



FACT SHEET

SHAW ELEMENTARY ACCESS

Matanuska-Susitna Borough PROJECT NOTICE

What's Happening

This is to notify you of an upcoming project and to invite you to a joint open house. Project teams for Shaw Elementary Access and Tex-Al Extension will be available. You can view plans, talk to the project teams, and provide feedback.

This project was approved by voters as part of the bond package in 2021 (TIP 21).

Description

This project will improve access to Shaw Elementary and construct access to the new Birchtree Charter school

Primary design elements are:

- Improvements to the Wasilla Fishhook/Paradise Lane intersection.
- The connection between Foxtrot Avenue and Paradise Lane as shown in the Official Streets & Highways Plan.
- A pathway between the school property and the Foxtrot area.

Benefits

The purpose is to improve ease of travel, connectivity, and safety.

Status

Phase 1 will complete the traffic and safety study and construct the Foxtrot Avenue connection to Paradise Lane along the existing section line easement.

Phase 2 will upgrade Foxtrot and install intersection improvements at Paradise Lane and Wasilla Fishhook.

Design plans will be posted soon online at <https://tip21.matsugov.us/>.

Schedule

Phase 1 will be constructed in summer of 2026 at the same time as the Birchtree Charter school.

Phase 2 construction is anticipated in 2027 or 2028.

Cost

Estimated cost: \$12,000,000.

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SHAW ELEMENTARY ACCESS PROJECT MAP



COMMON QUESTIONS

1. Why does this project cost \$12 million?

The project cost is based on an estimate for design, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocations, and construction. The design is preliminary, and the estimate will be updated along with the design.

2. What outreach was done for this project?

Initial outreach was during the 2021 Mat-Su Borough budget process. It is shown on the official streets and highways plan and corresponds with a public section line easement. The Mat-Su Transportation Fair provided annual updates. The team sent project notices with open house invitations to area residents, property owners, agencies and elected officials.

3. Will there be a pathway?

Yes, there is a proposed pathway on the south side.

4. The kids who live in the Foxtrot area subdivision go to Finger Lake Elementary School, not Shaw. Are the school boundaries going to change?

Some students in the Foxtrot area do go to Shaw Elementary. The new Birchtree Charter School may attract additional students. It is unknown at this time if the school boundaries will change.

5. Why will the connection go through a dead-end?

The end of Foxtrot is a temporary turnaround for use until the connection is constructed according to the official streets and highways plan.

6. What about traffic in the interim between phase 1 and phase 2.

The project team is working on a traffic impact analysis for the interim between phases 1 and 2 and for after phase 2. We are evaluating alternatives to mitigate impacts between phases.

7. Will there be speed bumps?

No speed bumps are planned. The proposed posted speed for the connection between Paradise and Foxtrot is 25 miles per hour.