



West Anchorage Snow Disposal Project

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Phase Four Public Outreach Summary

Municipality of Anchorage
Anchorage, Alaska



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Introduction

This public outreach summary is used for tracking and documenting public involvement activities for Phase Four of the Municipality of Anchorage's (MOA's) West Anchorage Snow Disposal Project (Snow Disposal Project). It outlines the Phase Four public outreach strategies for the period beginning on July 13, 2022. The summary includes a description of the outreach activities, including the tools used for implementation and the results of the July 13, 2022, Public Open House.

Overview of Phase Four Public Involvement Activities

The project team hosted an Open House to engage and inform the public on the Snow Disposal Project. The Open House preparations, materials, and outcomes are summarized in the sections below.

Open House

On Wednesday, July 13, 2022, the Snow Disposal Project team hosted an Open House at the Jewel Lake Road parking area of Connor's Bog Park.

The purpose of the Open House was to inform the public of the Snow Disposal Project's 65% design and receive public feedback.

Attendance

Project team members Melinda Tsu, Julie Makala, Bill Spencer, and Alice Rademacher staffed the Open House, which was held from 4:00PM to 6:00PM.

A total of 45 visitors attended the Open House.

Advertising

The Open House was advertised in the following ways:

- Two E-Blasts sent to the Project's Email Distribution List (Attachment A)
- Meeting information posted on the project website: www.westanchoragesnow.com
- One advertisement in the *Anchorage Daily News* (Attachment B)
- Flyers posted at Connor's Bog Dog Park (Attachment C)
- A post submitted to the What's Up listserv
- Emailed announcements to the Community Councils listed below:
 - Sand Lake Community Council
 - Spenard Community Council
 - Taku/Campbell Community Council
 - Turnagain Community Council



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Materials

The project team members used the posters and handouts listed below to update attendees on the Snow Disposal Project:

- Open House Posters (Attachment D)
 - Welcome/Meeting Purpose
 - 65% Design Overview #1
 - 65% Design Overview #2
 - Landscape Features
- Handouts
 - Project Fact Sheet (Attachment E)
 - Frequently Asked Questions (Attachment F)

Summary of Comments

A total of 45 people stopped at the Open House to converse with the project team. Overall, the sentiment was positive. No written comments were submitted during the comment period. Below are the main themes of the public's comments to the project team during the Open House:

- Inquiries as to why the current snow disposal site needs to be relocated.
- Characteristics of the access road design in terms of grade and possible light pollution.
- How litter and possible contaminants will be managed/removed from the snow meltwater.
- Potential impacts on the current vegetation and how they can be mitigated.
- Support for the trail connection to Javier de la Vega Park with comments on how to make it safer for users.
- Interest in integrating the fencing screen into the new site and having it be a natural color (green) to not negatively impact the park's natural aesthetics.
- Questions on whether the new snow disposal site will remove available moose habitat and if an Environmental Assessment or wildlife impact study is needed?
- Interest in dedicating the remaining parcels.
- Request to know what the project's next steps/are and when construction is anticipated to begin.



Attachment A

E-Blasts

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Please Join Us!

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You are invited to attend a Public Open House, which will include a project update on the 65% design of the new snow disposal site.



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**Anchorage Daily News Advertisements –
July 6, 2022 & July 11, 2022**

Van Aert wins Tour stage 4 in style and extends overall lead

Associated Press

CALAIS, France — Belgian rider Wout van Aert won the hilly fourth stage of the Tour de France and extended his overall lead after attacking strongly on the day's final climb on Tuesday.

The Belgian rider kept the leader's yellow jersey for the Jumbo-Visma team after taking it for the first time on Saturday. He also extended his lead in the green jersey contest for best sprinter.

Van Aert shook up the peloton when he surged ahead up the last of the five climbs — a 900-meter ascent up Cote du Cap Blanc-Nez at a gradient of 7.5% — about 6 miles from the end.

He said he felt an early attack was the best way to avoid a mass sprint at the line.

"I didn't want to take the risk of losing anymore. It was quite obvious that we were trying something with the team," he said. "I went full gas to see what

would happen. I went all out."

The 27-year-old Van Aert is considered one of the best multi-skilled riders in the world and is a former three-time cyclo-cross world champion and a one-day classics specialist.

The Jumbo-Visma rider flapped his hands like a bird's wings as he sat up on his bike. He crossed the line eight seconds clear of countryman Jasper Philipsen of the Alpecin-Fenix team, with Jumbo-Visma teammate Christophe Laporte taking third place in a sprint finish.

"This jersey gives wings. It was definitely a tough climb but this stage was very likely going to end up in bunch sprint," Van Aert said. "It was difficult to finish alone, but thanks to the work of my teammates, I did it. It was up to me to finish it off."

Van Aert picked up a 10-second time bonus and is now 25 seconds ahead of Yves Lampaert in the overall standings and 32



Belgium's Wout Van Aert, wearing the leader's yellow jersey celebrates as he crosses the finish line to win Stage 4 of the Tour de France in Calais, France, on Tuesday.

seconds clear of two-time defending champion Tadej Pogacar.

Pogacar's rival Primoz Roglic, the 2020 Tour runner-up and Van Aert's teammate, stayed seventh overall and remained nine

seconds behind Pogacar, with both finishing in the main pack.

After a travel day, riders tackled a sunny 106.3-mile route from the coastal city of Dunkirk to Calais, where riders could see the

English coastline when they arrived into the much-used port location. Van Aert completed it in 4 hours, 1 minute, 36 seconds.

Danish rider Magnus Cort, who thrilled crowds with his breakaway rides during three intense days in Denmark, was again in the early breakaway — this time alongside Anthony Perez.

Perez pulled ahead some 28 miles out and Cort was caught by the peloton shortly after. Cort picked up more points in the polka-dot jersey bid but much more difficult climbs in the Alps and Pyrenees are still to come.

Wednesday's fifth stage is a flat stage for sprinters over 97 miles starting at Lille Metropole and going over some of the feared cobblestones that feature on the Paris-Roubaix one-day classic.

The race ends on July 24 in Paris.

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

The Tigers' Riley Greene beats the tag of Guardians catcher Luke Maile during the second inning Tuesday in Detroit.



CARLOS OSORIO / Associated Press

REDS 1, METS 0

CINCINNATI — New York wasted a stellar performance by Max Scherzer in his return from an oblique injury, losing to Cincinnati on Mike Moustakas' game-ending sacrifice fly on Tuesday.

Scherzer struck out 11 while pitching six innings of two-hit ball in his first big league start since May 18.

