to begin being far more realistic at what is happening," Shuckerow said.



Absentee ballots are scanned for tabulation at the Division of Elections Region II office.

The Galvin campaign declined to immediately comment on the new batch of results.

All judges on the ballot are leading and on pace to be retained by voters.

Ballot Measure 1, the proposed oil tax increase, continues to trail by a wide margin. Down by over 29 percentage points on Election Day, it still trails by a 23-point margin.

The story is different for Ballot Measure 2, the three-part election-reform measure. Behind by 13 percentage points on Election Day, it now trails by fewer than 7 points. If the state's remaining uncounted ballots follow the same pattern as Tuesday's result, the measure would win by about 4,000 votes.

Few state legislative races received definitive results. In Fairbanks, House District 1 was a notable exception. Two years after winning by a single vote, Republican Rep. Bart LeBon has a 733-vote lead over Democratic challenger Christopher Quist. Estimates indicate about 500 votes remain to be counted there.

In Anchorage, several Democratic incumbents who trailed on Election Day now lead by significant margins. Rep. Ivy Spohnholz trailed Republican Paul Bauer on Election Day, but she now leads by 13 percentage points. About 1,100 votes are uncounted in that race, but the remaining votes are expected to lean Democratic.

Democratic Sen. Bill Wielechowski, whose Anchorage district covers Spohnholz's House district, trailed on Election Day but now leads Republican opponent Madeline Gaiser by 16 percentage points and appears on track for the largest victory in his political career. About 11,000 votes have been tallied, and about 2,100 remain.

Rep. Chris Tuck leads Republican Kathy Henslee by about 5 percentage points with 6,401 votes tallied. About 1,000 votes remain to be counted. Tuck trailed Henslee by 13 percentage points on Election Day.

Two Democratic incumbents in Fairbanks — Rep. Adam Wool and Rep. Grier

Hopkins — also lead after trailing on Election Day.

Few votes were counted in the Anchorage House race between Republican incumbent Rep. Lance Pruitt and Democratic challenger Liz Snyder, or in the race between Anchorage Assemblywoman Suzanne LaFrance and Republican James Kaufman. The winner of the latter election will decide who replaces Rep. Jennifer Johnston.

Anchorage Republicans Mel Gillis and David Nelson saw their Election Day leads dwindle significantly. Nelson leads Democratic candidate Lyn Franks by only 126 votes with more than 1,000 to be counted. Both are seeking to replace Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux.

Gillis, an incumbent appointed by Gov. Mike Dunleavy, leads Democratic-endorsed independent Calvin Schrage by 166 votes with almost 1,900 still to be counted.

Statewide turnout is on pace to break the all-time record, with about 350,000 votes expected. The old record, set in 2008, saw 327,341 votes cast.

FROM PAGE A1
SLOW PACE

the part of election workers. Alaska waits a week after Election Day to start counting absentee and some early voting ballots. With high absentee voting due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of unprocessed ballots has been placed under a microscope.

On Tuesday, several people questioned the Division of Elections on social media, asking officials to explain how the unique weeklong delay improves integrity.

"We can ask the appropriate people for that information and try to give you an explanation," the elections division responded on Twitter.

"More than anything, it's an inconvenience for folks who are trying to figure out if they're elected or not elected. But the real danger with a slow count is if the public feels there's something wrong with the process. And in my view, they're right. We do need to clarify this in the upcoming Legislature," Kawasaki said.

Alaska is the only state in the nation that delays the counting of absentee ballots until at least after Election Day. Gail Fenuiai, director of the Alaska Division of Elections, has previously said that delay is needed because the state compares signature books at Election Day polling stations with absentee ballots submitted by voters.

Until the books return from the state's 400-plus polling stations to regional counting facilities, absentee ballots can't be fully processed.

But in 2016 and 2018, Alaska used a different procedure common in other states. If someone requested an absentee ballot, their local poll book contained a warning label indicating that they had done so.

If they wanted to vote in person instead of through the mail, they either had to vote a questioned ballot — which would be subject to additional post-election review — or bring their blank absentee ballot to the polls as proof that they hadn't voted twice. Poll workers were instructed to tear up the absentee ballot in front of the voter to make sure.

