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Public Notice of Application for Permit

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PUBLIC NOTICE DATE:	June 1, 2026
EXPIRATION DATE:	July 1, 2026
REFERENCE NUMBER:	POA-2026-00090
WATERWAY:	Little Meadow Creek

Interested parties are hereby notified that a Department of the Army permit application has been received for work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the enclosed project drawings.

All comments regarding this public notice should be sent to the address noted above. If you desire to submit your comments by email, you should send it to the project manager's email as listed below or to regpagemaster@usace.army.mil. All comments should include the public notice reference number listed above.

All comments should reach this office no later than the expiration date of this public notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Please contact Estrella Campellone at (907) 753-2518, toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712, or by email at estrella.f.campellone@usace.army.mil if further information is desired concerning this public notice.

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LOCATION: The project site is located within Sections 25, 26, 27, and 34, T. 18 N., R. 2 W., Seward Meridian; USGS Anchorage C-7; beginning at Latitude 61.61548° N, Longitude 149.55956° W (merging point at Beverly Lake Road and Seldon Road) and ending at Latitude 61.612204° N, Longitude 149.623361° W (North Pittman Road). Seldon Road is approximately 1.7 miles north of the Parks Highway (MP 47), accessed by turning north onto Church Road, followed by turning west onto Seldon Road and traveling approximately 1.5 miles, in Wasilla, Alaska.

SPECIAL AREA DESIGNATION: The project is located within an approximate 200-foot wide Right of Way.

PURPOSE: The applicant’s stated purpose is to complete the roadway connection between Church Road and Pittman Road, which is the next link in the east-west corridor that goes from Palmer to Houston. The project would provide a roadway alignment for vehicles to travel east and west, an alternate route to the Parks Highway, improve overall traffic circulation in the area, and provide pedestrian facilities. The project is part of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB) Long-Range Transportation Plan adopted in 2017.

PROPOSED WORK: ADOT is proposing to place 17,000 cubic yards (cy) of fill material in 3.51 acres of palustrine wetlands and 95 cy of fill in 280 linear feet of perennial streams to complete the Seldon Road extension from the Phase I terminus at the West Beverly Lakes Road intersection west to Pittman Road. Work would also require the excavation of 8,554 cy of native material (Table 1).

Table 1: Overview of Impacts to Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS).

WOTUS Type	Impacts	Excavation	Fill
WETLANDS			
HERBACEOUS ¹	0.95 acres	8,500 cy	17,000 cy
FORESTED ²	1.36 acres		
SCRUB-SHRUB ³	1.19 acres		
TOTAL WETLAND IMPACTS	3.51 acres	8,500 cy	17,000 cy
STREAMS			
PERENNIAL STREAM ⁴	280 linear feet	54 cy	95 cy
TOTAL STREAM IMPACTS	280 linear feet	54 cy	95 cy

The proposed project includes the following components:

1. Extend Seldon Road with a 2.25-mile two-lane arterial facility.
2. Construct a frontage road near Pittman Road to tie into the existing road network.
3. Reconstruct portions of adjacent roads to meet current standards and create new intersections.
4. Construct a new 10-foot-wide separated pedestrian pathway on the south side of the new facility.
5. Relocate utilities.
6. Construct new drainage facilities, including rerouting stream, installing a new culvert under Seldon Road, and replacing existing culvert under West Beverly Lake Road.
7. Clear and grub vegetation.
8. Install new or replace roadside hardware, including signing and striping.

All work would be performed in accordance with the enclosed plan (sheets 1 and 3 dated February 24, 2023; sheets 2, 2.1, and 2.2 dated May 13, 2026; sheet 4 dated November 10,

¹ Herbaceous wetlands include PEM1C as per Cowardin.
² Forested wetlands include PFO4/SS1B, PFO4/SS1C, PFO4/EMIC, PFO1/EMIC as per Cowardin.
³ Scrub-shrub wetlands include PSS4/IC, PSS4/EMIC, PSS1/4C, PSS1B, PSS1/EMIC, PEM1/SS1C as per Cowardin.
⁴ Perennial stream includes R3UBH as per Cowardin.

2025; sheets 5, 6, and 9 dated January 5, 2026; sheet 7 dated February 2, 2026; and sheet 8 dated January 30, 2026).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: ADOT has developed a Public Involvement Plan for the proposed project with extensive public involvement since 2022.

In addition, a website that contains detailed information of the proposed project, including ADOT public and agency scoping comments, was developed through ADOT and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and is available at <http://www.seldon-phase2.com> and <http://www.matsugov.us/projects/seldon-road-extension>.

APPLICANT PROPOSED MITIGATION: The applicant proposes the following mitigation measures to avoid, minimize, and compensate for impacts to waters of the United States from activities involving discharges of dredged or fill material.