Reds rookie Nick Lodolo combined with four relievers on a six-hitter. Lodolo struck out eight in 4 1/3 innings in his return from a back injury.

Hunter Strickland (2-2) got three outs for the win against the NL East leaders.

MARLINS 2, ANGELS 1

MIAMI — Sandy Alcantara pitched eight dominant innings and Miami beat Los Angeles for its sixth straight win.

Alcantara (9-3) allowed two hits — singles by Luis Rengifo in the fifth and Mike Trout in the seventh — in his 11th consecutive outing of at least seven innings. The right-hander struck out 10 and lowered his ERA to 1.82.

Tanner Scott earned his 10th save, surrendering Taylor Ward's sacrifice fly before retiring Jared Walsh on a liner to center for the final out.

ORIOLES 10, RANGERS 9, 10 INNINGS

BALTIMORE — Cedric Mullins doubled in the winning run in the 10th inning. Baltimore beat Texas in a wild game that featured several comebacks and clutch home runs.

Mullins hit a two-out liner into the gap off Matt Moore (3-2) to bring home Ryan McKenna, who started the inning at second base.

Joey Krehbiel (4-3) worked out

of a bases-loaded jam in the top of the 10th for the Orioles, who have won three straight following a four-game skid.

PHILLIES 11, NATIONALS 0

PHILADELPHIA — Kyle Schwarber homered twice, running his NL-best total to 25, and the Philadelphia beat Washington.

J.T. Realmuto hit a two-run shot as the Phillies won for the fourth time in five games.

Cristopher Sanchez (1-1) tossed two-hit ball over five shut-out innings.

PIRATES 5, YANKEES 2

PITTSBURGH — Rookie outfielder Jack Suwinski hit his 14th home run, Daniel Vogelbach added his 11th and Pittsburgh beat New York.

Jameson Taillon (9-2), a high draft pick by the Pirates who was traded to New York in January 2021, lost for the first time since April 11. He gave up a solo shot to Vogelbach in the first inning and a two-run homer just over the center-field wall by Suwinski in the fourth.

BRAVES 7, CARDINALS 1

ATLANTA — Austin Riley homered and drove in three runs, Ian Anderson allowed one run in a bounce-back start, and Atlanta beat struggling St. Louis.

Riley hit a two-run homer, his 21st, and William Contreras also went deep in the first inning as Atlanta took a 5-0 lead.

Anderson (7-5) allowed eight hits with one walk and three strikeouts in five innings.

MARINERS 6, PADRES 2

SAN DIEGO — Logan Gilbert (10-3) tied for the major league lead in wins, Sam Haggerty homered and Seattle beat San Diego.

The Mariners swept the two-

game set to win their fifth consecutive series. They have won 12 of 15, while the Padres have lost nine of 12.

TIGERS 11, GUARDIANS 4

DETROIT — Riley Greene and Victor Reyes drove in three runs apiece, Eric Haase blasted a two-run homer and Detroit pounded Cleveland.

Miguel Cabrera added three hits, two runs scored and an RBI for the Tigers, who have won the first three games of the four-game series.

RAVS 8, RED SOX 4

BOSTON — Kevin Kiermaier hit an early three-run double and broke a tie with an RBI grounder during a four-run sixth inning that sent Tampa Bay past Boston.

CUBS 8, BREWERS 3

MILWAUKEE — Seiya Suzuki homered for the second straight night as Chicago overcame Kyle Hendricks' early exit and defeated Milwaukee.

Hendricks left after three innings with a sore right shoulder. The right-hander threw 69 pitches, with his velocity slightly lower than usual.

ASTROS 9, ROYALS 7

HOUSTON — Yordan Alvarez threw out Hunter Dozier at the plate from just short of the warning track in left field to preserve a two-run, eighth-inning lead, then hit his 25th homer as Houston beat Kansas City.

TWINS 8, WHITE SOX 2

CHICAGO — Alex Kirilloff hit two of Minnesota's five homers, Jorge Polanco went deep on his birthday for the second time, and the Twins beat Chicago.

— Associated Press

2 sets down, Djokovic wins 26th consecutive Wimbledon match

Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — It says a lot about Novak Djokovic that a two-sets-to-none hole at Wimbledon on a day he was hardly at his best never seemed insurmountable. Not to him. Not to anyone watching.

Says a lot about his history of overcoming that sort of deficit. A lot about his ability to adjust, to adapt and to right himself. A lot about his preeminence at the All England Club in recent years.

Djokovic spotted 10th-seeded Jannik Sinner of Italy the huge lead Tuesday, then worked his way back to win 5-7, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 at Centre Court, earning an 11th semifinal berth at Wimbledon with his 26th consecutive victory at the grass-court Grand Slam tournament.

"I always believed," said Djokovic, who faces ninth-seeded Cameron Norrie of Britain next, "that I could turn the match around."

Among men, only Roger Federer has made more semifinal appearances at Wimbledon with 13 and won more championships (eight) than the seven Djokovic could reach by lifting the trophy Sunday for what would be a fourth year in a row.

"He makes you play differently — well, not differently, but in a way that he likes," Sinner said.

Djokovic was responsible for just one of Wednesday's comebacks: In all four singles quarterfinals on a sunny day, the player who dropped the first set ended up victorious. Norrie edged David Goffin of Belgium 3-6, 7-5, 2-6, 6-3, 7-5; No. 3 Ons Jabeur of Tunisia beat Marie Bouzkova of the Czech Republic 3-6, 6-1, 6-1; Tatjana Maria defeated Jule Niemeier 4-6, 6-2, 7-5 in an all-German matchup.

Norrie, Jabeur and Maria all earned the right to make their debuts in a Grand Slam semifinal.

"Can't enjoy it too much now," said Norrie, 26, who was born in South Africa to British parents, grew up in New Zealand and played college tennis at Texas Christian University. "Just get ready for Novak in a couple days."

The 103rd-ranked Maria is, at 34, the oldest first-time women's semifinalist at a major and only the sixth woman at least that old to get this far at Wimbledon in the professional era, which began in 1968. The others? Quite a list: Martina Navratilova, Billie Jean King, Chris Evert, Serena Williams and Venus Williams.

"I always believed that I have

something inside," said Maria, who only once before reached as far as the third round. "That I can do this."

Djokovic, a 35-year-old from Serbia, managed his seventh career comeback in a match in which he trailed by two sets — he last did it in the 2021 French Open final against Stefanos Tsitsipas — and improved to 37-10 in five-setters. That includes a 10-1 mark in matches that go the distance at Wimbledon, including nine straight victories; the lone loss came in 2006.

