

Mountain Air Drive Extension: 2026 Anchorage Transportation Fair Summary

Date: April 22, 2026

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Location: Alaska Airlines Center, 3550 Providence Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508

Project: AMATS: Mountain Air Drive Extension

Project # CFHWY00710 / Federal # 0001690

Subject: 2026 Anchorage Transportation Fair Summary

Summary

The 2026 Anchorage Transportation Fair was held on Tuesday, April 20, 2026, from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Alaska Airlines Center. Attendees viewed presentation boards set up around a table, a project area roll plot displayed on the table, and had the opportunity to provide comments and ask questions of the project team members.

The presentation boards included:

- Project Area Map
- Typical Road Section

The project area scroll plot showed the plan view of the current roadway design.

Summary of Comments and Input Received Verbally from Meeting Participants

- There were concerns about the Rabbit Creek intersection.
 - The staff response is the Traffic Analysis Report from August 2022 recommended keeping the intersection at the current configuration.
- Many individuals said the project is needed.
- Members of the community were happy to see parcel lines on Mountain Air Drive on the scroll plot.
- An University of Alaska Anchorage Capstone student was happy to see the project's progression since he last worked on the project.

Participant Questions/Comments

- Where is Mountain Air Drive?
 - The staff response is the project is in Bear Valley / Golden View area.
- Rabbit Creek Community Council member stated that Bear Valley residents need an emergency egress and Jamie Ave should be extended to Mountain Air Drive for that reason.
 - The staff response is Jamie Avenue is not currently in any adopted plans or funding programs.
- When will the project be constructed?
 - The staff response is construction is slated for 2029, if everything stays on track.
- A property owner asked if any work was planned for Rabbit Creek intersection or if it was possible to install a roundabout North of the intersection.
 - The staff response is the previous traffic analysis did not warrant traffic control at the intersection and the location north of the intersection is outside the project area.
- Will the pathway remain on the west side of Mountain Air Drive?

- The staff response is the pathway is on the east side of the roadway; the same side as Bear Valley Elementary School.

Written Comments

- No written comments were submitted

Open House Advertising

Web: The project website (<https://mountainairdrive.com/>) was updated with the open house information, including the date, time, location, event flyer, and a link to the event website on April 7, 2026.

Email: An e-newsletter announcing the Transportation Fair was sent to the project email list on April 8, 2026, and a reminder e-newsletter was sent on April 21, 2026.

Open House: A project Open House was held on Monday, April 20, 2026 at Bear Valley Elementary School and attendees were told about the upcoming transportation fair.