That procedure allowed some absentee ballots to be counted on Election Day because officials could guarantee their validity ahead of time.

Alaska law also restricts the amount of pre-processing that can be done before Election Day. Some states allow election workers to examine absentee ballots three weeks before Election Day, according to analysis by the National Conference of State Legislatures. Alaska's absentee ballot review board isn't convened until a

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week before Election Day. Pennsylvania, which similarly restricts absentee ballot review, hired multiple shifts of election workers to process ballots faster. Alaska did hire additional workers this year to deal with a record absentee turnout, but it does not appear to have done so to the extent that Pennsylvania did.

Lt. Gov. Kevin Meyer, the elected official in charge of the state's elections, has declined multiple interview requests from the Daily News, including one on Tuesday afternoon when his spokesperson said he was unavailable.

Meyer did give an interview on a conservative talk radio show Tuesday morning, saying his goal is to keep elections normal despite an abnormal year.

The Daily News sent a list of questions to Meyer and his staff, including whether Alaska's system provides more security than other states and whether Meyer is happy with how the election has been run. He did not respond.

While some have been quick to publicly voice frustration, Alaska's congressional campaigns have shown patience. Challengers Al Gross and Alyse Galvin are fighting the large leads that U.S. Sen. Dan Sullivan and U.S. Rep. Don Young secured on election night and the following day. Both the Gross and Galvin campaigns have said they believe early and absentee voting could favor them enough to come back and win.

Matt Shuckerow, Sullivan's campaign manger, said the campaign will look back at the process after the election, and said he expects the state and Legislature will do the same. But he has confidence in the integrity of the system.

"In a perfect world, we would have loved to have our results sooner, to have more clarity in this election, but we're patient," Shuckerow said.

David Keith, campaign manager for Al Gross, also said he is not frustrated with the delayed results. He characterized it as "enhanced anticipation."

Despite the state's slow start, Alaska law demands that the state finish counting no more than 15 days after Election Day, and the election is scheduled to be certified by Nov. 25. If it does so, the state will finish ahead of at least 19 others, which have later deadlines or none at all.

Cottage deep clean uncovers a relationship mess

Q. Dear Amy: I have been with my partner for six years. We are both 30. We live together and own a small cottage together outside of the city.

His parents are very kind people, but they don't seem to want to allow my partner to grow up and be independent.

The most recent, and so far most aggravating aspect of this is that his parents were supposed to stay at our cottage over a long weekend. Instead of relaxing and enjoying themselves as they promised, they secretly went just to do a deep clean, started little projects around the house, and fixed up minor things, which we were preparing to do ourselves.

I felt guilty for the work they did, in addition to feeling like our place wasn't sufficiently clean for them.

This may seem like a dream to others, but to me, it is just another way which I feel my partner (who is the youngest of three), has shirked his responsibilities and failed to grow up!

I am the oldest of three, and I've always fixed things on my own.

Currently, we have a leaking faucet. Our own plumber said that we could do this on our own pretty easily.

I would like us to work

together to fix it, but he just wants to call up his parents to have them come and take care of it.

How can I approach this situation (and future projects), without sounding selfish and ungrateful for their kind efforts to help?

I've grown up faster than my partner has.

— Independent

A. Dear Independent: For many people, doing little jobs around a cottage is as restful and relaxed as they can handle.

However, while some people might interpret family members "deep cleaning" their home as a welcome gift, you don't like it (I wouldn't, either).

You seem to see this as an indictment of your partner and his parents; I see this as a boundary issue which you, as an independent person and homeowner, can address.

You could say to them, "Wow, you really did a deep clean when you stayed at the house. I honestly wish you hadn't. Also, I know it might be frustrating for you to see these little things around the house that need to be fixed, but we want to fix them on our own."

If you believe that fixing a leaky faucet on your own is a sign of adulthood, then

fix it. There are plenty of YouTube videos available to demonstrate basic home repair (or you could ask your guy's mom to show you). It is a one-person job, so get started.

In many families, "acts of service" are how family members express their love. Letting these people be useful at things they are obviously good at might be a kindness to them. But you get to set the boundaries.