"He's been in this situation many times," the 20-year-old Sinner said. "That definitely helps."

Tuesday's match brought Sinner's major quarterfinal appearance total to three, which is exactly 50 fewer than Djokovic's.

Sinner has shown enormous potential, reaching the quarterfinals at the 2020 French Open before losing to Rafael Nadal and the 2022 Australian Open before losing to Tsitsipas. As for grass? Sinner was 0-4 until last week. But he got win No. 1 at Wimbledon by eliminating three-time major champion Stan Wawrinka and then beat a pair of seeded foes: No. 20 John Isner and No. 5 Carlos Alcaraz.

With his wide wingspan, and a Djokovic-style ability to slide into strokes, the 6-foot-2 Sinner gets to balls that appear out of reach and is able to reply with considerable power. That allows him to lengthen exchanges and make even a consummate baseliner like Djokovic put in extra work to earn a point.

On Tuesday, Sinner went up a set and a break when Djokovic sailed a backhand long, then bowed his head. Sinner broke again for 5-2, and soon enough, 1 1/2 hours in, was a set from the biggest triumph of his nascent career.

Before the start of the third, Djokovic headed toward the locker room for a bathroom break, just like he did at Roland Garros against Tsitsipas 13 months ago.

"You approach these particular situations when you're two sets down a bit more calmly, a bit more confident," Djokovic said, "with more self-belief."

When play resumed, Djokovic was so much better than he had been.

"Two different matches," he said.

After 19 unforced errors over the initial two sets, he made 14 over the final three. After getting broken four times over two sets, he won all 13 of his service games the rest of the way.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League All Times ADT East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	58	23	.716	—
Boston	45	36	.556	13
Tampa Bay	44	37	.543	14
Toronto	44	37	.543	14
Baltimore	38	44	.463	20 1/2

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Minnesota	47	37	.560	—
Cleveland	40	39	.506	4 1/2
Chicago	38	41	.481	6 1/2
Detroit	33	47	.413	12
Kansas City	29	50	.367	15 1/2

West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	53	27	.663	—
Seattle	41	42	.494	13 1/2
Texas	37	42	.468	15 1/2
Los Angeles	37	45	.451	17
Oakland	27	55	.329	27

Tuesday's Results				
Seattle 6, San Diego 2	Miami 2, L.A. Angels 1	Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Yankees 2	Philadelphia 11, Washington 0	Atlanta 7, St. Louis 1
Chicago Cubs 8, Milwaukee 3	San Francisco at Arizona, late	Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, late	Chicago Cubs (Sampson 0-0) at Milwaukee (Burns 7-4), 10:10 a.m.	L.A. Angels (Ohtani 7-4) at Miami (Rogers 4-6), 2:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Peterson 5-1) at Cincinnati (Ashcraft 4-2), 2:40 p.m.	N.Y. Yankees (Severino 4-3) at Pittsburgh (Keller 2-5), 3:05 p.m.	Washington (Gray 6-5) at Philadelphia (Nola 5-5), 3:05 p.m.	St. Louis (Mikolas 5-6) at Atlanta (Fried 8-2), 3:20 p.m.	San Francisco (Cobb 3-3) at Arizona (Kelly 7-5), 5:40 p.m.
Colorado (Urena 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (White 1-1), 6:10 p.m.				

Wednesday's Games				
Cleveland (Bieber 3-4) at Detroit (Pineda 1-3), 9:10 a.m.	Minnesota (Ryan 6-3) at Chicago White Sox (Lynn 1-1), 10:10 a.m.	Toronto (Berrios 6-4) at Oakland (Kaprielian 1-5), 11:37 a.m.	L.A. Angels (Ohtani 7-4) at Miami (Rogers 4-6), 2:40 p.m.	N.Y. Yankees (Severino 4-3) at Pittsburgh (Keller 2-5), 3:05 p.m.
Texas (Otto 4-4) at Baltimore (Watkins 1-1), 3:05 p.m.	Tampa Bay (Kluber 3-5) at Boston (Bello 0-0), 3:10 p.m.	Kansas City (Keller 3-9) at Houston (Javier 6-3), 4:10 p.m.		

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New York	50	31	.617	—
Atlanta	48	34	.585	2 1/2
Philadelphia	43	38	.531	7
Miami	39	40	.494	10
Washington	29	54	.349	22

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	47	36	.566	—
St. Louis	44	39	.530	3
Pittsburgh	33	47	.413	12 1/2
Chicago	33	48	.407	13
Cincinnati	28	52	.350	17 1/2

West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	50	29	.633	—
San Diego	47	36	.566	5
San Francisco	40	38	.513	9 1/2
Arizona	36	44	.450	14 1/2
Colorado	35	45	.438	15 1/2

Monday's Late Results				
Atlanta 6, St. Louis 3	L.A. Dodgers 5, Colorado 3	Seattle 6, San Diego 2	Miami 2, L.A. Angels 1	Cincinnati 1, N.Y. Mets 0
Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Yankees 2	Philadelphia 11, Washington 0	Atlanta 7, St. Louis 1	Chicago Cubs 8, Milwaukee 3	San Francisco at Arizona, late
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Western Conference						
W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Los Angeles FC	11	4	3	36	35	19
Austin FC	10	4	4	34	35	22
Real Salt Lake	8	5	5	29	22	22
LA Galaxy	8	6	3	27	24	19
FC Dallas	7	5	6	27	28	21
Nashville	7	5	6	27	24	21
Seattle	8	7	2	26	26	19
Minnesota United	7	8	3	24	23	23
Vancouver	7	8	3	24	19	28
Portland	5	8	6	23	29	29
Houston	6	9	3	21	22	23
Colorado	5	8	4	19	19	24
San Jose	4	7	6	18	27	35
Sporting Kansas City	4	11	4	16	16	33

Friday's Matches				
D.C. United at Philadelphia, 3:30 p.m.	LA Galaxy at Los Angeles FC, 6 p.m.	Minnesota at Vancouver, 6:30 p.m.	San Jose at Toronto FC, 3:30 p.m.	LA Galaxy 4, CF Montreal 0

Saturday's Matches				
New England at New York City FC, 9 a.m.	Portland at Seattle, 12:30 p.m.	Austin FC at Atlanta, 3 p.m.	Nashville at Charlotte FC, 3 p.m.	New York at Cincinnati, 3:30 p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at CF Montreal, 3:30 p.m.	San Jose at Toronto FC, 3:30 p.m.	Miami at Orlando City, 4 p.m.	Columbus at Chicago, 4 p.m.	FC Dallas at Houston, 4:30 p.m.
Colorado at Real Salt Lake, 6 p.m.				

