



ANCHORAGE METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS
FISH CREEK TRAIL CONNECTION PROJECT

Project No. CFHWY00587



Project Status Presentation

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PROJECT TEAM

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Project Goals

- Construct a new multi-modal trail connection from Northern Lights Boulevard to the Coastal Trail.
- Control access to Fish Creek Estuary and Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) Facilities
- Balance stakeholder needs and impacts (safety, access, privacy, maintenance, environmental stewardship)





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PROJECT HISTORY

1997 – Anchorage Areawide Trails Plan identified a future paved trail along Fish Creek between Northern Lights Boulevard and the Coastal Trail

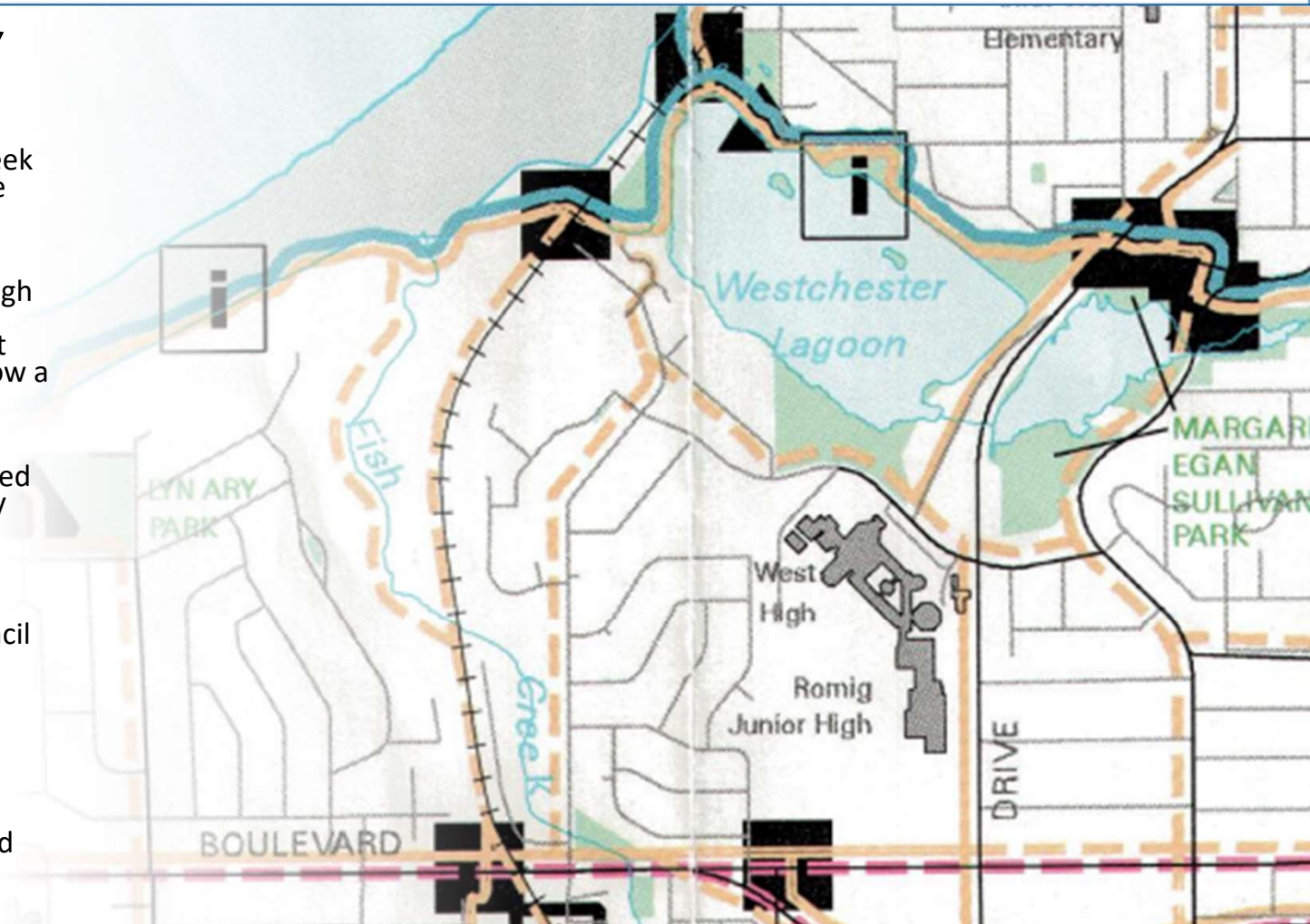
2004 – Fish Creek Estuary established through two conservation easements held by Department of Natural Resources and Great Land Trust. Both easements specifically allow a trail through the estuary with stipulations

