

**Environmental Assessment – Notice of Availability**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the U.S Forest Service and the City of Whittier, published for public review and comment the Shotgun Cove Road Extension Project Environmental Assessment (EA). Details of the EA and how to submit comments are as follows:

**Project Location:** Whittier, Alaska, approximately two miles northeast of the Whittier city center.

**Lead Agency and File Number:** FHWA, file number AK WHITTIER 2016(1)

**Purpose of the EA:** The EA is part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, which considers the beneficial and adverse effects of federal, federally-funded, and/or federally-permitted projects on the quality of the human environment. This EA evaluates a No Action Alternative that would result in no improvements, and a Proposed Action that would extend Shotgun Cove Road along the shoreline of Passage Canal and lead to U.S. Forest Service land at Trinity Point.

**Project Description:** FHWA, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and the City of Whittier, proposes to extend the existing Shotgun Cove Road for approximately 2.5 miles from the current terminus of the road near Second Salmon Run (mile 2.0) onto U.S. Forest Service land at Trinity Point (mile 4.5). The project would include nine new parking areas and eight spur/access roads for future beach access points, and future private parcels, and would terminate on Trinity Point with a turnaround and separate parking area.

**Public Comment Period:** Comments on the EA will be accepted between March 24 and April 23, 2021.

**Document Availability:** View or download the EA from CRW Engineering's project website at <http://shotguncoveroad.com/documents/>.

Copies of the EA are available to the public upon request.

**Comment Submission:** Please send comments or questions to Seth English-Young, Senior Transportation Planner at FHWA, at [seth.english-young@dot.gov](mailto:seth.english-young@dot.gov) or (360) 619-7803. Comments are requested by April 23, 2021.