Western Conference				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Las Vegas	15	6	.714	—
Seattle	14	8	.636	1 1/2
Los Angeles	10	11	.476	5
Dallas	10	12	.455	5 1/2
Phoenix	9	14	.391	7
Minnesota	7	15	.318	8 1/2

Tuesday's Results				
Seattle 95, Indiana 73	Dallas 82, Connecticut 71	Chicago at Minnesota, 9 a.m.	Washington at Atlanta, 4 p.m.	New York at Las Vegas, 6 p.m.

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Stage 4				
A 106 mile from Dunkirk (France), Calais				
W	L	Pct	GB	Overall Standings
1. Wout van Aert, Belgium, Jumbo-Visma,				1. Wout van Aert, Belgium, Jumbo-Visma,
13hrs,2min,43sec.				13hrs,2min,43sec.
2. Jasper Philipsen, Belgium, Alpecin-Deceuninck, 08sec behind.				2. Yves Lampaert, Belgium, QuickStep-AlphaVini, 25sec. behind.
3. Christophe Laporte, France, Jumbo-Visma, same time.				3. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia, UAE Team Emirates, 32.
4. Alexander Kristoff, Norway, Inter-marche-Wanty-Gobert Materieux, same time.				

MILITARY

After spike in suicides, Alaska's U.S. senators sponsor act aimed at improving military mental health

Riley Rogerson
Anchorage Daily News

WASHINGTON — Alaska's U.S. senators have introduced legislation aimed at improving quality of life and expanding mental health resources for military personnel amid a rise in U.S. Army Alaska soldiers dying by suicide.

The Don Young Arctic Warrior Act would boost pay by \$300 a month for service members who perform cold-weather operations, among other benefits. The act also seeks to train and retain more behavioral health providers to work with the military by authorizing annual bonuses up to \$50,000 and developing a graduate program in counseling and social work at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

Alaska Republican Sens. Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan sponsored the act after an uptick in Army Alaska suicides in 2021. Last year, at least 11 service members died by suicide at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage and Fort Wainwright in Fairbanks.

A 2019 Army study identified risk factors for suicide in Alaska, including "isolation, stigma, limited resources, poor

coping skills, alcohol use, and poor quality of life," according to a USA Today investigation. Over a quarter of soldiers surveyed said they were worse off financially after moving to Alaska and 10.8% had suicidal thoughts.

In April, Sullivan and U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier, a San Francisco Democrat and chair of the House Armed Services Military Personnel Subcommittee, attended listening sessions at JBER and Fort Wainwright. The lawmakers heard from military personnel, their families and behavioral health providers.

"Our trip made clear that Congress must act both to address stressors unique to Alaska as well as to improve access to behavioral health services throughout the military," Speier said in a statement.

In fiscal year 2020, the Army invested \$214.5 million on infrastructure projects aimed at improving service members' quality of life. The act aims to tackle long-term problems like a shortage of behavioral health providers, but also would help pay for short-term quality of life improvements like a pilot car-sharing plan, a free flight home from Alaska during a

three-year tour and a \$125 monthly internet allowance.

The Congressional Budget Office has not yet produced a cost estimate for the act.

Murkowski called the act an "important investment in the military" in a Thursday phone interview and said it would alleviate some financial pressures on service members new to Alaska who might not expect the high cost of living.

"We know that financial pressure is linked to family stress. It's a major risk factor for suicide," Murkowski said.

Sullivan, who is a Marine Corps reservist and member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, has also spoken out about improving mental health in the military. He told Alaska lawmakers in April that when he served as a Marine officer, a service member under his command died by suicide.

"As a Marine, I have witnessed firsthand the training and toughness required of our military in Alaska," Sullivan said in a statement. "Our legislation aims to provide better access to the resources and support Alaska's service members and

their families deserve in order to thrive in our unique environment."

Murkowski and Sullivan introduced the act in the Senate on June 9, in honor of the late U.S. Rep. Don Young's birthday. Speier sponsored companion legislation in the House of Representatives.

Sullivan also introduced the act as an amendment to the fiscal year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act, the annual piece of legislation that authorizes military funding.

The Arctic Warrior Act has a few paths forward. Several key provisions advanced out of the Senate Armed Services Committee NDAA mark-up. If the provisions remain a part of the NDAA, they could be signed into law as early as September. Lawmakers are also considering the act in its full form in both the House and the Senate.

"When you see a doubling in the suicide rate in Alaska in the past year, if we're not doing everything that we can to try to address this, then shame on us," Murkowski said.

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VIRUS

are long gone. Air travel is nearly back to pre-pandemic levels. Political leaders aren't talking about the virus — it's virtually a non-issue on the campaign trail. Most people are done with masking, social distancing, and the pandemic generally. They're taking their chances with the virus.

"It's the wild West out there," said Ziyad Al-Aly, an epidemiologist at Washington University in St. Louis. "There are no public health measures at all. We're in a very peculiar spot, where the risk is vivid and it's out there, but we've let our guard down and we've chosen, deliberately, to expose ourselves and make ourselves more vulnerable."

Angela Rasmussen, a virologist at the University of Saskatchewan, would like to see more money for testing and vaccine development, as well as stronger messaging from the Biden administration and top health officials. She was dismayed recently on a trip to Southern California, where she saw few people wearing masks in the airport. "This is what happens when you don't have politicians and leaders taking a strong stand on this," she said.

The CDC said it has urged people to monitor community transmission, "stay up to date on vaccines, and take appropriate precautions to protect themselves and others."

Nearly one-third of the U.S. population lives in counties rated as having "high" transmission levels by the CDC. Cases are rising especially in the South and West.

Many people now see the

pandemic as part of the fabric of modern life rather than an urgent health emergency. Some of that is simply a widespread recalibration of risk. This is not the spring of 2020 anymore. Few people remain immunologically naive to the virus. They may still get infected, but the immune system — primed by vaccines or previous bouts with the virus — generally has deeper layers of defense that prevent severe disease.

But the death rate from COVID-19 is still much higher than the mortality from influenza or other contagious diseases. Officials have warned of a possible fall or winter wave — perhaps as many as 100 million infections in the United States — that could flood hospitals with COVID-19 patients. Beyond the direct suffering of such a massive outbreak, there could be economic disruptions as tens of millions of people become too sick to work.

"It feels as though everyone has given up," said Mercedes Carnethon, an epidemiologist at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

Carnethon said she also isn't as cautious as she used to be. She wears a high-quality mask on airplanes, but doesn't wear a mask at the gym. She is worried that she'll contract COVID-19 again — she caught it during the omicron wave last winter. But she doesn't think a "zero COVID" strategy is plausible.

