



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Highway
Administration**



PUBLIC MEETING NOTES

SUBJECT: Tanana River Recreation Access Improvements Environmental Assessment

PROJECT NUMBER: AK FNSB TANANA(1)

GROUP: Public

DATE: July 20, 2021

TIME: 5 to 6 pm

LOCATION: Zoom web meeting

OUTREACH: See Table 1. Outreach below

MATERIALS: Slideshow presentation, outreach

STAFF PRESENT: Western Federal Lands Highway Division: Brandon Stokes, Stephen Morrow
PND Engineers, Inc: Paul Kendall, Levi Overbeck
Yehle & Associates: Camden Yehle

ATTENDANCE: 14 people

SUMMARY:

Brandon Stokes, Contracting Officer Representative, and Stephen Morrow, Environmental Protection Specialist, with Western Federal Lands led introductions and made a presentation about the purpose of the project, the project description, and the draft environmental document.

COMMENTS:

The team received the following comments during the meeting. Verbal questions and team responses are summarized. Written comments are verbatim. All comments received at the meeting were positive.

John Hass, Fairbanks North Star Borough Parks Superintendent: There were 93,000 cars across the counter into Tanana proper, and 30,000 cars into the rifle range. The Tanana project area was added to the local area planning district. This allows federal funding for future maintenance and capital projects. Without this the Borough would be responsible for future costs. *Team response: That is good news on the funding. When does the counting start?* Brandon Stokes, Western Federal Lands, Contracting Officer Representative. John: The year starts July 1. July has been 80 to 85 degrees Fahrenheit. There were 15,000 to 20,000 cars per

month in June and July.

Brian Charlton, Fairbanks North Star Borough Parks Project Coordinator: The official numbers for Tanana Lakes for June are 19,427 vehicles using the lake area, which is approximately 58,281 visitors for June 2021.

Ethan Graetz, Alaska Department of Transportation: No questions. Thank you for the presentation.

Marla Carter, Alaska Department of Fish and Game Access Defense Program Manager: No questions from ADF&G staff at this time. Thank you all for the presentations, photos, and your time.

Table 1. Outreach

Date	Outreach method
6/17/21	Notice of Availability
6/29/21	Notice to Borough Parks & Recreation
6/29/21	Posted draft environmental document to the project website
6/30/21	Email to agencies
6/30/21	Email to tribes
6/30/21	Notice to Borough Clerk
6/30/21	Notice to City Clerk
6/30/21	Save the date email notice
6/30/21	Online advertising in <i>Fairbanks Daily News-Miner</i>
7/1/21	Email to Borough Assembly
7/1/21	Email to interior delegation
7/6/21	Asked community groups to forward to constituents
7/8/21	Press release to media
7/12/21	Facebook post on Borough page
7/12/21	Posted flyers at project area
7/13/21	Reminder email