

Foothills West Transportation Access

Proposed All-Season Road from
the Dalton Highway to Umiat

Alaska State Project No. 62210



Special Points of Interest

- Community meetings with Anaktuvuk Pass, Nuiqsut and Barrow
- ICAS invited to serve as source of input at regional level
- Road routes being studied
- Subsistence studies underway
- Successful 2009 fieldwork season
- Upcoming public Involvement opportunities

Public Involvement

The State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) has committed to working directly with the potentially affected stakeholders in this Foothills project area before any formal public involvement is required in the planning process. Already, the project team has sponsored public meetings in Anaktuvuk Pass, Nuiqsut and Barrow. In addition, we have provided project briefings and fielded questions at:

- Arctic Economic Development Summit
- North Slope Borough (NSB) Assembly meeting
- NSB Fish and Game Management Committee
- KBRW region-wide call-in discussion
- Barrow Restoration Advisory Board (BRAB)
- Meeting notes are available on the project website



December Meetings

12/9 Anaktuvuk Pass 11-1:00 pm

12/9 Barrow 5-8:00 pm at IHC

12/10 Nuiqsut 12-2 pm

Tribal Consultation

The DOT&PF project team met with the Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope (ICAS) in Barrow, briefed them on the project and invited them to serve as a source of input on behalf of potentially affected villages within their sphere of representation. In addition, DOT&PF has entered into formal Memoranda of Agreement with the Villages of Anaktuvuk Pass and Nuiqsut to retain residents to serve as subsistence monitors to provide periodic oversight of current fieldwork, potentially accompany future contractors on the project, and attend village meetings to assist with informing the public about the project.



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Next Steps:

- Public Meetings will continue this winter to keep the affected communities informed of progress.
- Summary reporting is underway to document progress.
- The project is state funded only, and will require additional funding to continue environmental and engineering work.



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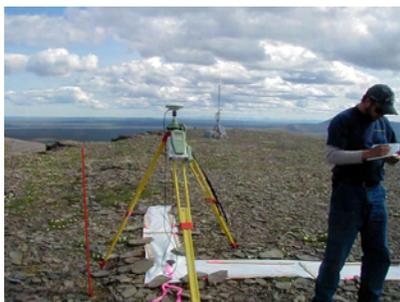
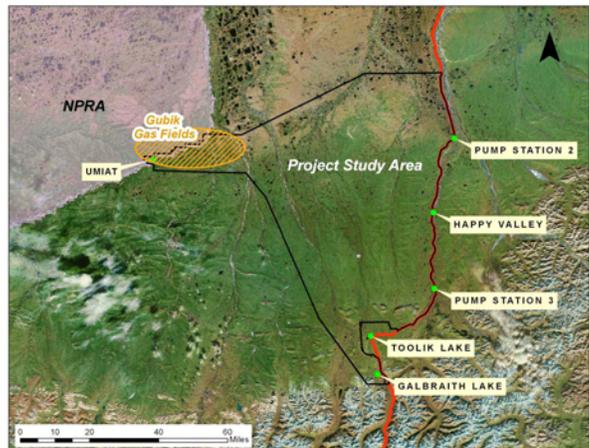
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The State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities is conducting feasibility studies evaluating a potential all season gravel road from the Dalton Highway to Umiat. The purpose of the road would be to provide access to oil and gas resources for exploration and development within the northern Foothills of the Brooks Range, and National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska (NPRA). Phase One of the project would construct a road approximately 75 miles, from the Dalton Highway to the Gubik Gas Fields. Eventually the road may be extended across the Colville River to the State airport at Umiat.



Successful 2009 Field Program

DOT&PF has conducted 2009 preliminary environmental and engineering field investigations. Environmental work included: wildlife; fish; habitat; wetlands; subsistence; and cultural site surveys. Engineering work included: aerial photography and mapping; geotechnical surveys; hydrology work; and alignment studies. A complete update on the continuing and completed field studies is available on our project website:

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