"I feel there is a very limited amount that I can do individually, short of stopping my life," Carnethon said. "It's risky. I'll be catching COVID at an inconvenient time. I can hope it is milder than the first time I caught it."

Many experts concerned about ongoing transmission have also pushed back against online

fearmongering and apocalyptic warnings about the virus; people are not routinely getting infected every two or three weeks, Rasmussen said.

Population-level immunity is one reason the virus remains in mutational overdrive. The risk of reinfections has increased because newly emergent subvariants are better able to evade the front line defense of the immune system, and there is essentially no effort at the community level to limit transmission.

Al-Aly, who is also chief of research and development at Veterans Affairs St. Louis Health Care System, has scoured the VA's vast database to see what happened to the nearly 39,000 patients infected with the coronavirus for a second or third time. What he found was sobering. In a paper posted online last month, but not yet peer-reviewed or published in a journal, Al-Aly and his co-authors reported that people with multiple infections have a higher cumulative risk of a severe illness or death.

It's not that the later illnesses are worse than, or even as bad as, earlier cases. But any coronavirus infection carries risk, and the risk of a really bad outcome — a heart attack, for example — builds cumulatively, like a plaque, as infections multiply.

"Reinfection adds risk," he said. "You're rolling the dice again. You're playing Russian roulette."

Vaccination remains an important, if still underused, weapon against the virus — even if it's not that effective at stopping new infections.

Omicron blew through the largely vaccinated population last winter with stunning ease, and since then the subvariants

have arrived in rapid succession, starting with BA.2 and BA.2.12.1 in the spring, and now BA.5 and its nearly identical relative BA.4.

Vaccines are based on the original strain of the virus that emerged in Wuhan, China in late 2019. The Food and Drug Administration has asked vaccine makers to come up with new formulas that target BA.5 and BA.4. Those boosters could be ready this fall.

But there is no guarantee that these latest subvariants will still be dominant four or five months from now. The virus is not only evolving, it's doing so with remarkable speed. The virus may continually outrace the vaccines.

"I worry that by the time we have a vaccine for BA.5 we'll have a BA.6 or a BA.7. This virus keeps outsmarting us," Al-Aly said.

"We are in a very difficult position with regard to the choice of vaccine for the fall because we're dealing with a notoriously moving target," Anthony Fauci, President Joe Biden's top adviser for the pandemic, told The Post in June, a few days before he, too, announced that he was sick with the virus.

Already there's another omicron subvariant that has caught the attention of virologists: BA.2.75. First seen last month in India, it has been identified in a smattering of other countries, including the United States. But it's too soon to know whether it will overtake BA.5 as the dominant variant.

There is no evidence that the new forms of the virus result in different symptoms or severity of disease. Omicron and its many offshoots — including BA.5 — typically replicate higher in the respiratory tract than earlier forms of the virus. That is one theory for why omicron has seemed less

likely to cause severe illness.

It's also unclear if these new variants will alter the risk of a person contracting the long-duration symptoms generally known as "long COVID." The percentage of people with severely debilitating symptoms is likely between 1 and 5 percent — amounting to millions of people in this country, according to Harlan Krumholz, a Yale University professor of medicine.

His colleague, Akiko Iwasaki, a professor of immunology and expert on long COVID, said in an email that she believes the world is not sufficiently vigilant about the disease anymore. She is often the only person masking in a crowd, she said.

"I understand the pandemic fatigue, but the virus is not done with us," she said. "I fear that the current human behavior is leading to more people getting infected and acquiring long COVID. I fear that this situation can lead to a large number of people with disability and chronic health problems in the future."

The precocious nature of the virus has made infectious-disease experts wary of predicting the next phase of the pandemic. Topol warns that a new batch of variants could come out of the blue, the same way omicron emerged unexpectedly last November with a collection of mutations already packaged together. Omicron's precise origin is unknown, but a leading theory is that it evolved in an immunocompromised patient with a persistent infection.

"Inevitably we could see a new Greek letter family like omicron," Topol said. "There's still room for this virus to evolve. It has evolved in an accelerated way for months now. So we should count on it."

Fertile boyfriend tries to elude DNA

Q. Dear Amy: I have been with my live-in boyfriend, "Gene," for over three years.

He has two children, and I have three.

The issue I'm wrestling with is that he recently found out that he has a 5-year-old child.

When we met, he told me he had already established that the child wasn't his, via his mom taking a DNA test, which showed that this baby had no DNA connection to his family.

Well, surprise ... the child IS his.

Now I feel betrayed and duped.

I wouldn't have been with him had I known about this third child (by three different women).

I am in love with him, and the best way I can describe this emotion is to say that to me, it's the equivalent to being cheated on.

He doesn't understand



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why I have such strong feelings about this situation.

He said I am supposed to support him.

I'm not sure how I can do that when I feel second-rate to three women who have his children, and yet I don't have a child with him. He has told me he has no desire for marriage.

So I am supposed to be his girlfriend for the rest of my life, while these women have a solidified place in his life and a bigger connection to him than I am going to have?

I don't want to end things with him, but how can I help these feelings I have and find a way to accept this and move on?

— So Many Feelings

A. Dear So Many Feelings: I urge you to re-examine your choices — and for now to only do so from the vantage point of what would benefit you and your children.

In the short term, your reaction to this situation is to want what these other women have: A baby with "Gene."

From my perspective, if you did have a baby with him, you'd be joining a fairly crowded club of various women who give birth to Gene's babies.

I hope you double up on birth control, because this man is extremely fertile and also someone who has to be dragged into fatherhood.

He either outright lied to you when you first met, or is too dim to understand that DNA does not lie.

Furthermore, he

responds to your shock about this third child by insisting that your role is to support him.

Well, his role is to support you, too (and, by the way, all of his children).

People are somewhat predictable. Gene has established a pattern of overall selfishness.

Well-matched partners grasp hands and ride life's roller coaster together. If you don't feel that you two are able to do that, then you should carefully reconsider staying with him, long term.

You say you want to stay with him. If you do stay, you should accept that you might be riding this roller coaster alone.

SUNDAY'S NEW YORK TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS

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APPLICATION FOR NEW LIQUOR LICENSE

Birch and Alder, LLC is making application for a new AS 04.11. liquor license doing business as Birch & Alder located at 27635 Seward Highway, Indian, AK 99540. Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant, and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 550 West 7th Ave. Suite 1600 Anchorage AK 99501 or alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov.

FORECLOSURE SALE

7/15/2022 at 11:00 A.M.