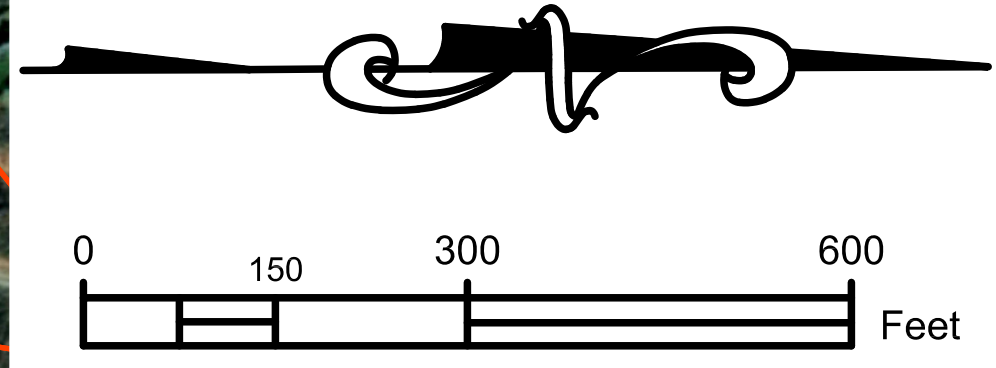
Attachments

1. Roll Plot
2. E-newsletter
3. Event Map

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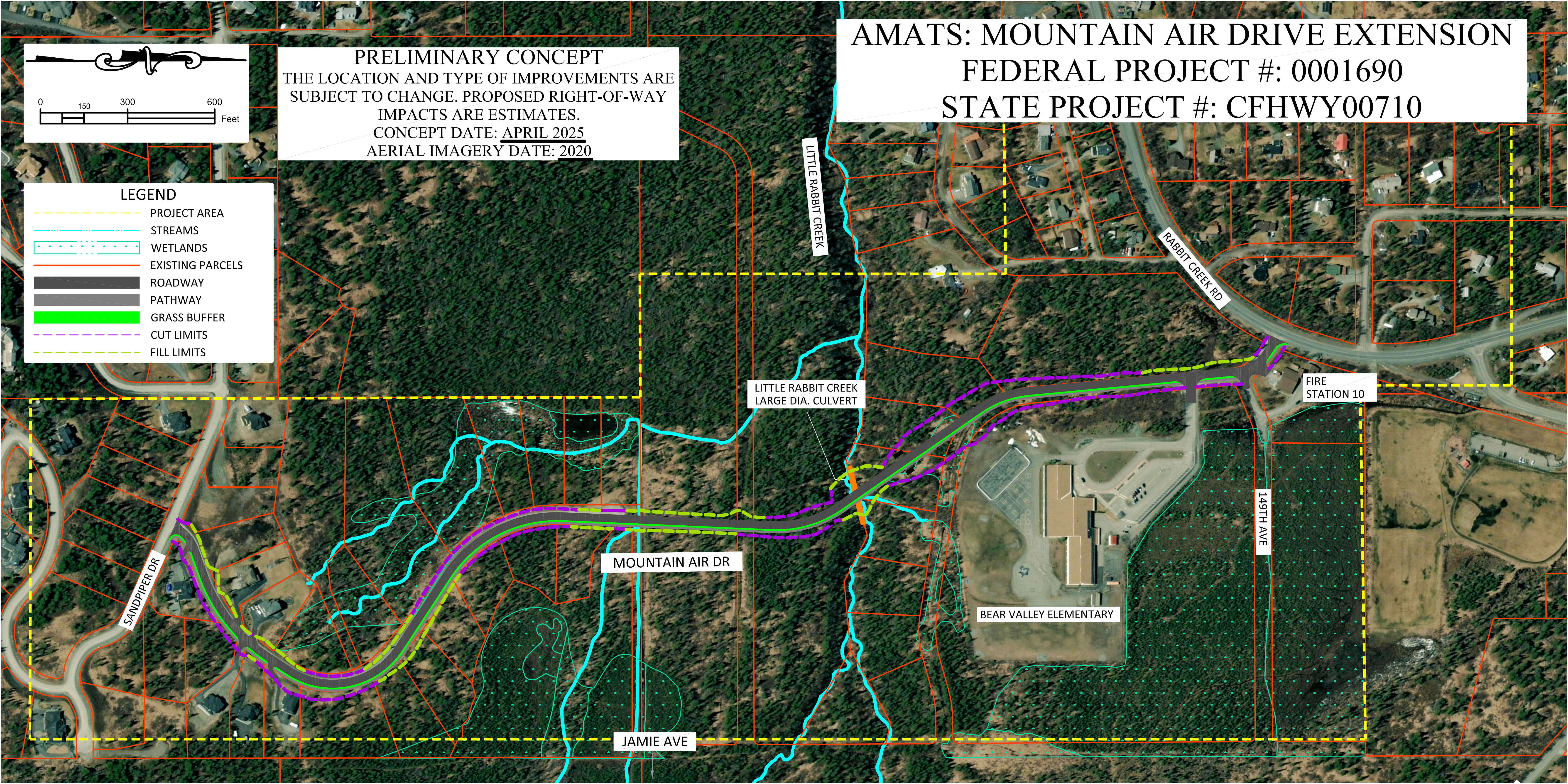
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PRELIMINARY CONCEPT
THE LOCATION AND TYPE OF IMPROVEMENTS ARE
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IMPACTS ARE ESTIMATES.
CONCEPT DATE: APRIL 2025
AERIAL IMAGERY DATE: 2020



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From Huddle AK <holly@huddleak.com>

Date Wed 4/8/2026 4:00 PM

To Renée Eddy Harvey <renee@huddleAK.com>



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When: Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Drop by any time!