Q. Dear Amy: I'm sure you are getting a lot of mail about attending weddings in the time of COVID.

Here's my dilemma: My niece is getting married in May 2021 in another state. My husband and I are not sure that it will be safe for us to travel across the country to attend her wedding. My sister-in-law keeps talking about it as if it is a given that we'll be there. What should we tell her?

— Worried About Wedding

A. Dear Worried: You should tell your sister-in-law that you are crossing your fingers that you will be able to travel safely to this wedding, but that so far, you just don't know.

Ask her to be frank with you about the deadline for making your decision, and promise to let her know

before that date.

The pandemic has forced most families to recalculate their plans. One thing I hope we have all learned is that each person needs to be responsible for their own safety, comfort, and health, regardless of the pressure they may feel to override their own judgment for the sake of appearances.

Q. Dear Amy: "Heartbroken" relayed his pain

when his long-time partner stayed with him through his battle with cancer, and then left after he recovered.

For years, I ran a support network for brain tumor patients at a medical center in Cleveland and was amazed at how many couples broke up when one was diagnosed.

Your answer was correct, compassionate and wise. Heartbroken will do better with someone else, but will not understand



AMY DICKINSON
ASK AMY

that until later.
— Supportive

A. Dear Supportive: True understanding most often appears in the rearview mirror.

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West Anchorage Snow Disposal Project
Project Management and Engineering No. 19-01



Please Join Us at the Anchorage Transportation Fair!
Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2020
Time: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Location: <https://publicinput.com/N7313>

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Please join us at the project's online Anchorage Transportation Fair Booth to provide your feedback regarding the Draft Site Selection Study and the preferred location for the West Anchorage Snow Disposal Project.

The comment period ends November 20, 2020. Visit www.westanchoragesnow.com for project information and to submit comments. You can also contact the project team at info@westanchoragesnow.com.



West Anchorage Snow Disposal Project Phase Two Public Outreach Summary

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Virtual Public Meeting

Thursday, October 29, 2020

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

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Project Flyer



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Comment Log

West Anchorage Snow Disposal Project Comment Log								
Comment Number	Date	Comment Type	Commenter	Organization	Comment	Response Date	Responded By	Response
1	10/28/2020	Email to Melinda Tsu	Cathy Gelson	Turnagain Community Council		10/28/2020	Melinda Tsu	Hello Cathy, I received your voice mail requesting a copy of the draft site selection study. If you can join our meeting tomorrow evening, that would be great. And if you are not able to join the meeting, please feel free to provide comments either through the project website comment or to PM&E by November 20th.
					Voicemail left for Melinda Tsu requesting a copy of the draft site selection study		Josie Wilson	Best Regards, Cathy – hope you can join us! All – the Site Selection Study is also available online at: https://www.westanchoragesnow.com/ Looking forward, ~Josie
2a	10/29/2020	Virtual Meeting Online Chat	Chad Wilson	Public	How was the site decided?	10/29/2020	Bill Spencer	Chad, greeting this is Bill Spencer, Project lead at HDR, We went through a study and site selection process that produced Connor's as the preferred alternative. We are of course still collecting information and this meeting is part of that process. I could walk you through the reasoning, do you have any particular area of interest.
2b					Thanks. Cool. Yes, what goes into the process? I'm supportive, just curious.		Bill Spencer	study, it lists all the parameters we looked at and the winnowing down of possible sites to the preferred alternative. It is a gripping read, bring a cup of strong coffee.
2c					Haha!! I will. I was hoping to not have to read it and just ask. My wife, Josie, is on the project and I like to ask her questions.		Bill Spencer	That would explain why she suggested that I answer you inquiry :), my wife would have probably done the same. The crux of it comes down to finding a site in the snow removal area to be serviced, that the city owned (low cost), with relatively low impacts to neighbors and agility to be operated at night when most of the snow removal operation take place.
2d					That's funny. :) thanks. That's all I really wanted to know. Have a good night. Tell Josie not to work too hard.		Bill Spencer	We'll try to get her freed up in time for dinner
3a					Will there be any kind of presentation or just Q&A chatting?		Josie Wilson	Hi Cathy! Thanks for joining us. This is Josie. We have the entire project team on this virtual chat available. No formal presentation. :)
3b					I haven't had a chance to read the site selection study, but looks like the recommended site is in Connors Bog just south of the ballfield area along Minnesota — correct?		Melinda Tsu	Hello Cathy! This is Melinda Tsu. Thanks for joining us tonight! To answer your question, yes the preferred site is the Connor's Bog site south of Dela Vega field. --Melinda
3c					Even though this parcel is not technically dedicated parkland (and thus reduces Parks and Recreation Department approval, has the Parks Dept. been included in the site selection process to-date and aware of the recommended site?		Melinda Tsu	True that the site is not dedicated parkland as you noted. PM&E and the project team has involved Parks and Rec in the site selection process. We also provided an information item about the preferred site, Connor's Bog, to the Parks Commission and the Parks provided a staff report confirming their support of
3d					When did this go before the Parks Commission? Did the Commission (or just staff) provide support of the site for snow disposal use?		Melinda Tsu	It was on the September 10, 2020 Parks Commission meeting. There was no formal action item, but the Commission did not express any objection and just asked to be kept informed.
3e					Wish public had been notified about that meeting to provide input to the Commission. The West Anchorage District Plan does designate this area as "Parks and Natural Resource," so surprised the Park Dept. supports this Class A Wetland being used for the snow dump. That's unfortunate.		Melinda Tsu	The Parks Commission does not have a formal role in this project and therefore this item was not advertised to the public. However, when PM&E attended the meeting, we did specify that PM&E has a public involvement process and we will be collecting input and feedback that we receive about the site selection process and the preferred site identified.
3f					Does the Site Selection Study make reference to the WADP and its land use designation? (Sorry, again, that I have not looked through it, yet). If not, that's a big omission in the study; if so, how does it justify an incompatible use, i.e., the snow disposal site, based on the "Parks and Natural Areas" land use designation?		Josie Wilson	Hi Cathy! This is Josie. I wanted to also let you know that the meeting today is being recorded as part of the public record. We will make sure your comments and questions are represented as the project goes through the process. :) So, thank you! We appreciate you participating.

