



State of Alaska  
Department of Transportation & Public Facilities

**EXPEDITED CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION APPROVAL FORM**  
(NEPA Assignment Program Projects)

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**I. Project Information**

**A. Project Name:** Kenai Spur Highway Rehabilitation - Additional Continuous Lighting

**B. State Project Number:** Z545940000A

**C. Federal Project Number:** 0221019

**D. Primary/Ancillary Project Connections:**

**Primary:** Z545940000 - Kenai Spur Highway Rehabilitation, Sports Lake to Swires Road

**Ancillary:** CFHWY00253 - Kenai Spur Highway Rehabilitation: Sports Lake to Swires Road, Phase II

**E. COA Determination:** 23 CFR 771.117(c)(22)

**F. Project Scope:**

**TIP or STIP:** STIP

**Need ID:** 30549

**Project Scope:**

Rehabilitate 5.7 miles of the Kenai Spur Highway between Soldotna and Kenai to increase capacity and improve safety from Sports Lake Road to Swires Road. Project will be constructed in two phases. This second phase will construct a 5-lane highway between Sports Lake and Eagle Rock Road, and install continuous lighting between Delta Avenue and Dolly Varden Street.

**Note:** This project covers the additional continuous lighting only; please refer to the below project description for location and limits of work. The larger Kenai Spur Rehabilitation project is covered under the abovementioned primary and ancillary project numbers.

**G. Project Purpose And Need:**

The purpose of the proposed project is improve the safety and visibility of Kenai Spur Highway between Soldotna and Kenai, Alaska. Currently, no continuous lighting is present from Delta Avenue to Sports Lake Road in Sterling and from Swires Road to Dolly Varden Street in Kenai.

**H. Project Description:**

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is proposing a project that would add continuous lighting from Delta Avenue to Sports Lake Road in Soldotna, Alaska and from Swires Road to Dolly Varden Street in Kenai, Alaska. The project would connect the existing continuous lighting systems in Soldotna and Kenai to the continuous lighting being constructed under the primary and ancillary projects. Additional work may include utility relocations as well as vegetative clearing and grubbing.

## **Attachments**

### **Environmental Consequences (ExpCE)**

#### **Historic Properties and Cultural Impacts**

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- Z54594 KSH Rehab\_lighting update\_SL106 form\_ 09.29.2022\_Signed.pdf Z545940000A.pdf

### **Comments and Coordination (ExpCE)**

#### **Public Involvement**

- ADN Affidavit.pdf Z545940000A.pdf
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## **II. Environmental Consequences**

- For each category, summarize the applicable project activity and the magnitude of impact.
- Attach additional information that supports your evaluation. Common examples include: an alternatives analysis, agency coordination or consultation, avoidance measures, public notices, or mitigation statement.
- Include direct and indirect impacts in each analysis

### **A. Historic Properties and Cultural Impacts**

#### **Summary**

Summarize impacts to historic properties and mitigation, if any.

The project meets the Tier 2 allowances under the Section 106 PA and a Streamlined Project Review Screening Form was approved by the Central Region PQI on September 29, 2022 (see attached).

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### **B. Section 4(f)/6(f) Impacts**

#### **Summary**

Summarize Section 4(f)/6(f) involvement, if any.

N/A

### **C. Contaminated Sites and Hazardous Materials Impacts**

#### **Summary**

Summarize the contaminated site impacts and mitigation, if any.

Review of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) Contaminated Sites mapper on February 6, 2023 revealed two active contaminated sites are located within 1500 feet of the proposed project area: Drum Site - Mile 8-Kanai Spur Hwy (Hazard ID 467, File No 2320.38.019) and Duct or Sheetmetal, Inc. (Hazard ID 4586, File No. 2320.38.056). Both sites are located approximately 1300 feet to the east of Swires Road, outside the proposed project limits. Based on the limited scope of work proposed, the project is unlikely to encounter soil or groundwater contamination from either site and no adverse impacts are expected as a result of the proposed project.

### **D. Floodplain Impacts (23 CFR 650, Subpart A)**

#### **Summary**

Summarize floodplain impacts and describe any functionally dependent use(s), if any.

N/A

### **E. Wetland and Waterbody Impacts**

#### **Summary**

Summarize wetland and waterbody impacts and mitigation, if any.