Outside the Main Entrance of the Boney Courthouse
303 K Street, Anchorage, AK 99501

Property Address: 804 W 14th Avenue Anchorage AK 99501
Lot 1, Block 37D, Welch's Subdivision in South Addition, City of Anchorage, according to the official plat thereof, filed under Plat No. C-13A, Records of the Anchorage Recording District, Third Judicial District, State of Alaska.

5 Bedrooms, 4 Baths, 1 Car Garage, 4,701. Sq. Ft

This property is not available for viewing prior to sale

BOV/BPO 2022:\$800,000.00

OPENING BID AMOUNT: \$500,161.66

Cash or Certified Funds Only

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West Anchorage Snow Disposal Project
Project Management and Engineering No. 19-01

Please join us at our upcoming Public Open House!

Join us for a project update that will include the 65% design of the new snow disposal site.

Public Open House Details
Wednesday, July 13, 2022
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Connor's Bog Park* (Jewel Lake entrance)
*Please note that this open house will be held outside.

Questions? Contact:

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Attachment C

Project Flyer



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Wednesday, July 13, 2022
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.



Connor's Bog Park*
(Jewel Lake entrance)

**Please note that this meeting will
be held outside.*



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Design and permitting work are underway for the new West Anchorage Snow Disposal Site, which will be located at Connor's Bog. Public feedback is important, and the project team will consider all feedback received throughout this phase of the project.

You are invited to attend a Public Open House, which will include a project update and the 65% design of the new snow disposal site.

Visit www.westanchoragesnow.com for additional project information or to send a message to the project team. You can also contact the project team at info@westanchoragesnow.com.



Attachment D

Open House Posters



Welcome

West Anchorage Snow Disposal Project Open House



4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Open House Purpose:

Learn about project updates on the
65% design and permitting work.

Contact



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Web: www.westanchoragesnow.com

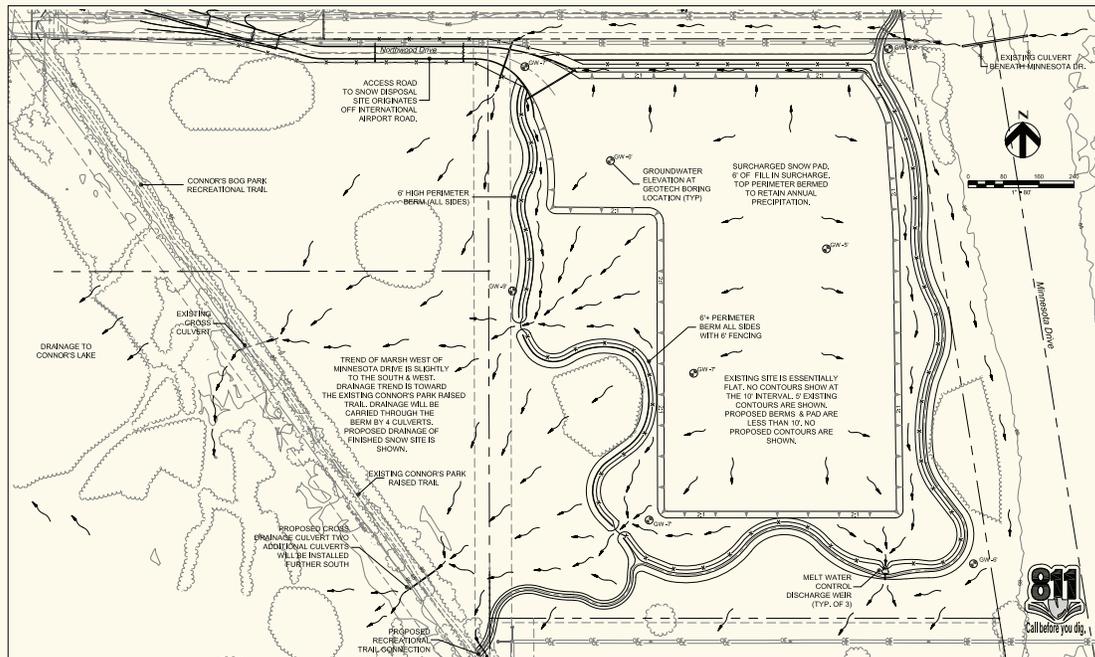
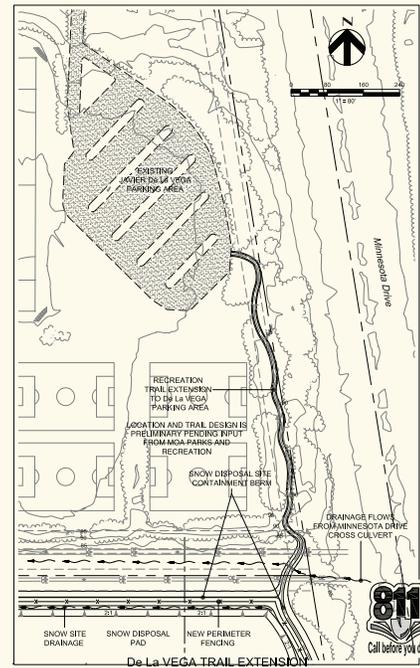
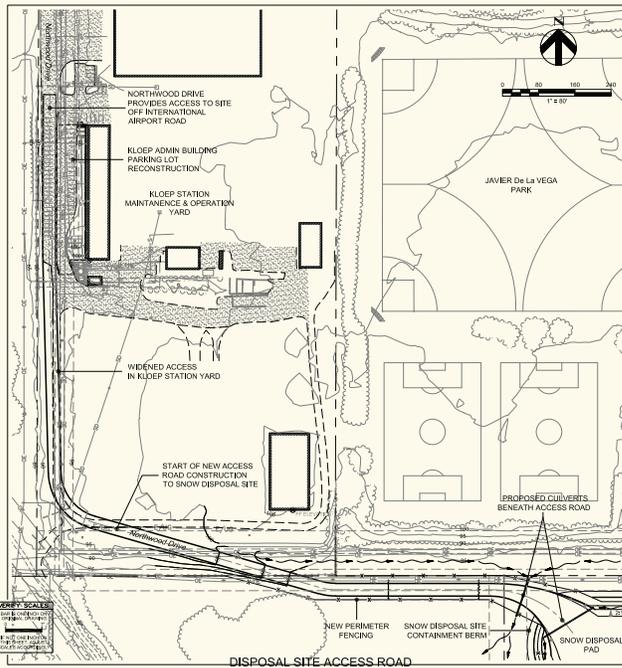