3g	13/29/2020	Virtual Meeting Online Chat	Cathy Gleason	Turnagain Community Council			Julie Makela	Hello! This is Julie Makela. I'm the project administrator. We recognize this is a valuable park and natural area. We explored to the maximum extent possible site location that meet Street Maintenance's criteria for a cost effective operation. We know there are pros and cons to the preferred site.
3h					Is the WADP land use designation of this parcel addressed in the study?		Julie Makela	I don't believe we mentioned it in the draft but this is a great point. We will include this in our analysis and final version.
3i					Thank you — I was heavily involved as one of two Turnagain Community Councils representatives in the development of the WADP, so when something is proposed to counter this Plan (which took 2-3 years for completion!), it definitely gets my attention. Is mitigation for filled 32 acres of Class A wetlands been addressed, yet? I would think the most appropriate path to for the Corps fill permit would be to create permanent protection for the remaining MOA-owned wetlands contiguous to this parcel.		Julie Makela	After finalizing the Site Selection Study, our next step is to go to the USACE to get a jurisdictional determination and lay out a path for permitting (if required).
3j					Definitely would like to see the public involved in that discussion, to ensure the remaining wetlands in this are will not be subject to future 'industrial' type of uses.			
3k								Cathy, this is Bill Spencer water resource engineering lead for HDR. Unlike the current site this new site will be designed with treatment structures. The primary pollutants that come out of meltwater are chloride and sediment (turbidity). We have Scott Wheaton (MOA's retired watershed scientist) on our team and will take a close look at the ADEC requirements for discharge and how to meet them. Settlement and detention ponds will be part of the mix as will structures to disperse the meltwater into the wetlands to help with continued hydration or the remaining wetlands. The current site also discharges into these wetlands but without extensive treatment. Most of that water flows directly downslope to the lake and has limited positive impact on the wetlands. While we definitely will have a negatively impact on the wetlands where the snow is deposited we are hoping to have a positive affect on the remaining wetlands.
					Would any 'treatment' of snow melt runoff be required before it is discharged into remaining Connor's Bog/Lake?		Bill Spencer	
3l					Thank you — lack of appropriate treatment and cost of installation at the Airport snow disposal site (as well as no long-term lease) seemed to be the tipping point for the Muni to find a new disposal site. Having said that, though, TCC has received an Airport lease application notice from the Muni to use the Airport snow disposal site for this winter season (Nov. 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021). Are you aware of this lease proposal? I'm assuming the Muni is not planning to spend capital for any treatment operations that supposedly was being required for this site, since it seems to be a short-term lease. Do you have info. on this? It's a little confusing from a public perspective that public comment is occurring for two different Muni snow disposal projects at the same time.		Melinda Tsu	This is Melinda Tsu again. Very relevant question Cathy. PM&E is aware that the Real Estate Department is pursuing a short term lease for use of the Airport property for the municipality to continue to use that site for snow disposal use. This is necessary for the interim until a permanent site that is owned by the MOA. This project still has many steps to work through beyond confirming the final site selection, including agency permitting and design. Therefore this short term lease is needed until the permanent site is constructed and ready for operation, which is not anticipated until 2021 or 2022 depending on the development process and method of construction.
3m							Josie Wilson	Hi Cathy, this is Josie again. I was honestly unaware about the other public comment period on the other snow project. Thanks for letting me know. I really appreciate it. I think it could be confusing so any advice is appreciated on how to make it more clear. I know the team wanted to release the draft site selection study as soon as possible. Hopefully, with the Online Open House being available for a while, that will help. If you have any thoughts to clarify or help communication for this project, I welcome your advice. :)