2016 – AWWU maintenance road constructed and fenced, restricting access to the estuary

2017 – Fish Creek Trail to the Ocean group formed consisting primarily of Spenard, Turnagain, and North Star Community Council Members

2018 – Fish Creek Trail Connection was included in AMATS TIP

2021 – MOA Parks and Rec Bond was passed with three trail connections including “Fish Creek Trail to Ocean”





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Project Funding

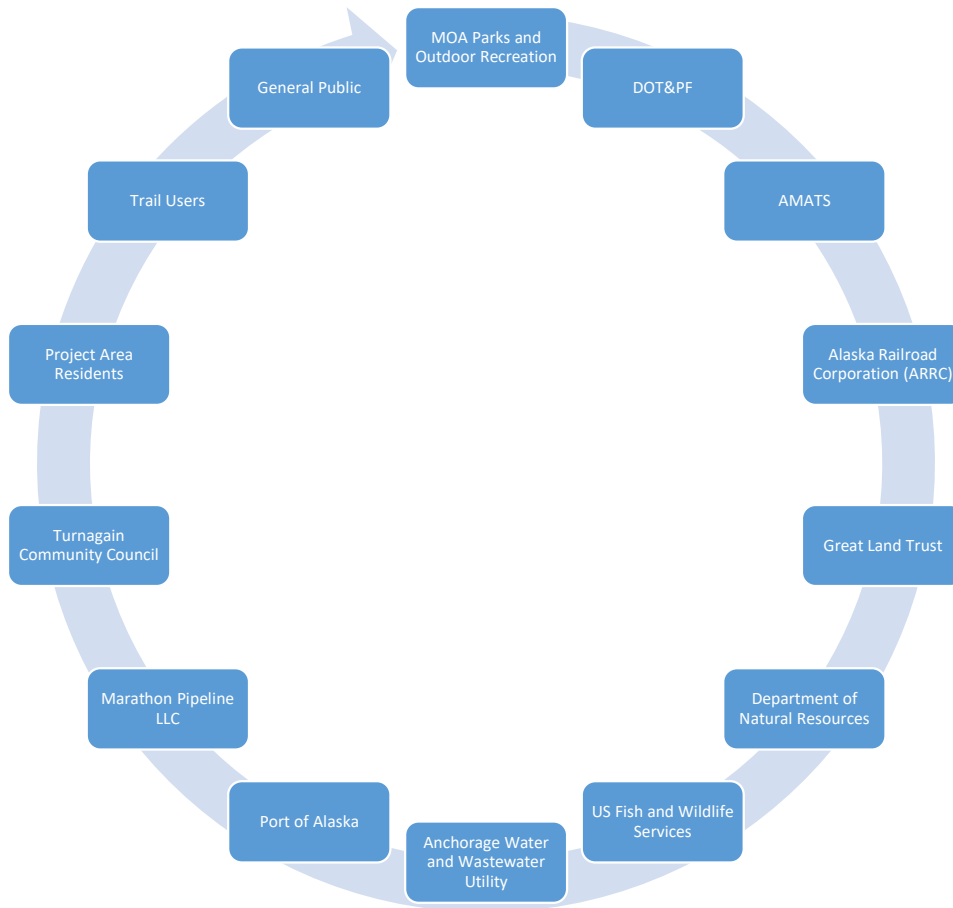
- Project is funded through the Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions (AMATS) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Projects funded through the TIP use federal funds with match for design and construction. Split is typically 90% Federal, 10% Match.
- Local match for this project is through MOA Parks and Outdoor Recreation bond measures.
- Projects are added to the TIP through a nomination process.
- The current AMATS TIP can be found here:
https://www.muni.org/departments/ocpd/planning/amats/pages/1_tip.aspx





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Stakeholder Coordination

Coordination is ongoing and opportunities to directly engage the project team and provide input are forthcoming.