65% Design Overview





65% Design Overview





Landscape Design Features

- Informational Kiosks, benches, and dog waste disposal stations at trail heads, trail intersections, and habitat viewing locations.
- Natural surface trail along top of berm provides pedestrian connection between parking lot trail head at De La Vega Park through wetland to Connor's Bog main trail.
- Seed mix on berms promotes natural revegetation to blend with surrounding landscape and create uniform plant community. Mix includes plants that tolerate some contaminants as well as wet and dry conditions.
- Designed site footprint:
 - Preserves three large strands of trees
 - Prevents site from looking rigidly engineered
 - Incorporates curves, berms, and trees to maintain the natural aesthetic of the surrounding wetland





Attachment E

Project Fact Sheet



West Anchorage Snow Disposal Project

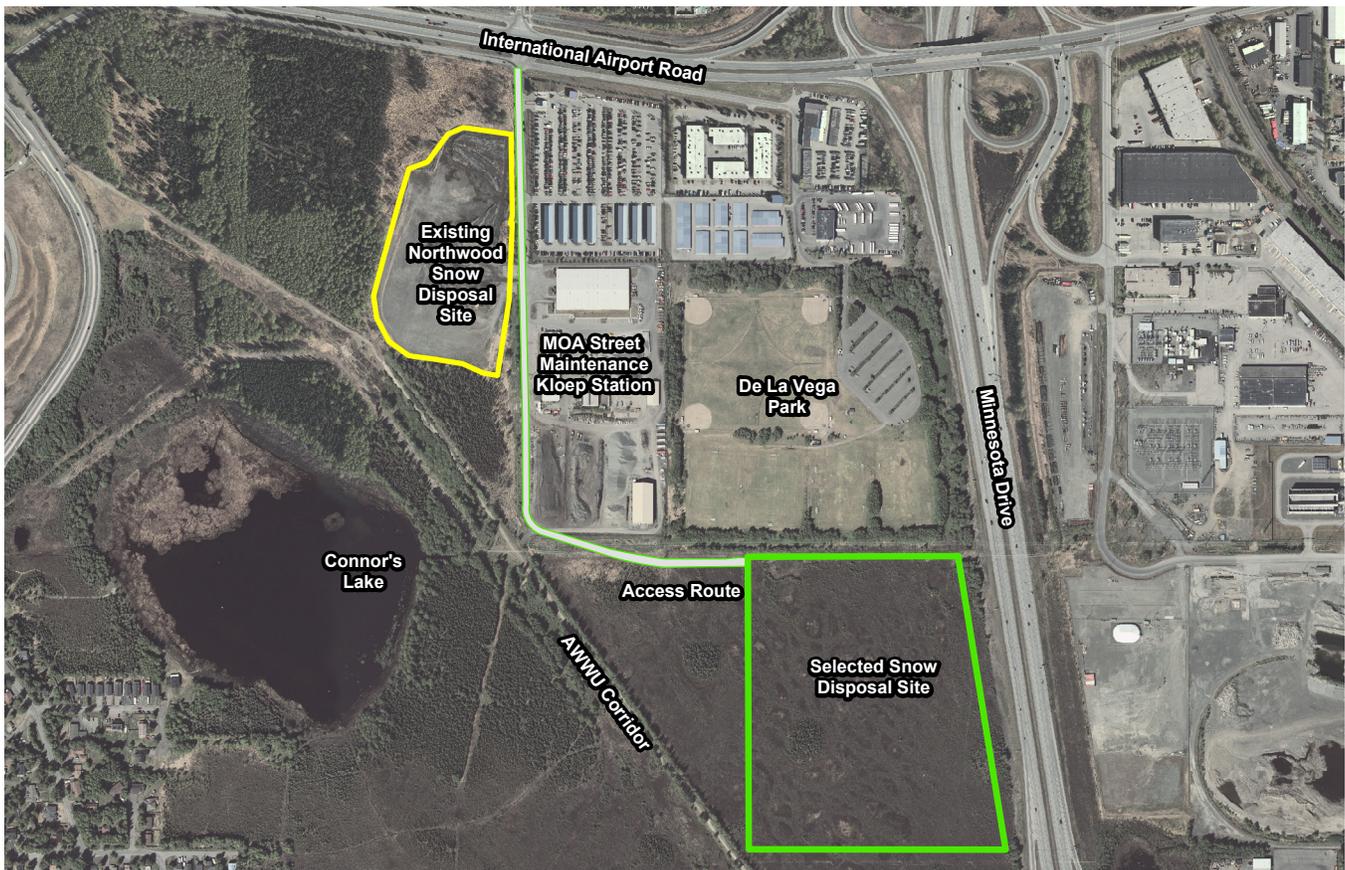
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Project Fact Sheet

Overview

The Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) currently leases the existing Northwood Snow Disposal Site from the State of Alaska. A municipally owned site is needed to meet long-term snow disposal needs for the west Anchorage service area. Permitting and design work are underway for this project. The Final Design Study Report is available on the project website at www.westanchoragesnow.com.

Please visit the [project website](http://www.westanchoragesnow.com) to view project documents and find additional information about the purpose and need.



Selected Location: Connor's Bog

Connor's Bog is the selected location for the future West Anchorage Snow Disposal Site. A thorough evaluation of the site, provided in the Final Site Selection Study, determined that it best meets the project's purpose and need.

The Final Site Selection Study was completed in February 2021 and is available at www.westanchoragesnow.com. The study summarizes the process for identifying a new snow disposal site, information gathered, public feedback, site options, site screening criteria, and reasoning behind the site selection.

Schedule & Next Steps

Permitting and design work are in progress. As of July 2022, the project is at the 65% level of design. The current project activity is focused on obtaining the Land Reclamation and Snow Disposal Site conditional use permits. All upcoming public meetings and engagement opportunities will be posted on the [events calendar](#) on the project website.

PROJECT SCHEDULE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Data Collection					
Site Selection					
Permitting					
Field Work / Design					
Construction					
Public Involvement					

 Indicates Public Open House

We Want to Hear from You!

The project team welcomes stakeholder questions or concerns at any time. You can contact them in the following ways:



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For more information regarding this project, contact information, and links to project documents, visit www.westanchoragesnow.com. You can also sign up for our project email list to have project updates sent right to your inbox.



Attachment F

Frequently Asked Questions



West Anchorage Snow Disposal Project

Project Management and Engineering No. 19-01

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is snow disposal ?