13n					<p>Back to the Connor's Bog recommended snow disposal site: The criteria for a new site includes "a minimum of 10 acres of unused land, ideally at least 15 acres." The recommended Connor's Bog site is 32 acres, which is way over this criteria acreage footprint. What is the justification for this large of a disposal site, when recommended site size in the study is far smaller. Reducing the site footprint to, say 20 acres, would still be much larger than the size criteria identified in the site study. This would result in a lower project cost and reduced the environmental impact on on high-value Class A wetlands. Unless the public is provided reasonable justification to increase the site acreage criteria, I see no reason for filling/developing 32 acres for this project — just because the land mass exists..</p>		Bill Spencer	<p>Cathy, Bill again, the actual depositional area is proposed to be 10-15 acres, there will be a small additional footprint for access roads, berms and water quality structures. The site selection study chose the 32 acre parcel as the recommended site but the actual snow disposal infrastructure will only utilize about half of the parcel as shown on the site selection graphic. Creating the fill pad for the snow deposition area will be the major cost of creating the site and will be kept to the minimum needed by street maintenance. We will need to clarify that point in the document. Thanks for pointing out that inconsistency.</p>
3o					<p>Thanks, Bill. A more detailed breakdown and site development graphic would be beneficial to understand the acreage usage for the project. Since we're at the 30,000-foot level of the design in what's provided in this site study, it will be important to see more detail ASAP, so that public comment can address specifics. One thing I think will be important from a purely aesthetic perspective is preserving a large area of wetlands/upland vegetation between the disposal development and Minnesota Dr. — essentially making it 'invisible' from this main thoroughfare. Preserving a natural buffer would definitely be preferable to more wetland filling and building a large, artificially-looking landscaped berm along Minnesota.</p>		Julie Makela	<p>Hi this is Julie again. Great point! We can clarify in the final site selection study the impact won't be to the entire 32 acre parcel. These are great points for the design consideration. We will be starting the design after USACE permitting.</p>
3p					<p>I see it's 6:00 p.m. — time to figure out what we're having for dinner! Thank you, very much, for your time and providing important feedback to my questions and comments. Will both Qs and As of this chat be available on the project website soon (i.e., before the comment deadline)? Again, many thanks!</p>		Josie Wilson	<p>Hi Cathy, this is Josie. From the project team, we all want to thank you. Your questions and comments have been helpful and insightful. We do intend to post the comment spreadsheet. And based on your suggestion, the team is going to post something online. So, thank you! :) Take care. :)</p>
4a	11/2/2020	Email	Shaun Debenham	Debenham Properties	<p>Josie, I just got a postcard in the mail looking for feedback on a site selection for the new snow disposal site. I do not support the Strawberry Bog site. We own the multi-family complex directly west of this site (The Residences at Northwood) and having a 24/7 snow disposal site adjacent to our apartments would adversely affect our tenants. Many of our tenants select our apartments due to the quiet area that they are in. In addition to this, we are in the process of developing another 150+ units of housing in this area which would also be adversely affected by a loud, ugly 24/7 snow dump. Please do not select the Strawberry Bog site. I do favor the Connor's Bog site. This is better because it is not near developed areas. Thank you, Shaun Debenham</p>	11/5/2020	Josie Wilson	<p>Greetings Mr. Debenham, Thank you for taking the time to provide comments. The Draft Site Selection Study does identify Connor's Bog as the preferred site.</p> <p>Public comment is an important part of the selection process and your preference has been documented. If you are interested in being added to the project list and receive email updates, please let us know. Updates will also be posted to the project website at www.westanchoragesnow.com. Again, thank you for your involvement and input. We appreciate it. Thank you, Josie Wilson</p>
4b	11/5/2020				<p>Thank you Josie. Yes, if you could add me to the email updates, that would be awesome. Thanks. Shaun T. Debenham</p>			<p>No response required</p>

