



Subject: Section 106 Meeting with All Consulting Parties	
Client: Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities	
Project: Highway to Highway	Project No: NH-000S(588)/58544
Meeting Date: August 19, 2009	In Attendance: See below
Notes by: Cecile A. Davis	

## Attendees

Darrel Hess, Municipality of Anchorage (MOA)  
Jerry Ruehle, Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF)  
Laurie Mulcahy, DOT&PF  
Jim Childers, DOT&PF  
Mike Vanderhoof, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)  
Patricia Sullivan, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)  
Bob Mitchell, Alaska Association and Historic Preservation (AAHP)  
Jessica Verges, AAHP  
Mike Yarborough, Cultural Resource Consultants, LLC (CRC)  
Lawrence Sommer, CRC  
Cecile Davis, HDR  
Elizabeth Grover, HDR  
John McPherson, HDR  
Julie Jessen, HDR  
Rob Jones, Anchorage Memorial Cemetery  
Catherine Carte, Scenic Foothills Community Council  
Sharon Chamard, Fairview Community Council  
Allen Kemplen, Fairview Community Council  
Don Pohland, Midtown Community Council  
Genevieve Holubik, USAF/Elmendorf Air force Base

## Meeting Summary

The meeting began at 6:00 pm with a welcome and project overview by Jerry Ruehle.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide an overview of Section 106, and an update on the survey data collection to date.

Meeting participants were asked to introduce themselves (e.g., name, organization) and indicate their favorite building in Anchorage.

Jim Childers gave a project update:

- Purpose and Need statement will be released for public review and comment. It was released to the participating agencies on Wednesday August 19, 2009.
- Screening Criteria was released for public review and comment simultaneously with the Purpose and Need statement.

Elizabeth Grover gave a PowerPoint presentation to introduce the group to the Section 106 process, as well as provide an update on the Cultural Resources Work Plan, Historic Context paper, and field survey and data collection effort. Pertinent points are as follows:

- Survey began July 13, 2009
- Postcards were sent to homeowners and residents in study areas
- All survey work is being performed from public ROW – no one goes on private property
- Survey has been focused on broad corridor study areas (Ingra-Gambell, Orca, and Cordova, etc.)
- Survey started in areas with greater density of potential historic buildings
- Survey team includes Architectural Historians that meet the Secretary of Interior Standards
- Survey team is using digital field equipment to gather data about the built environment
  - Archer field computer
  - Ricoh GPS camera
- Team created a GIS data application for field use
- Field data will be incorporated into a master database
- Field data will be incorporated into Project GIS to help inform screening and alternatives development
- Over 2,000 parcels documented to date
- Nearly 1,600 parcels with at least one building
- Survey will continue into October 2009
- Several property types have been identified during the survey including, but not limited to:
  - Cabins
  - Minimal Traditional
  - Contemporary
  - Ranch
  - Split levels
  - Multi-family
  - Commercial
  - Vernacular

Photos of the various property types were shown as well as screen shots of the Archer application and database Cultural Resources Data Viewer/Editor.

Julie Jessen asked for names of people who are familiar with Anchorage neighborhoods who might be interested in sharing their stories about Anchorage's growth or about potential historic properties with the project team.

John McPherson expressed that having people involved early in the process helps the engineers develop alternatives and make informed decisions that could avoid impacts to historic properties.

Jessica Verges asked if AAHP could share the Areas of Potential Effect (APE) and maps produced to date in their newsletter to inform the members and trigger people to come forward with stories and knowledge on the properties that we might not get in other ways. Julie agreed that that would be a good idea and suggested that Jessica should coordinate with Elizabeth.

Patty Sullivan reminded the group that Tribal consultation materials are not materials that are usually shared with the public. Elizabeth responded that H2H has a very good working

relationship with the Tribes and that sensitive materials are not being shared at the Tribes request.

Sharon Chamard asked about the coordinate system of Archer. John took the opportunity to explain about GIS for people in the group that might not be aware of its functions.

Sharon also asked if the survey was done in Fairview so that she could put in the Fairview Community Council newsletter. Elizabeth explained that for the time being they were done with the survey area in Fairview; however, the survey crew might survey additional areas of Fairview or might need to revisit areas as the alternatives get more refined.

Mike Vanderhoof briefed everyone about the course of the survey. He explained that the surveys started before the alternative screening. He added that if a different corridor is identified in the process the same level of surveying will be conducted on that corridor. He added that we are in the very early stages in the process and that once alternatives are refined, a greater level of detail will be provided.

The term consulting parties was discussed. The attendees were informed that the H2H team will hold meetings along the way and it's up to the individual how involved they get in the process.

Julie stated that the next meeting will likely be held sometime in November although no date has been scheduled. She also asked groups or individuals interested in formal consulting party status to send a letter or an e-mail to the project team indicating their interest.

Sharon added that the Fairview Community Council has a Leadership of Anchorage oral history DVD she can share with us. She also recommended that it would be nice to share the maps showing the buildings and their construction dates with the Fairview Community Council.

Darrel asked when the Section 106 page will be added to the H2H website. Julie responded that the Section 106 page should be up and running in a couple of weeks. The meeting attendees would be notified when it became available.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.