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Project Update

September 2009

The demolition contract is underway and consisted of demolishing the Haman Building, Cook Building, Jackovich Apartments, Samson's Hardware, Samson's Warehouse, and Hot Tamale Building. Demolition is expected to begin the week of September 21 and continue through November 2009.

The Environmental Document Re-Evaluation has been submitted to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for review and approval. The Document concludes that the original Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is still valid.

The final Barnette Street Bridge plans are ready to be advertised once DOT receives a Coast Guard permit and three parcels of land from the City of Fairbanks are acquired. The relocation of a steam line at the intersection of 1st Avenue and Barnette Street is underway causing the reroute of traffic through the area. Work to relocate the steam line began September 20 and is expected to be completed by September 26. Questions about the steam line relocate should be directed to Matt Burdick at Aurora Energy (907-452-8767). The relocation of the steam line was necessary to move it out of conflict with the proposed bridge abutment.

Right-of-way (ROW) acquisition requirements for the project currently stand at 60 parcels, with acquisition complete for 17 of the parcels. The ROW appraisal process is currently underway for the remaining parcels. DOT has hired two consultants to complete the appraisals. Individual property owners will be contacted by the Appraisers. Once appraisals have been completed, property owners will be contacted by the ROW Negotiation staff before the end of 2009. Negotiations are expected to be ongoing into 2010.

DOT anticipates the following project schedule:

- Demolition project—September - December 2009
- Environmental Re-Evaluation approved—October 2009
- Illinois Street Reconstruction Project Review Plans, Specifications, and Estimate—December 2009

- Barnette Street Bridge Construction—January 2010 - May 2011
- Illinois Street Reconstruction Project Construction—June 2011 - September 2013

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 Illinois Street Reconstruction Project:

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