5	11/2/2020	Email	Jana Barlow		Hi. I would just like to comment on the snow "removal". I live in a cul de sac on Borland Circle in West Anchorage. The snow is rarely, if ever removed from the cul de sacs. We are treated as second class citizens. The snow mountains in the middle of our cul de sacs makes it difficult to back out of our driveways and can possibly impede any fire trucks or ambulances that might have to come through especially if someone is parked outside of their driveways. There are five homes with elderly people here. Neighbors add to the giant mountain of snow when shoveling and one set of kids drive their four wheelers over it and play on it. It is maddening to have these giant mountains of snow and one of the reasons that I would love to leave here. Can you please consider adding the cul de sacs to the list of removal to the snow dumps? Very few people will see the ad for this project in the newspaper as it is small and people don't pay attention. Thank you, Jana Barlow	11/6/2020	Josie Wilson	Greetings Jana, Thank you for taking the time to notify the Project Management and Engineering Department (PM&E) about your concerns. We are so sorry to hear about the snow plowing issues. At PM&E, we take every public comment and feedback as valuable. We will share your concerns and frustrations with the Operations and Maintenance team to see if there is anything that can be done. We also wanted you to be aware of the Municipality of Anchorage's Street Maintenance Dispatch Center at 343-8277. We encourage you to call them when snow plowing is needed on your street during winter. If you have any questions on the West Anchorage Snow Disposal Site Selection Project, please let us know. We would be happy to add your email to the project list for receiving email updates on this project if you desire to be kept informed. All emails are kept confidential and used for this project only. Updates will also be posted to the project website at www.westanchoragesnow.com . Again, thank you for your involvement and input. We appreciate it. Thank you, Josie Wilson
6	11/11/2020	Email	Karen Cody	Public	I am completely supportive of snow removal placement at Connors bog. For 5+ years I have been part of a nationwide project to track existence and numbers of vulnerable bird species in wetlands. This past year I was shocked at the low low level of the water and talked with a knowledgeable person in the muni about it. The bog apparently is not stream fed but derives it's water from rainfall and snow removal piles. Two years of low rainfall and snow took a toll on a very special much loved lake that supports an amazing variety of wildlife including vulnerable bird species. The snow removal piles may very well make a huge difference in the survival of Connors bog. I so thank you for selecting it. Not to dramatize but this is an answer to one of my prayers. My gratitude to you Karen Coady	11/17/2020	Josie Wilson	Greetings Karen, Thank you for taking the time to provide a comment on the Draft Site Selection Study. Your comment really means a lot to us and we are glad that the preferred site location identified could be a potential blessing for vulnerable bird species. We certainly hope this to be the case! Public comment is an important part of the process and your comment will be included in our documentation. If you are interested in being added to the project list and receive email updates, please let us know. Updates will also be posted to the project website at https://www.westanchoragesnow.com/ . We also welcome any information you can share on how this project could benefit sensitive bird populations. Again, thank you for your involvement and input. We appreciate it. Thank you, Josie Wilson
7	11/17/2020	Email	Karen Cody	Public	Yes I would be so grateful to be added to your update list and I thank you for your considerate and sensitive response to my email Karen Coady		Josie Wilson	Hi Karen, We added you to the project email list. Again, please do not hesitate to reach out with any future comments or questions. We appreciate you. Thank you for your kind words. All the best, Project Team
8	11/20/2020	Email	Karen Cody	Public	And I am so grateful to you for using Connor bog. Now the special and vulnerable birds who have thrived there including red necked grebe couples will have a chance. In a bleak year you have been a huge beam of sunlight			No response required