Reviews of the KPB Parcel and Wetlands Mapper on February 6, 2023 revealed two wetlands are located adjacent to the proposed project area: a kettle wetland between Turnbull Avenue and Sports Lake Road and a disturbed wetland between Davidson and Candlelight Drives in Kenai. However, all lighting and conduit work, including additional trenching, will be limited to the existing roadway prism and no work within wetlands is expected.

## **F. Fish and Wildlife Impacts**

### **Summary**

Summarize fish and wildlife impacts and mitigation, if any.

N/A

## **G. Invasive Species Impacts**

### **Summary**

Summarize invasive species impacts and mitigation, if any.

N/A

## **H. Water Quality Impacts**

### **Summary**

Summarize the water quality impacts and mitigation, if any.

N/A

## **I. Air Quality Impacts**

### **Summary**

Summarize air quality impacts and mitigation, if any.

N/A

## **J. Noise Impacts (23 CFR 772)**

### **Summary**

Summarize noise impacts and mitigation, if any.

N/A

## **K. Social and Economic Impacts**

### **Summary**

Summarize social and economic impacts and mitigation, if any.

N/A

## **L. Additional Information**

### **Summary**

Summarize any additional information, as needed.

Review of the following resources on February 6, 2023 indicated that no respective protected resources are located within or directly adjacent the proposed project area: Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Anadromous Waters Catalog, ADF&G Special Status Species Website, US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation Database, USFWS Critical Habitat Portal, Alaska Department of Natural Resources website, Alaska Heritage Resource Survey database, FEMA FIRM floodplain mapper. All work will take place within existing operational DOT&PF right-of-way. Due to the lack of protected resources in the area, no adverse impacts are anticipated as a result of the proposed project.

## **III. Temporary Construction Impacts**

## **A. Temporary Construction Impacts**

### **Summary**

Summarize temporary construction impacts and mitigation, if any.

#### **Air Quality**

The proposed project may cause minor degradation of air quality due to operation of construction equipment and increased airborne dust and emission-related particular matter. However, changes in air quality are expected to be temporary and would be abated through use of BMPs such as watering of disturbed soils and regular maintenance of construction equipment.

#### **Water Quality**

**The proposed project may cause minor deterioration of water quality due to runoff during construction. An Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) and stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) would be prepared for the proposed project. Both would include Best Management Practices (BMPs) to be used during construction to stabilize slopes and prevent sedimentation and would comply with the Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) Construction General Permit (CGP) required for this project.**

#### **Traffic Impacts**

**Temporary impacts to local businesses and road users may include delays or detours due to project construction and heavy equipment use. Other roads in the vicinity of the project may experience increased traffic volume as travelers try to avoid the construction area. These impacts will be mitigated by providing advance notice to the public and creation of a traffic control plan.**

#### **Noise Impacts**

**Temporary noise impacts to residences and businesses may result from the operation of heavy equipment, the presence of construction crews, and other associated construction activities. Noise from construction equipment can be minimized by maintaining noise control devices.**

#### **Other Impacts**

**It's unlikely, but during construction it may become necessary to obtain temporary construction easements (TCEs) and temporary construction permits (TCPs). The TCEs and TCPs may affect the property owner during construction through general construction disturbance, but access would be maintained at all times and all property would be returned to original condition.**

## **IV. Comments and Coordination**

### **A. Public Involvement**

#### **Summary**

Summarize public comments and coordination efforts for this project. Discuss pertinent issues raised.

Notices of Intent to Begin Engineering and Environmental Studies (NOIs) for the proposed project were published in the Anchorage Daily News and the

Peninsula Clarion on October 18, 2022 and October 19, 2022, respectively. Additionally, an NOI were published on the DOT&PF online public notice website on October 11, 2022. No comments were received.

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**B. Agency Involvement**

**Summary**

Summarize agency coordination efforts for this project.

N/A

**V. Permits and Authorizations**

**A. Permits and Authorizations**

**Summary**

Identify permits and authorizations required and application status.

The proposed project is not expected to require any permits.

**VI. Environmental Commitments**

List all environmental commitments and mitigation measures included in the project. Environmental commitments are project-specific mitigation measures necessary to avoid, minimize, or mitigate environmental harm. Environmental commitments are not standard specifications or standard permit conditions unless they were a result of consultation with a resource agency and, for which, DOT&PF is committed to implementing in construction (Environmental Commitment Guidance, May 2019).

