

Notice of Environmental Evaluation Preliminary Engineering Study

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration is proceeding with environmental and preliminary engineering studies for the proposed reconstruction of approximately 15.5 miles of the Seward Highway on the Kenai Peninsula. The proposed project extends from the vicinity of Lower Summit Lake to Bertha Creek.

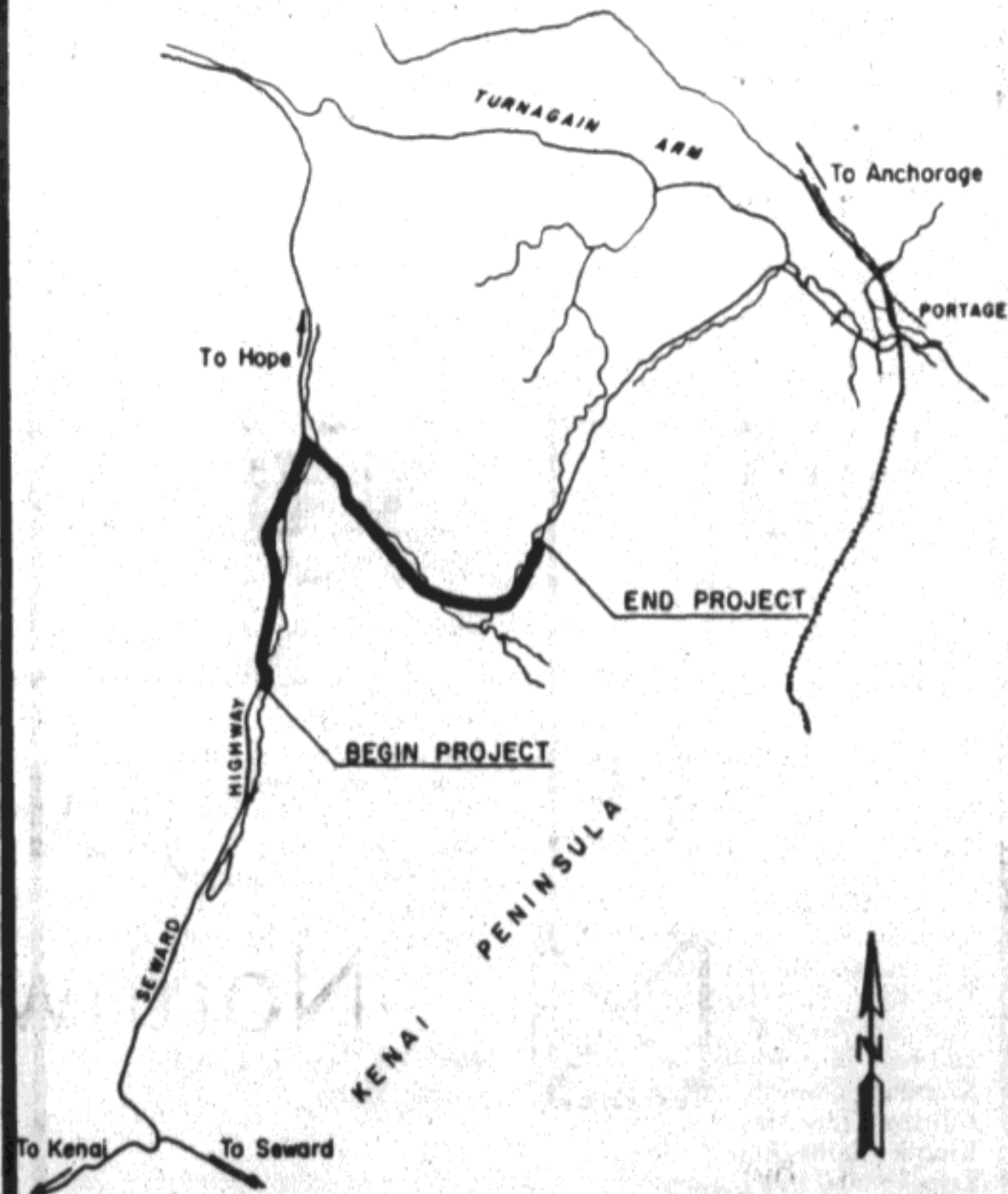
The following improvements are proposed: reconstruction of the roadway to a minimum finished paved width of 40 feet with two 12-foot driving lanes and 8-foot shoulders; the addition of climbing lanes; shifts in the existing alignment to improve horizontal and vertical curvatures; new bridges at Canyon Creek, East Fork Six Mile Creek, and Granite Creek; and culvert installation at the crossings of Silvertip Creek and Spokane Creek. Culvert installation at the Dry Gulch Creek crossing is also under consideration. Crossings of smaller drainages would require either the replacement or extension of existing culvert, and the placement of new culverts.

Canyon Creek, East Fork Six Mile Creek, Silvertip Creek, and Granite Creek are designated anadromous fish streams and are subject to the provisions of Alaska Statute Title 16. Wetlands and floodplain involvement would occur throughout the project area.

To ensure that all possible factors are considered and that recommendations are in the best interest of the public, ADOT&PF is requesting public comments and recommendations. Please send your comments to the following address by June 30, 1986:

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