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## **DOT&PF Notice to Begin Engineering & Environmental Studies and Floodplain Encroachment: Hoonah Harbor Way Pedestrian Improvements and Pitt Island Cemetery Walkway**

**State # SFHWY00278 / Federal # 0003255**

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is proposing to create a continuous walkway from the core of Hoonah out to Pitt Island. This is in order to provide safe and reliable access to the community's cemetery which is located on Pitt Island, as well as to help alleviate tourist-related pedestrian congestion in the harbor area.

### **The proposed project includes the following improvements:**

- Approximately 0.5 miles of walkway, including turnarounds, will be built atop U.S. Army Corps of Engineers breakwater
- An approximately 190- foot pedestrian bridge will be built from the shore to the breakwater
- Design will use City and Borough of Juneau standards and would construct a 6-foot-wide concrete sidewalk with curbs along the City of Hoonah-owned Harbor Way
- A thickened edge sidewalk will be built along the boat harbor parking area
- Minor drainage, pavement and pedestrian improvements, as well as utility adjustments, along City of Hoonah-owned Harbor Way and the boat harbor parking area, necessary to construct sidewalk

This project involves construction of structures and pile driving in marine waters and, as such, will include encroachments into the base floodplain; identified as Hoonah 0200490027C.

The encroachments are anticipated to be minor, with no net changes to the base flood elevation, thus they would not result in significant encroachments. Additionally, no longitudinal encroachments are anticipated.

### **Construction is projected to begin as early as May 2022.**

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by DOT&PF pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated November 3, 2017, and executed by FHWA and DOT&PF.

Development of this proposed project would follow a process required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Based on project location and scope of work, the environmental document is anticipated to be a categorical exclusion (CE). Possible affected resources include wetlands, waters of the U.S., eagles, endangered species, marine mammals, fish habitat, and cultural or historic properties.

### **The proposed project would comply with all applicable authorities including:**

- EO-11988 (Floodplain Management)
- EO-12898 (Environmental Justice)
- Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act
- Clean Air Act and Clean Water Acts
- Endangered Species Act
- Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Management Act
- National Historic Preservation Act - Section 106
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act

DOT&PF is soliciting comments on the proposed project. Your comments would help us evaluate potential environmental, social, and economic impacts of this project, as well as impacts to historic and cultural resources.

### **Please submit your written comments to:**

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To ensure that all possible factors are considered, please provide comments via email, fax, or mailing address by November 21, 2020.

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If you or someone you represent requires special accommodations in order to respond to this public notice, please call or email the project coordinator listed above, or call Alaska Relay at 711, or call (800) 770-8973 for TTY, (800) 770-8255 for voice, (800) 770-3919 for ASCII, (866) 355-6198 for STS.

Ask the communications assistant to call the project coordinator listed above so arrangements can be made to assist you.

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