Where: Alaska Airlines Center

Auxiliary Gym

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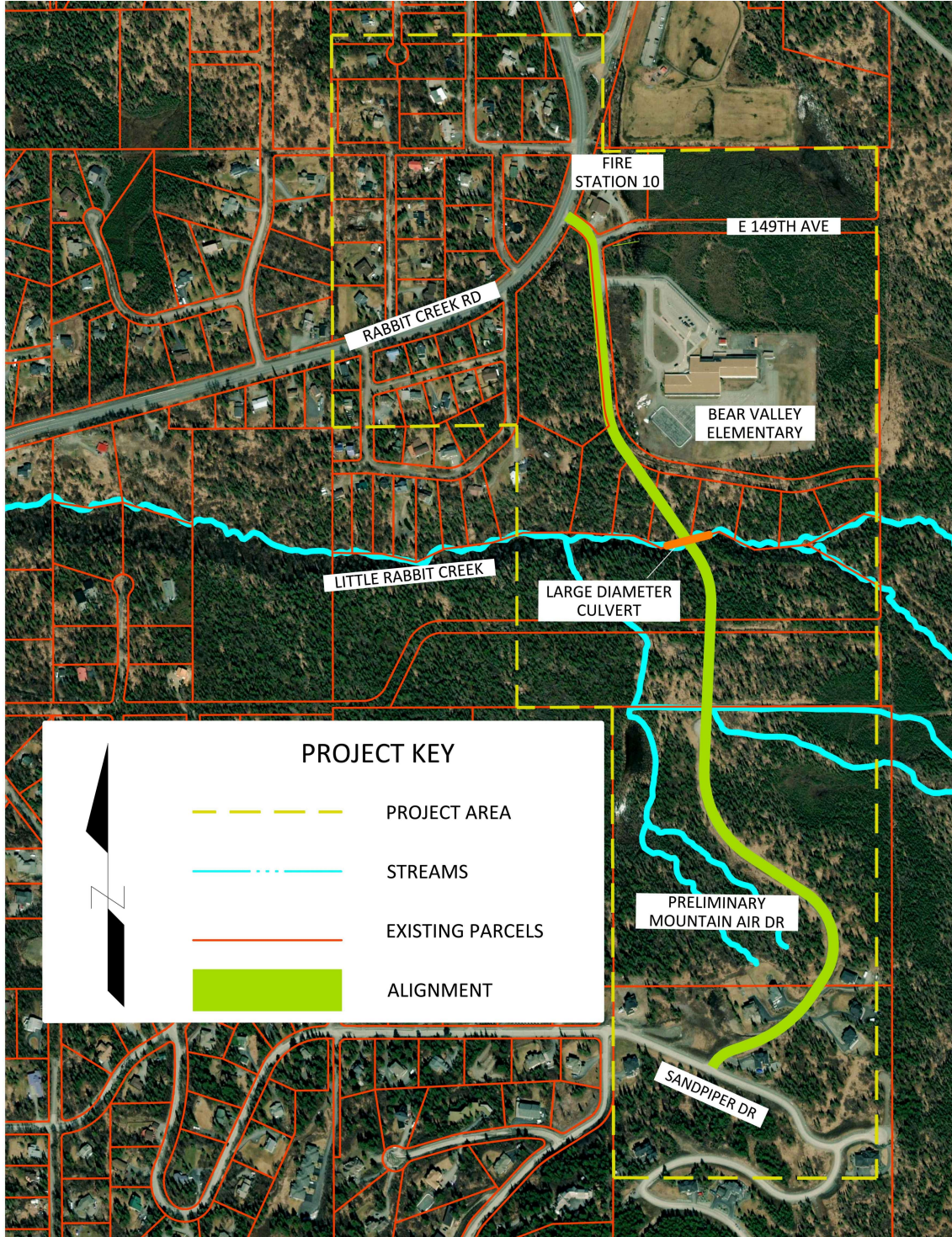
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PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Mountain Air Drive Extension Project will extend Mountain Air Drive from Rabbit Creek Road to Sandpiper Drive. The project may include drainage improvements, right-of-way acquisitions, utilities, a water crossing at Little Rabbit Creek, Americans with Disabilities Act improvements, roadside hardware, and a multi-use non-motorized pathway.

Mountain Air Drive is a Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) owned and operated roadway. This project is being done in cooperation with the Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions (AMATS) and the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) to provide secondary emergency access to this area of the Hillside with the added benefit of improving motorized and active transportation needs along the project corridor using the MOA's Context Sensitive Solutions approach. This is a federally funded project.

PROJECT AREA MAP



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THANK YOU!

Thank you for joining the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities at Open House #3 on Monday, April 20th to learn more about the project. If you weren't able to make it to the meeting, the [Documents section](#) on the website has all the project information and the meeting summary will be posted later this week.

