



State of Alaska
Department of Transportation & Public Facilities

Expedited Re-evaluation APPROVAL FORM
(NEPA Assignment Program Projects)

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by the applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been carried out by the DOT&PF pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated November 3, 2017, and executed by FHWA and DOT&PF.

I. Project Information

A. Project Name: Edgerton Highway MP 24-29 Resurfacing

B. State Project Number: NFHWY00587

C. Federal Project Number: 0850030

D. Primary/Ancillary Project Connections: N/A

E. COA Determination: 23 CFR 771.117(d)(13)

F. Project Scope:

TIP or STIP: STIP

Need ID: 18923

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STIP Need ID 18923 Pavement and Bridge Preservation: Crack sealing, surface treatment drainage, signage, guardrail, illumination, and other refurbishments to prolong the life of road pavement and bridges and their safety related structures. Project includes NHS Lane Delineators, Destination & Distance Signing, Pavement Markings and Signalization, Abandoned Vehicle Program, Road Surfacing and Transfer, Road Surface Treatments, and improve curb ramps to meet ADA standards (in coordination with Need ID 30397). The scope does not include landscaping or other elements inconsistent with a pavement preservation focus.

G. Approval date(s) and impact summary(ies) of the original environmental document and any subsequent Re-Evaluations:

Categorical Exclusion 4/20/2022

- Section 106 Findings Letters completed
- No impacts to Section 4(f) properties
- USACE Individual Permit anticipated

H. Project Purpose and Need as Described in the Original Environmental Document:

The Edgerton Highway MP 24-29 Resurfacing project is a Preventative Maintenance (PM) project with the goal of resurfacing the roadway. The existing pavement surface (high float) has reached the end of its useful life.

I. Project Description as Stated in the Original Environmental Document:

The roadway will be repaved using Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA). To achieve this, the current roadway is proposed to be reclaimed using a milling machine or reclaimer. Then the surface is proposed to be graded and paved to as-built conditions. In addition to resurfacing, the following activities are proposed (see Figures 1-8):

- Vegetation clearing via hydroaxe along the proposed alignment (MP 24-29) and in MS 850-031-5 and MS 850-033-5).
- Replace signs in the same location at the same depth
- Replace guardrails and update end terminals
 - Embankment widening required to install new guardrails
- Reapplication of pavement highway markings
- Reconstruction
 - MP 24.9 to MP 25.2 will require blasting
- Drainage improvements
 - Recondition ditches along project corridor
 - Replace all existing culverts
- Bridge repairs to Liberty Falls Creek Bridge (No. 279) and Liberty Fall Bridge (No. 285)
- Utility relocation
- Resurface approaches

Materials for this project will be from previously developed and permitted portions of the following material sites (MS):

- MS 850-033-5 (North Liberty Falls Pit)
- MS 850-032-5 (South Liberty Falls Pit)
- MS 850-031-5 (MP 26 Pit)

All material sites will be available to the contractor for contractor staging.

J. Environmental Commitments as Stated in the Original Environmental Document:

- The contractor will avoid the Loading Structure (VAL-00650) in the North Liberty Falls Pit (MS 850-031-5) and the adjacent visible segment of the Old Road to Chitina (VAL-00505) during project activities along the Edgerton Highway and usage of MS 850-031-5.
- Mechanized land/vegetation clearing activities will be avoided during the migratory bird nesting season (May 1 - July 15) unless a mitigative work plan is submitted by the contractor and approved by DOT&PF.

K. Describe changes to project, including prior re-evaluations. Identify any changes in the project impacts from those identified in the original environmental document. Describe the resulting impacts:

Repairs to Liberty Falls Creek Bridge (No. 279) and Liberty Falls Bridge (No. 285) are no longer included in the project activities.

Attachments

- NFWY00587 Edgerton Highway MP 24-29 Resurfacing Proceed DTF Form 03293022.pdf
NFWY00587.pdf

Expedited Re-Evaluation

A. Expedited Re-Evaluation

Yes No

1. The project meets the criteria of the Programmatic Approval 1, 2, or 3 in the Nov. 13 2017 Chief Engineer Directive.

2. Does the following statement apply? "Based on the information provided I verify that this project as described at this time remains consistent with the conclusions and commitments of the original environmental document, and any prior re-evaluations, and that the environmental document remains valid."

3. Additional Information:

The Section 106 Direct to Findings worksheet was not attached in the original CE. This worksheet was completed on March 29, 2022 and is attached to this re-evaluation.

The NOAA Essential Fish Habitat Mapper link was not included in the original CE, this source can be accessed through this link: <https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/portal/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=e94af1927a0d43b983a47fd394718fc5>.

Re-evaluation Approval Signatures

Approved by:



Date: 10/13/2022

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