- a. Avoidance: Complete avoidance of wetland impacts is not possible. To avoid impacts to the maximum extent practicable to WOTUS, ADOT examined four (4) different Seldon Road Extension alignments, as well as variations of the preferred alignment. ADOT stated that the proposed alignment would result in the lowest impact to WOTUS when compared to other alternatives considered during the alignment design.
- b. Minimization: ADOT is proposing the following measures to minimize WOTUS impacts:
 - Minimization by Design: The cross-section of the roadway and pedestrian path have been designed with the minimum footprint necessary to meet design standards while addressing pedestrian safety concerns.
 - Clean fill material would be sourced from an approved material site.
 - Drainage Measures: Culverts would be used to maintain hydrologic connectivity for wetland and streams, and to provide water management along ditches for downhill drainage. Appropriately sized culverts would be placed as shown in the design plans to maintain hydrologic connectivity and drainage patterns.
 - Swales and other upland drainage features would be constructed as part of the road system to collect water and maintain downhill connectivity with proposed culverts.
 - Erosion Control Measures: The applicant would comply with Alaska's Water Quality Standards. Erosion control measures and construction methods would be described in the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan required by the Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit. Erosion would be controlled by using Best Management Practices (BMPs) for embankment stabilization.
 - Spill Control Measures: A Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures Plan would be developed and implemented to minimize the potential for fuel spills and mitigate the impact if a spill does occur.
 - BMPs would be employed consistently with industry standards and State and Federal regulations.
 - Migratory Bird Avoidance: Vegetation would be cleared outside of the migratory bird timing windows (May 1 to July) to avoid impacts to nesting birds.
 - A 2-foot-wide culvert that acts as a fish barrier between Beverly Lake and Merri Belle Lake would be replaced with a 6-foot-wide culvert installed to allow passage of

resident fish species, including rainbow trout (this stream does not support anadromous fish species). A new 6-foot-wide culvert would be installed under the new Seldon Road extension and another one under the pedestrian path on the south side of the road to maintain stream connectivity. Streambanks would be stabilized with a coir log, brush layering, and topsoil with native species seed mix in accordance with the Streambank Revegetation and Protection Guide (2025) as per Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) fish habit permits FH26-IV-0073 and FH26-IV-0074.

- c. Compensatory Mitigation: ADOT is proposing purchasing credits from one of the approved 3rd party mitigation providers serving the area of the Matanuska Susitna Borough.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: A permit for the described work will not be issued until a certification or waiver of certification, as required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217), has been received from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. The applicant is applying for a Water Quality Certification with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The lead Federal agency, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is responsible for compliance with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. ADOT has assumed the responsibilities of FHWA under 23 U.S.C. 327, as such ADOT has sought concurrence from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) on June 16, 2022, for their determination of 'no historic properties affected' for the proposed undertaking. SHPO concurred with their finding on July 8, 2022. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has reviewed ADOT's documentation and have concurred with their determinations.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: No threatened or endangered species are known to use the project area.

We have determined the described activity would have no effect on any listed or proposed threatened or endangered species and would have no effect on any designated or proposed critical habitat, under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 844). Therefore, no consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is required. However, any comments they may have concerning endangered or threatened wildlife or plants or their critical habitat will be considered in our final assessment of the work described.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH).

The project area is not within mapped EFH. We have determined the activity described would not adversely affect EFH in the project area.

TRIBAL CONSULTATION: USACE fully supports tribal self-governance and government-to-government relations between Federally recognized Tribes and the Federal government. Tribes with protected rights or resources that could be significantly affected by a proposed Federal action (e.g., a permit decision) have the right to consult with USACE, Alaska District, on a government-to-government basis. Views of each Tribe regarding protected rights and resources will be accorded due consideration in this process. This public notice serves as notification to the Tribes within the area potentially affected by the proposed work and invites their participation in the Federal decision-making process regarding the protected Tribal rights or resources. Consultation may be initiated by the affected Tribe upon written request to the District Commander. If applicable this application will be coordinated with federally recognized tribes and other consulting parties. Any comments federally recognized tribes and other consulting parties may have concerning presently unknown archeological or historic data that may be lost or destroyed by the work under the requested permit will be considered in USACE's final assessment of the described work.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, reasons for holding a public hearing.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity and its intended use on the public interest. Evaluation of the probable impacts, which the proposed activity may have on the public interest, requires a careful weighing of all the factors that become relevant in each particular case. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. The outcome of the general balancing process would determine whether to authorize a proposal, and if so, the conditions under which it will be allowed to occur. The decision should reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal, must be considered including the cumulative effects thereof. Among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. For activities involving 404 discharges, a permit will be denied if the discharge that would be authorized by such permit would not comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's 404(b)(1) guidelines. Subject to the preceding sentence and any other applicable guidelines or criteria (see Sections 320.2 and 320.3), a permit will be granted unless the District Commander determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

USACE is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by USACE to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above.

Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

AUTHORITY: This permit will be issued or denied under the following authorities:

(X) Discharge dredged or fill material into waters of the United States – Section 404 Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Therefore, our public interest review will consider the guidelines set forth under Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 230).

Project drawings are enclosed with this public notice.

District Commander
U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

Enclosures