



NEWSLETTER

Project Update #1

August 2009

Thanks to many of you for attending and giving us your comments at the June 3, 2009 public hearing at the Noel Wien Library.

At the meeting we heard many concerns, including:

- What should happen to the Big "I" Bar;
- Roundabout;
- Vision Fairbanks;
- 2-way Traffic on Barnette and Cushman Streets.

Since the public meeting, the Fairbanks Metropolitan Area Transportation System (FMATS) Policy Committee has begun considering a roundabout at the Doyon/Terminal intersection (just south of the News-Miner) for the Illinois Street Reconstruction project. Their next meeting will be on August 19, at 10 am at DOT 2301 Peger Road. There will be an opportunity for public comment at that time.

If a roundabout is chosen by FMATS, access and right of way impacts are expected to change in the immediate area and further analysis would be required.

Meanwhile, detailed design activities continue on utilities, drainage, construction sequencing, parking and access.

Our Right of Way acquisition process is also continuing. The full acquisition properties that are boarded up along Illinois Street have already been acquired and are scheduled to be demolished this fall/winter.. Partial acqui-

sitions (acquisition of parts of parcels) are currently being appraised. Some property owners have been contacted by appraisers. Within the next few months a DOT negotiator will contact property owners to offer fair market value for the land that is scheduled to be acquired.

The new Barnette Street bridge is designed and the DOT anticipates it being ready to advertise for construction this fall/winter. Funding, demolition progress, permits, and other issues will factor into whether the bridge construction begins this winter.

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

Look online at:

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

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