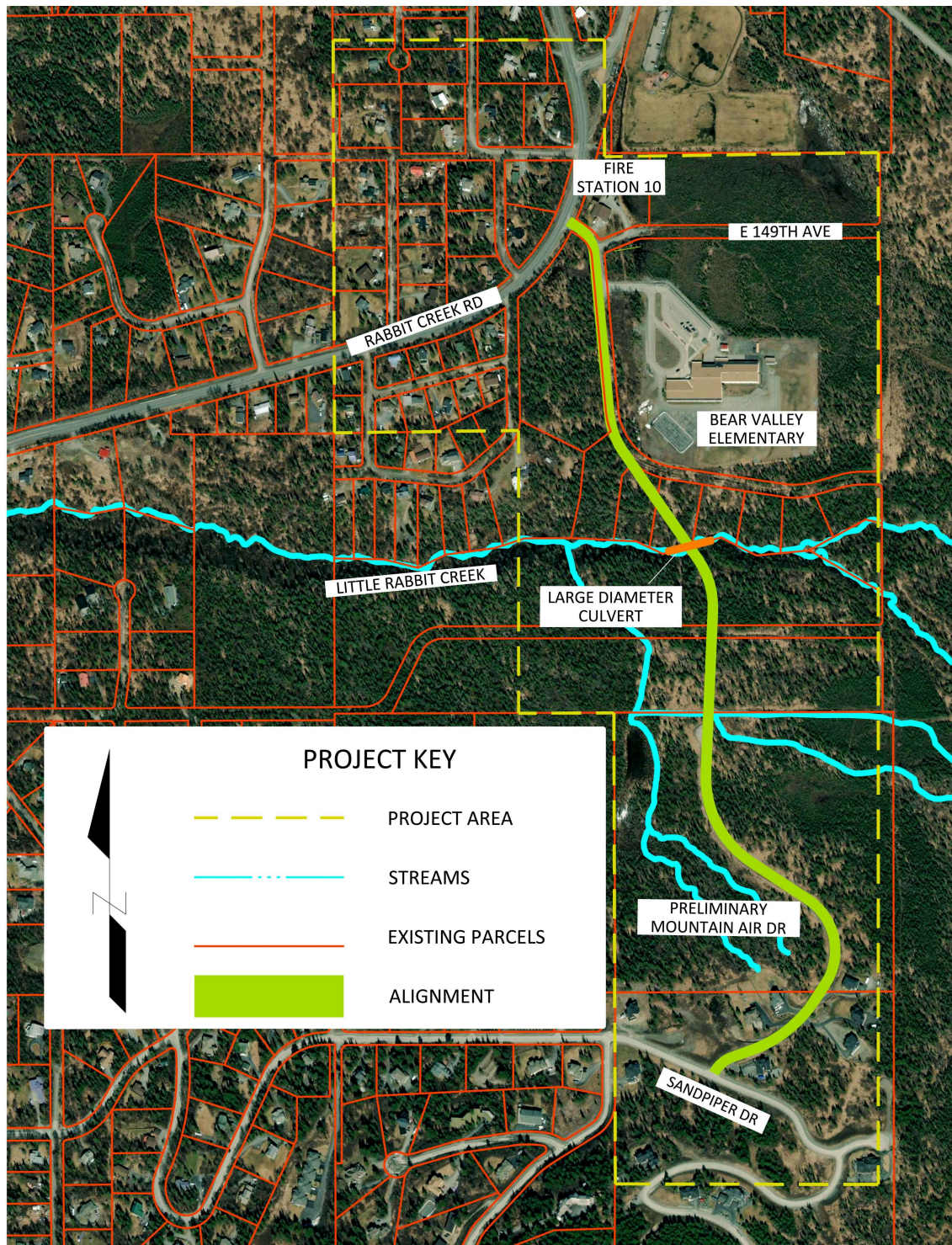
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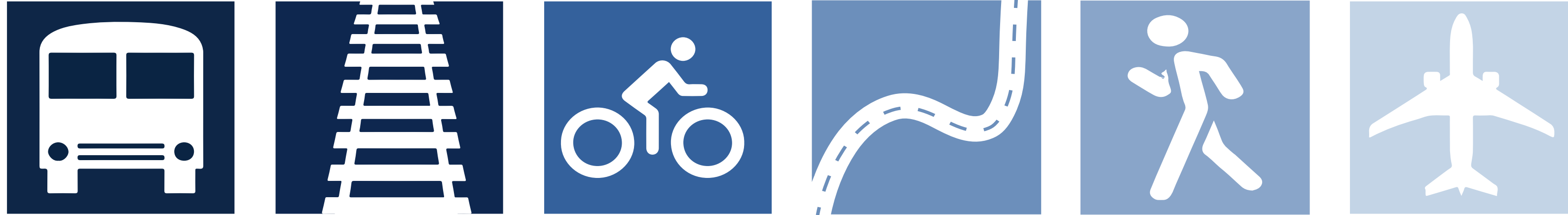