The process of snow plowing and clearing helps ensure that the roadways of West Anchorage are safe for travelers. Snow disposal is what happens when snowfall in excess of what can be stored directly in the berms along roadways and sidewalks is collected and trucked to permitted areas for storage until it melts in the spring. Check out this video on how the snow in Anchorage is removed: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsY33TmweSs&feature=share&app=desktop>

2. What is the Snow Disposal Project?

The West Anchorage Snow Disposal Project is a long-term snow storage solution for snow removed from West Anchorage streets during winter months. The Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) has selected a new location for the MOA West Anchorage Snow Disposal Site that is located in Connor's Bog.

The permitting and design phase of the project is underway.

3. How was the Connor's Bog Site selected?

The new site located in Connor's Bog went through a thorough site selection process that included significant public input. To learn about the process, please view the Final Site Selection Study under the Project Documents tab on the project website: www.westanchoragesnow.com.

4. What are some of the advantages and considerations of the Connor's Bog location?

There are several advantages to the Connor's Bog site location, including:

- Low impact on residents and neighbors
- Sufficiently sized and available for use
- No operational restrictions
- Adequate receiving waters

Considerations:

- Requires filling a portion of the Connor's Bog wetlands

5. What are the key features of the proposed snow disposal site design?

This design meets operational needs along with MOA and State of Alaska requirements. Key features include the following:

- Access to the new site will remain the same as access to the existing site to minimize disturbance to neighborhoods.
- The new site takes maximum advantage of existing vegetation and setbacks from highly used areas to reduce noise and visual impacts.
- The new site incorporates green infrastructure to treat the snow meltwater. Snow meltwater will be detained by berms to settle out fine sediments, and the effluent is further treated through the infiltration properties of the surrounding bog.

6. Why is a site of this size needed?

The new snow disposal site pad is approximately 14 acres. This site is being designed at this size to meet the community's long-term snow removal needs.

Having timely snow removal on roads, sidewalks, and multi-use pathways is essential to accommodate traffic flow and to provide Anchorage residents with transportation choices. The new West Anchorage Snow Disposal Site will allow MOA Street Maintenance to maintain its current snow removal level of service and provide Anchorage residents with travel options during the winter months. The goals for an efficient transportation system cannot be accomplished without efficient, timely snow removal operations. Having adequately sized snow disposal sites close to neighborhoods supports MOA Street Maintenance's objectives for efficient snow removal operations. The new site includes some additional capacity to accommodate snow from the non-motorized facilities that are anticipated to be constructed over the next 20 years.

7. What are the overall permitting steps for the new snow disposal site located in Connor's Bog?

The project team will go through a five-step permitting process. Many of these permitting steps allow for continued public input on the project:

1. **Completed:** Rezoning - Classification change from Transitional (TR) to Public Lands and Institutional (PLI)
2. **Completed:** Comprehensive Plan Amendment - Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan Map
3. **Completed:** Approval for Other Municipal use of dedicated park land - 0.2 acre for the access road
4. **In Progress:** Variances of Title 21 and Municipal Design Criteria - as identified in the Design Study Report
5. **In Progress:** Conditional use permits - Land Reclamation and Snow Disposal Site

8. What is zoning and why did Project Management and Engineering (PM&E) need to rezone the entire site?

Zoning refers to municipal or local laws or regulations that establish how a parcel of land can be used. The area known as Connor's Bog consists of multiple parcels. The preferred site is a 32-acre parcel on the eastern side of Connor's Bog that was zoned TR (Transitional), which was not meant to be a permanent zoning designation. A parcel can have only one zoning designation, so a rezoning of the entire parcel to PLI (Public Lands and Institutional) was necessary.

9. How is PM&E going to offset the impacts on the non-dedicated park land and the 0.2 acre of dedicated park land?

PM&E is working with the MOA Parks and Recreation Department to identify measures to offset the loss of open space and the impacts on social trail access to Javier De La Vega Park, as well as buffers to offset the aesthetic impacts of the snow site.

10. Will the project implement mitigation for the impacts on Class A wetlands?

Wetland mitigation is implemented by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). After a review of the project's jurisdictional request, USACE found that the Connor's Bog snow disposal site wetlands are non-jurisdictional under the Clean Water Act. Therefore, a USACE permit to place fill material and compensatory mitigation is not required.

Although formal wetland mitigation is not required, PM&E is managing the project development process with sensitivity towards this environmental resource. A thorough site selection process was performed under the guidelines of seeking the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative. Strategies were employed to identify the access route that will minimize additional impacts on wetlands. The project will strategically place culverts to direct snow meltwater from the snow disposal site to rehydrate the surrounding wetlands. This snow meltwater source will enhance the existing wetland function and help maintain the water level in Connor's Lake, which is a benefit to support wildlife habitat in this watershed. PM&E is exploring the possibility of winter construction, which would further reduce impacts on wildlife.

11. Is developing a new snow disposal site a good use of capital funding?

Yes, MOA Street Maintenance must pay for leased sites out of their snow removal budget. These lease payments reduce the funds available for actual snow removal. This snow disposal site facility is programmed to receive its project funding through future Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area bonds. Investing in an MOA-owned site ensures that Street Maintenance will be able to provide the essential service of winter road maintenance without being subject to the expense, uncertainty, and interruptions associated with lease term issues.

12. Why does road reconstruction increase the need for snow removal?

When a road is reconstructed to meet current road design criteria and code requirements, improvements typically include additional non-motorized facilities such as sidewalks and bike lanes, which reduce the right-of-way available for roadside snow storage.

13. Were established land use planning and policy documents reviewed during the Site Selection Study?

Yes, the guidelines laid out in established plans were reviewed. The established plans described the need for future snow disposal sites but did not specify where these sites should be built.

If deviations from the established plans are needed, the MOA will apply for appropriate amendments. For example, a Comprehensive Plan Amendment was approved since the new snow disposal site is compliant with the general intent of the plan. This plan amendment may be found on the Project Documents section of the project website.

14. What is the timeframe for this project?

Construction is planned from 2023 to 2024, pending funding and permitting approvals.

The current plan is to construct the project using a phased approach. The first phase will include construction of the access route and placement of fill material for the snow storage facility to provide a geotechnically stable site. The facility will be completed in subsequent phases.

15. Where can I find more information?

The documents listed below include extensive information and are available on the project website at www.westanchoragesnow.com.

- Project Fact Sheet
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Final Site Selection Study
- Phase One Public Outreach Summary
- Phase Two Public Outreach Summary
- Phase Three Public Outreach Summary
- March 8, 2021, Sand Lake Community Council Meeting Presentation
- Jurisdictional Determination Report
- Approved Jurisdictional Determination Form
- Approved Jurisdictional Determination Letter
- Final Design Study Report
- Site Design Features

16. How do I provide feedback or communicate with the project team?

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