



NOTICE OF DECISION RE: HP2021-001

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RE: HP2021-001 Yankovich-Mill Hill Road Reconstruction and Multi-use Path Project

Dear Ms. Ackiss:

At its meeting of December 8, 2020, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Planning Commission **approved** the above referenced highway project.

For the purposes of the local review process, this project was classified as a non-significant, public hearing item because the project involved acquisition of right-of-way and/or relocation of business(es) or home(s), and controversy and public comment was not expected.

The Planning Commission voted ten (10) in favor; zero (0) opposed to **approve** HP2021-001 and adopted the Staff Report and following Findings of Fact in support of its decision:

Findings of Fact

1. This project supports Goal 1, Strategy 1, Action C ("Ensure that road designs improve safety and minimize adverse impacts") of the Transportation Section of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Regional Comprehensive Plan. Making the improvement to Yankovich Road as a widened shoulder instead of a separated pathway, the right-of-way impacts are greatly reduced, and the new design of the roadways on both Yankovich Road and Miller Hill Road improve safety for both vehicles and pedestrians throughout the project area.
2. The project is consistent with Strategy 3 which states "Make the Borough more pedestrian-friendly in urban and suburban areas", because adding pathway connections to the pedestrian and bicycle network makes the borough a more pedestrian friendly area. In addition, having a six-foot shoulder for pedestrians on the newly designed Yankovich Road will be much safer than the current one to zero-foot shoulders throughout the corridor.

3. The project is consistent with Strategy 4 which states "Integrate safe multi-use trail circulation into road networks and maintain multi-use trails for commuter and recreational purposes". Action B) Encourage use of non-motorized transportation systems. This project includes a paving of the multi-use pathway that is currently a gravel surface, this enhances safe circulation adjacent to road networks and encourages use of non-motorized transportation.

Projects which are classified as non-significant, public hearing items that are given unconditional approval by the Planning Commission will not require Assembly approval, therefore, this concludes the local review process and the remainder of the 90-day objection period is waived.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance during the review process. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 459-1260.

Sincerely,



D. Christine Nelson, AICP
Community Planning Director

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