



NEWSLETTER

Project Update

December 2009

Happy Holidays!

The Building Demolition project is nearly complete. The following buildings were demolished: Samson's Hardware, the Hot Tamale Building, Samson's Warehouse, the Jackovich Apartments, the Haman Building, the Cook Building, and the Lounsbury Building.

DOT received preliminary approval from the Fairbanks North Star Borough platting board on November 18, 2009 for the Illinois Street Reconstruction project. The next step is to address the conditions of the preliminary approval, such as set back variances. Right-of-way (ROW) acquisition requirements for the project have not substantially changed since the last newsletter. Appraisals and negotiations are expected to be ongoing into 2010.

DOT has begun coordination with electrical and telecommunications utility companies on advance temporary utility relocates for overhead utilities between Phillips Field Road and Terminal Street. This work is expected to commence in the Summer/Fall of 2010.

DOT met with the Chena Riverfront Commission on December 7, 2009 to go over bridge design for the Barnette Street Bridge and proposed riverfront improvements, such as the path along the Chena River.

The final Barnette Street Bridge plans are ready to be advertised pending funding approval, with construction anticipated to begin in the Spring of 2010.

DOT anticipates the following project schedule:

- Demolition project—complete by end of December 2009
- Illinois Street 95% Design Review (Plans, Specifications, and Estimate)—January/February 2010
- Barnette Street Bridge Construction—February 2010 - May 2011
- Electrical/Telecommunication Temporary Relocates—June - September 2010
- Illinois Street Reconstruction Project Construction begins—June 2011

Please visit our website for continuing project updates as well as additional documents for viewing.

Look online at:

http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwdplng/projectinfo/project_pages/illinois_street/

or

If you have any questions or concerns about the design of the Illinois Street Reconstruction Project:

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