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Project Description

The State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) plans to improve the Glenn Highway and Hiland Road (Glenn-Hiland) interchange in the Eagle River community. The existing interchange at the Glenn Highway and Eagle River Loop Road has long been a bottleneck during the morning commute hours, causing significant delays and frustrations for travelers heading southbound toward Anchorage.

The purpose of the project is to improve operations, capacity, and safety for motorized and non-motorized users. The primary objectives to meet the purpose of the project include the following:

- **Enhanced Highway Merging:** Improve the efficiency of highway merging and lane utilization to alleviate congestion during peak morning hours.
- **Queuing Issues Mitigation:** Address queuing issues at the Wolf Den Drive intersection, east of the interchange, to minimize traffic backups and delays.
- **Maintenance Improvements:** Provide design solutions for the maintenance of the existing bridge, ensuring it remains functional and structurally sound.

The project will make short-term improvements at the Glenn Highway and Hiland Road interchange while maintaining the existing bridge over the highway.

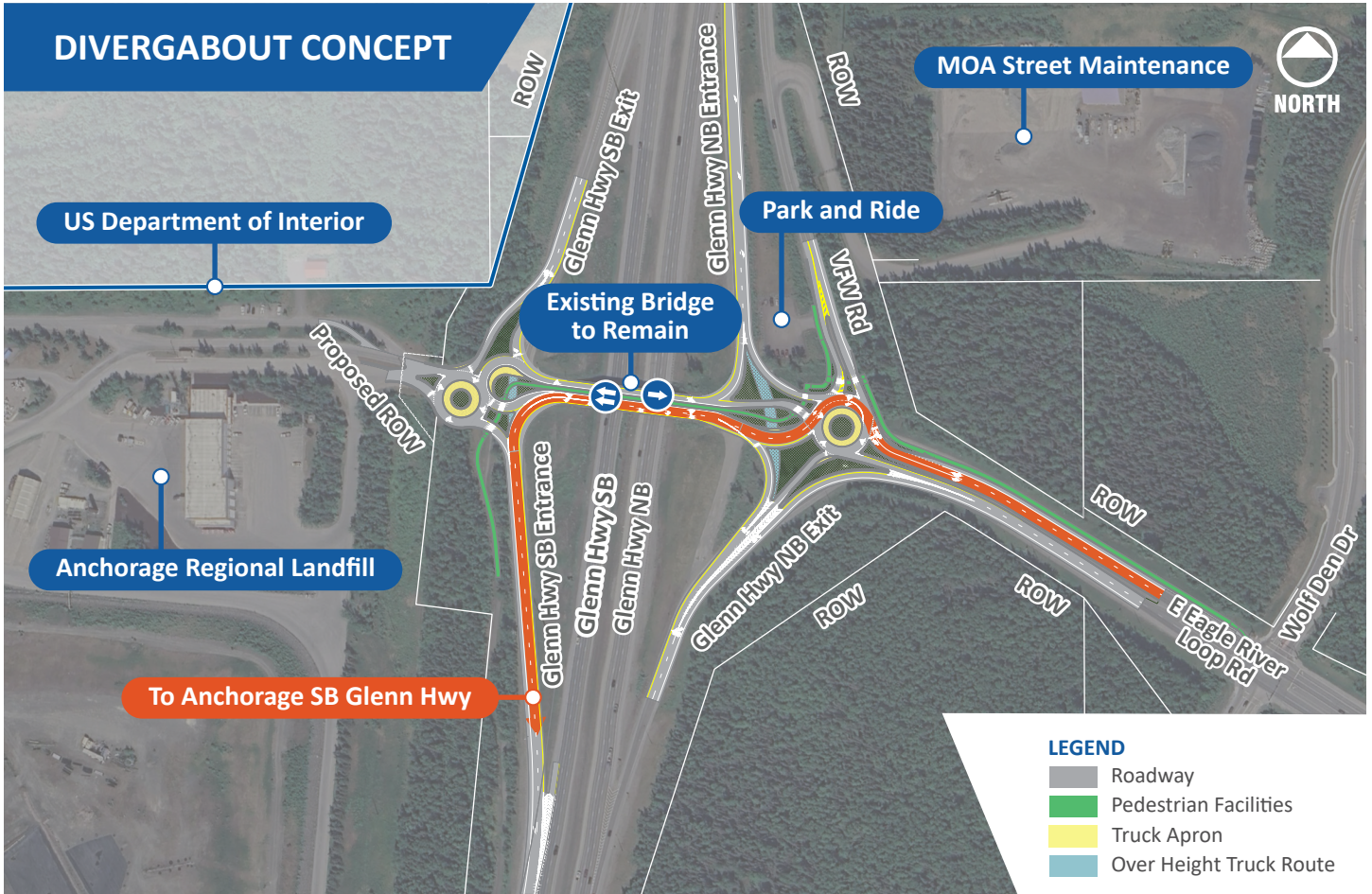
Current Status

The project team has evaluated alternatives and selected a diverging diamond interchange with roundabouts, also referred to as a divergabout or crossover roundabout. This alternative was selected while maintaining the existing bridge.

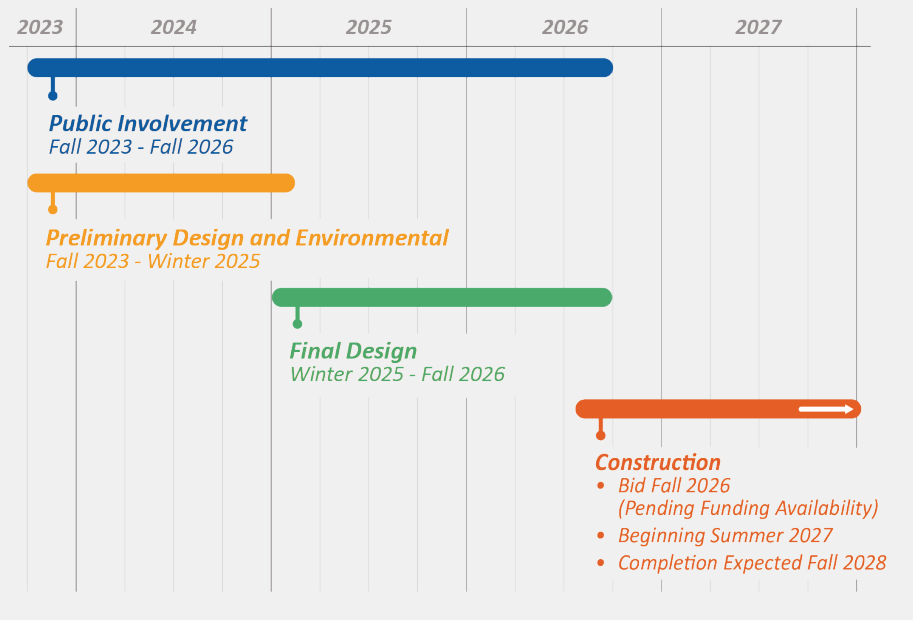
This alternative will:

- Complement existing interchange operations and performance
- Improve non-motorized facilities with refuge areas and single-lane crossings
- Have minimal utility impacts
- Not require right-of-way acquisition from JBER
- Have a small right-of-way acquisition that aligns with Anchorage Regional Landfill gate improvements
- Be compatible with retaining the existing bridge and a future bridge replacement

Based on coordination and public feedback, the shared-use pathway has been adjusted to provide a more direct route with fewer vehicle crossings.



Project Schedule



The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by DOT&PF pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated April 13, 2023, and executed by FHWA and DOT&PF.

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