

City of Dillingham Planning Commission Review

HDR CSS Report for State Project #57180

Dillingham Downtown Streets Rehabilitation Project

The City of Dillingham Planning Commission met on August 13, 28 and September 4th to review the recommendations on the project prepared by HDR for the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. The September 4th workshop was a joint meeting of the City Council and Planning Commission to review the recommendations of the Planning Commission and make final comments.

The comments that follow represent the views of the citizens of Dillingham as expressed in public meetings up to this point and approved by the Dillingham City Council September 4, 2008 by Resolution 2008-31.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Install vertical curbs wherever possible, use rolled curbs only when necessary due to parking lots to which we are unable to establish clear access.
- Use curb stops and fencing to better define the parking lots

Intersections:

- Main Street and the Port Access Road--create a 3 way stop and T intersection. Smooth out the curve some and pull main Street north some to straighten out the street and allow more room for the big trucks to pull out.
- City Hall: Option 2 - Turn the intersection at City Hall into a 4 way stop or at least a 2 way stop, but pull out the curb from City hall and the curb from the Smeaton's house to make the intersection with Alaska Street and Second Street more of a single intersection.
- Kanakanak Road and D street --Keep the intersection as is.

Sidewalks:

- 8 ft. sidewalks down both sides of D Street and Main Street.
- On Second Avenue West – put an 8 ft. sidewalk on one side of the street.

Install Crosswalks:

- Just east of Kenny Wren road from the North side of Kanakanak Rd to the bike path. Build up the footpath on the N side of Kanakanak Rd. to accommodate bike and pedestrian traffic.
- Across D Street between the Bristol Express and the Hockey Rink
- Across D Street between the Bank and L&M, or the property line between the Bank and the Post Office, and L&M
- Across Seward Street and D Street at the intersection of Seward and D Street
- On all sides of the T intersection at Main Street and Port Access Road
- On all sides of the 4 way stop at City Hall
- Across Main Street between N&N and the parking lot
- Across Main street between AC and the Aleknagik Natives Limited Store
- Somewhere on Kankanak Road/Main Street between the Fire Station and Peter Pan.

In addition:

- Paint the existing crosswalks and in some places put up bollards (posts), e.g. Kanakanak Road by Kenny Wren Road or at the Bank crossing
- Signage – more of it to define bike path and warn drivers crossing the bike path.
- Pedestrian Crossing signs or bollards where more attention is needed. (not at every crossing).
- Speed limits – slow down Main street to 10 to 15 miles per hour.
- Establish school zones around the Schools and the University and Library area
- Create loading zones in the parking lots in front of AC and N&N where cars now park and back into traffic
- Planning Department work with businesses to improve their parking lots so that the access into the parking lots can be better defined and marked.