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-  20 Winner Creek Trail Bridge



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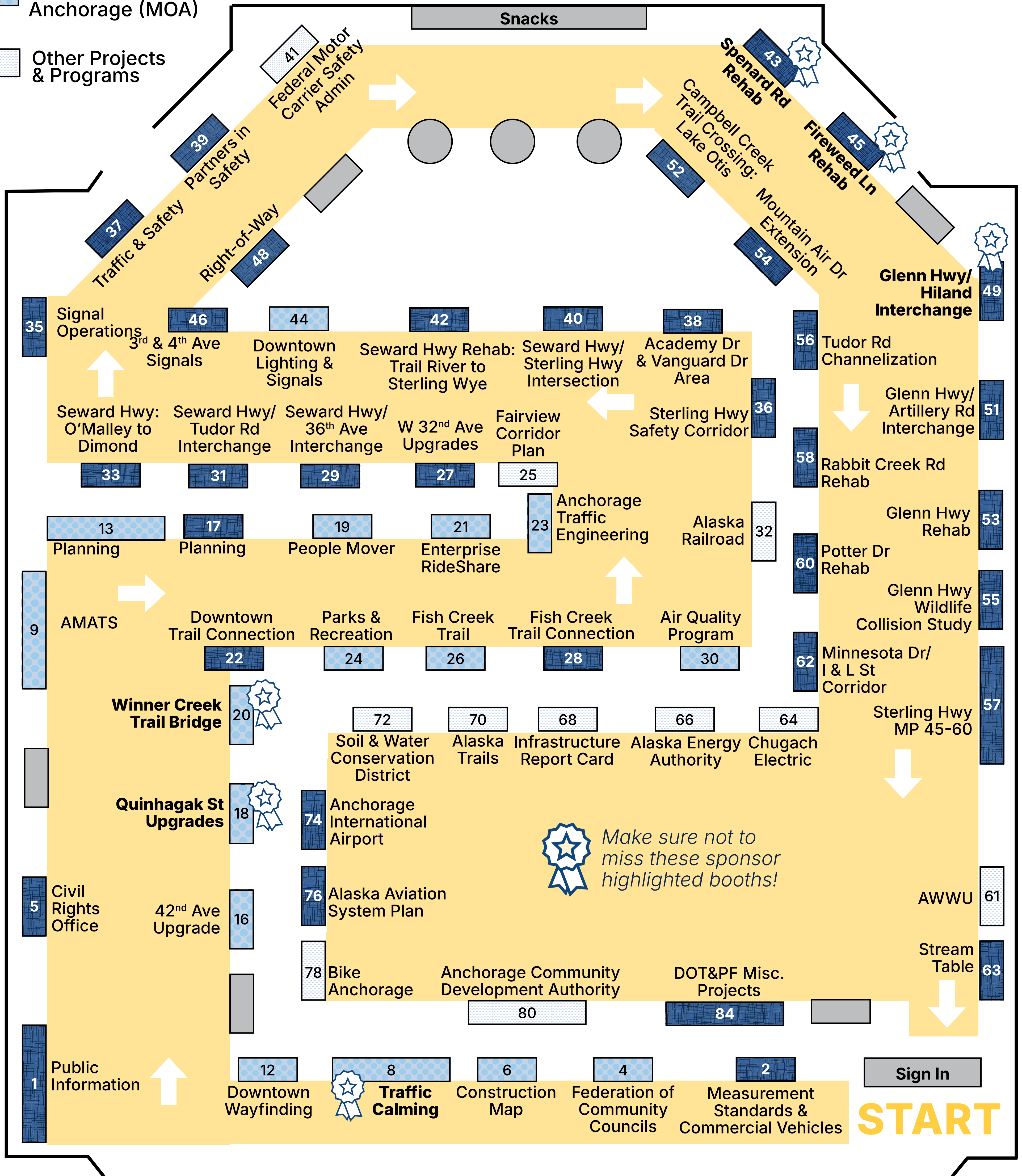


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