



# ***MUSEUM DRIVE EXTENSION***

## **Matanuska-Susitna Borough PROJECT FACTS**

### Project Scope

The Borough proposed and the State funded connecting and extending borough collector roads that run parallel to the Parks Highway. These roads act as frontage roads to provide access to local businesses and private residences, thereby reducing traffic on the Parks Highway which is designated as a Highway Safety Corridor due to high levels of serious injuries and fatalities.

This project will extend Museum Drive 1.9 miles westward to connect with Vine and Sylvan Roads. The extension will intersect Marigold Drive, completing a connection all the way to the Parks Highway just west of Pittman Road. The frontage road is designed as a paved two-lane road with shoulders.

### Benefits

This area of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has grown rapidly in recent years, resulting in a boom in land development and a corresponding increase in local traffic and traffic crashes. The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) has designated the Parks Highway from Lucus Road to the Alaska Railroad Houston Crossing as a safety corridor in an effort to reduce crash rates.

ADOT&PF is in the construction phase of a project to upgrade the Parks Highway from Lucus Road to Pittman Road, milepost 44-52, to a 4-lane divided highway with limited access.

The Museum Drive extension on the south side of Parks Highway is an outgrowth of discussions and cooperation between the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, and ADOT&PF. Recognizing the need for additional collector roads to be constructed in conjunction with the Parks Highway project. Collector roads help alleviate traffic congestion, reduce accidents, better distribute local traffic, and improve access to the local community and businesses.

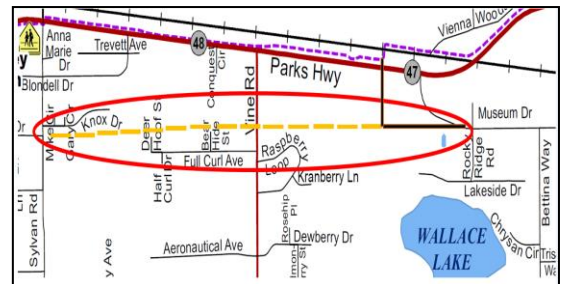
### Status

The Museum Drive Extension project is now at 100% design plans and construction is on hold awaiting funding.

### Project Costs

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough received \$8 million to design and construct two Parks Highway Connectors: Museum Drive and Machen Road. Machen Road was constructed in October of 2014 and all costs associated with that project are complete.

Remaining funds were used to finalize the design phase of the Museum Drive Extension project and bring it to 100% design. It is estimated that an additional \$5 million for right of way and construction will be required to complete the project to Sylvan Road.



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