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Trail Route Alternatives Development

Screening Criteria

- Primary Criteria:
 - Consistency with Fish Creek Estuary Conservation Easements (preserve and protect wetlands, wildlife habitat, open-space, etc.)
 - Consistency with 1997 Areawide Trails Plan and AMATS Non-motorized Plan (connection between Coastal Trail and existing Fish Creek Trail, multi-modal, safety)
 - Consistency with ARRC goals/allowances (ability to stay in outer 25' of ROW, mitigate trespass, safety)
- Secondary Criteria:
 - Availability of ROW and /or potential ability to acquire private property
 - Feasibility to meet design criteria



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Project Area

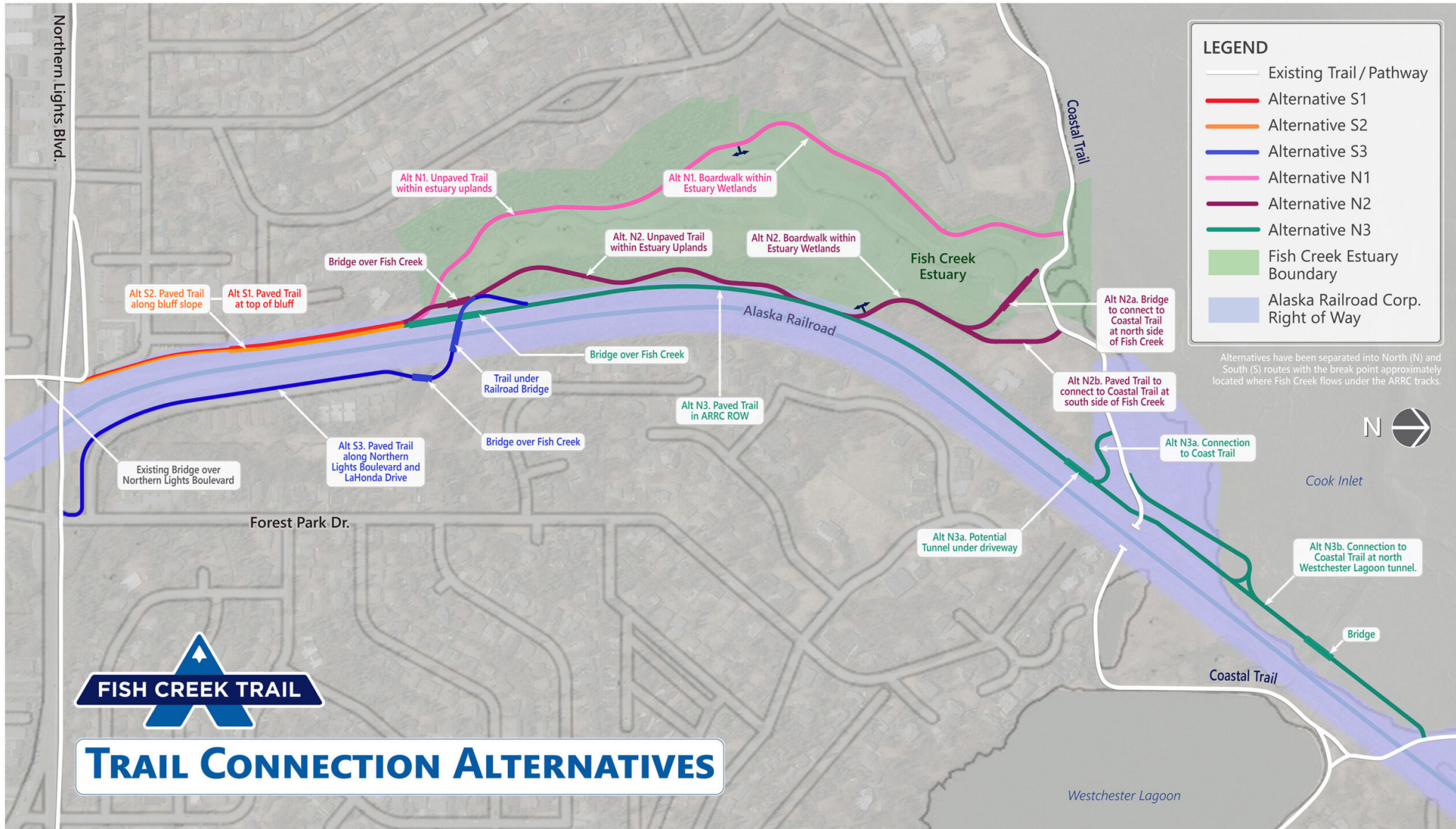




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Southern Route Alternatives





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Alts S1 & S2





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Alt S3





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All Alts





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Northern Route Alternatives





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Alts N2 & N3





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Alt N3 Ext





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Next Steps

- Begin evaluation of route alternatives
- Host a public open house in October 2022
- Complete the Design Study Report
- Begin design of selected alternative (2023-24)
- Construction (TBD)



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