9	11/20/2020	Email	Cherie Northon	Anchorage Waterways Council	<p>Hello, Attached is a copy of our comment letter for this proposed project. Thank you, Cherie</p> <p>Letter:</p> <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>AWC is committed to the protection of the waterways and wetlands within the MOA, and therefore has some strong concerns about the proposed "preferred alternative" known as Site 5 in the West Anchorage Snow Disposal - Draft Site Selection Study.</p> <p>It is agreed by AWC and the West Anchorage Snow Disposal Site team that this site, specifically, and Connors Bog, in general, are the highest value Class A wetlands. Accordingly, there is the utmost need for them to be protected and carefully considered for impacts.</p> <p>1. AWC believes that it would first be prudent to continue negotiations with the Ted Stevens International Airport in regard to a longer-term lease with the MOA for the existing "Northwood Site".</p> <p>2. Although we disagree with the path forward, if the preferred site were to be developed, we would like to ensure that proper permitting and mitigation are completed pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.</p> <p>Most sincerely, Isaac Watkins AWC Board President</p>			<p>Greetings Cherie,</p> <p>Thank you for sending us the letter from the Anchorage Waterways Council. We appreciate the Anchorage Waterways Council's feedback concerning the preferred alternative site location of Connor's Bog.</p> <p>The Municipality of Anchorage's goal is to have the ability to own the land that the new site will be located on. This will increase the site's longevity and best serve the West Anchorage Communities during the winter months. As you mentioned, the existing site is located on land owned by Ted Stevens International Airport. Due to future plans for the site, however, a long-term lease or purchase option is not available.</p> <p>If the Connor's Bog site is chosen in the final Site Selection Study the needed and required permitting and mitigation will take place.</p> <p>Again, thank you for your involvement and input.</p> <p>All the best, West Anchorage Snow Disposal Project Team</p>
10	11/23/2020	Email	Cathy Gleason	Turnagain Community Council	<p>West Anchorage Snow Disposal Site Project Team,</p> <p>Please accept the attached comments from Turnagain Community Council. Thank you, Josie, for allowing me to submit them beyond the stated deadline of last Friday. We hope to receive serious consideration of our letter, as the importance of Connor's Bog Class A wetlands to the West Anchorage community is significant.</p> <p>Don't hesitate to contact me, if you have any questions or need clarification on our input.</p> <p>Thank you, Cathy L. Gleason Turnagain Community Council President</p> <p>Letter:</p>			<p>Greetings Turnagain Community Council,</p> <p>Thank you for providing public comment on the West Anchorage Snow Disposal Site Selection Study Draft report.</p> <p>Hearing from community councils, like yours, helps us to make informed decisions. It also assists in making the best decision possible for this process.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>We have fully documented your comment for the public record and sincerely appreciate the time you took in gathering and siting municipal plans and documents. We will review each one and discuss how to include and consider in the final site selection report. We will also include and convey this information as part of the decision-making process. It is our intent to find the best solution in accordance with the long-term Municipal plans.</p> <p>Please be assured that if the proposed location of Connor's Bog is selected and a project progresses, all appropriate permitting and mitigation measures for protection of wetlands and wildlife will be followed as part of the project.</p> <p>Again, thank you for taking the time to submit your concerns and for your involvement. We sincerely appreciate the knowledge that the Turnagain Community Council brings to our community and this project.</p> <p>Sincerely West Anchorage Snow Disposal Project Team</p>