**A. Environmental Commitments and Mitigation Measures [23 CFR 771.109(b)]**

**Summary**

DOT&PF and their Contractor(s) shall:

N/A

**VII. Environmental Documentation Approval**

**A. Environmental Documentation Approval**

**Yes**      **No**

1. Do any unusual circumstances exist, as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b)?

**VIII. Programmatic Approval Status**

Review the November 2017 Programmatic Categorical Exclusions for Use on Federal Aid Highway Program Projects Authorized Under 23 U.S.C. 327 Chief Engineer’s Directive.

**A. Construction**

**Yes**      **No**

1. Does the Project lead to construction?

**Summary**

**B. Programmatic Approval Designation**

1. Which programmatic approval applies to this project?

- Programmatic Approval 1

**Summary**

**Expedited CE Approval Signature**

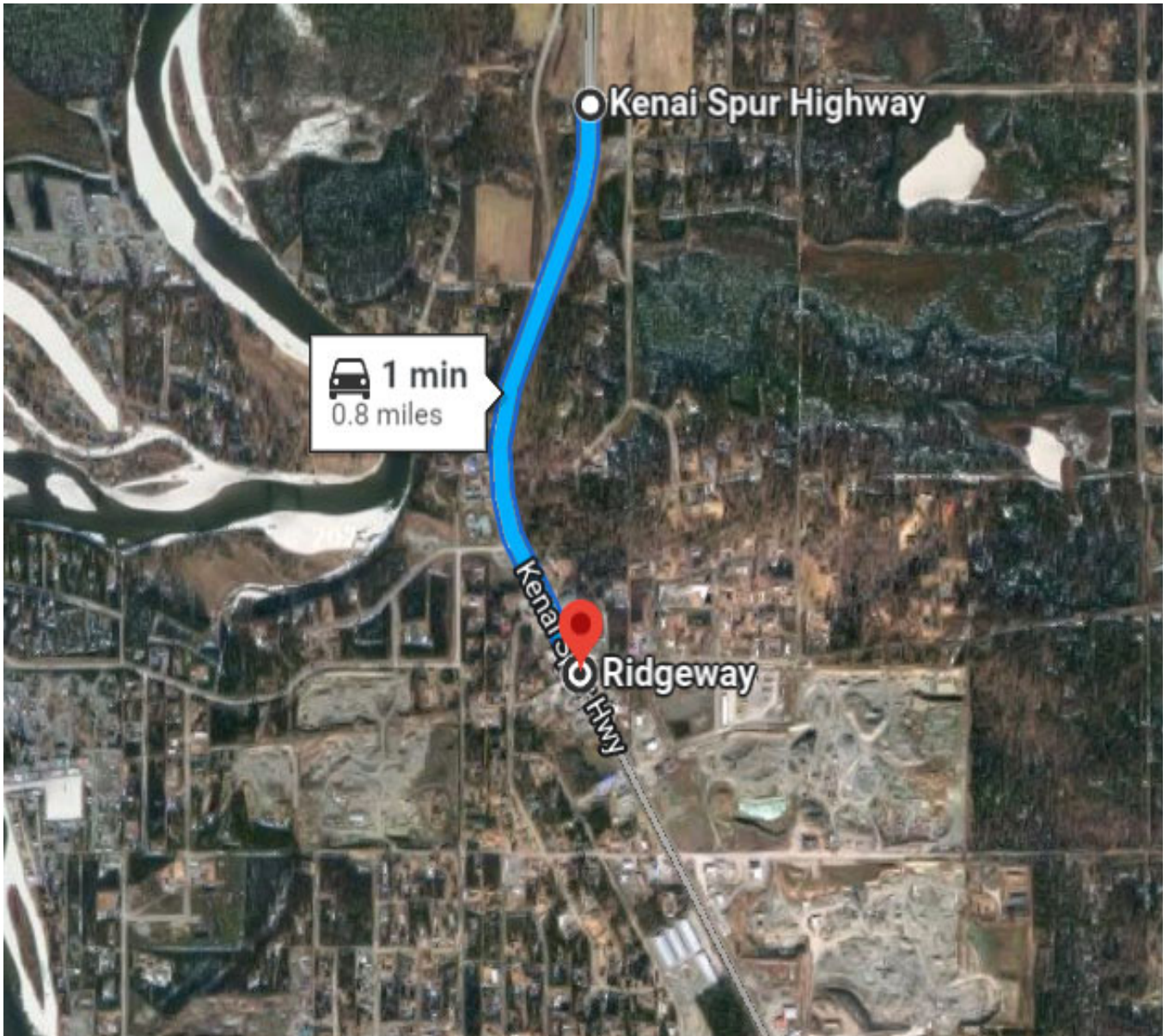
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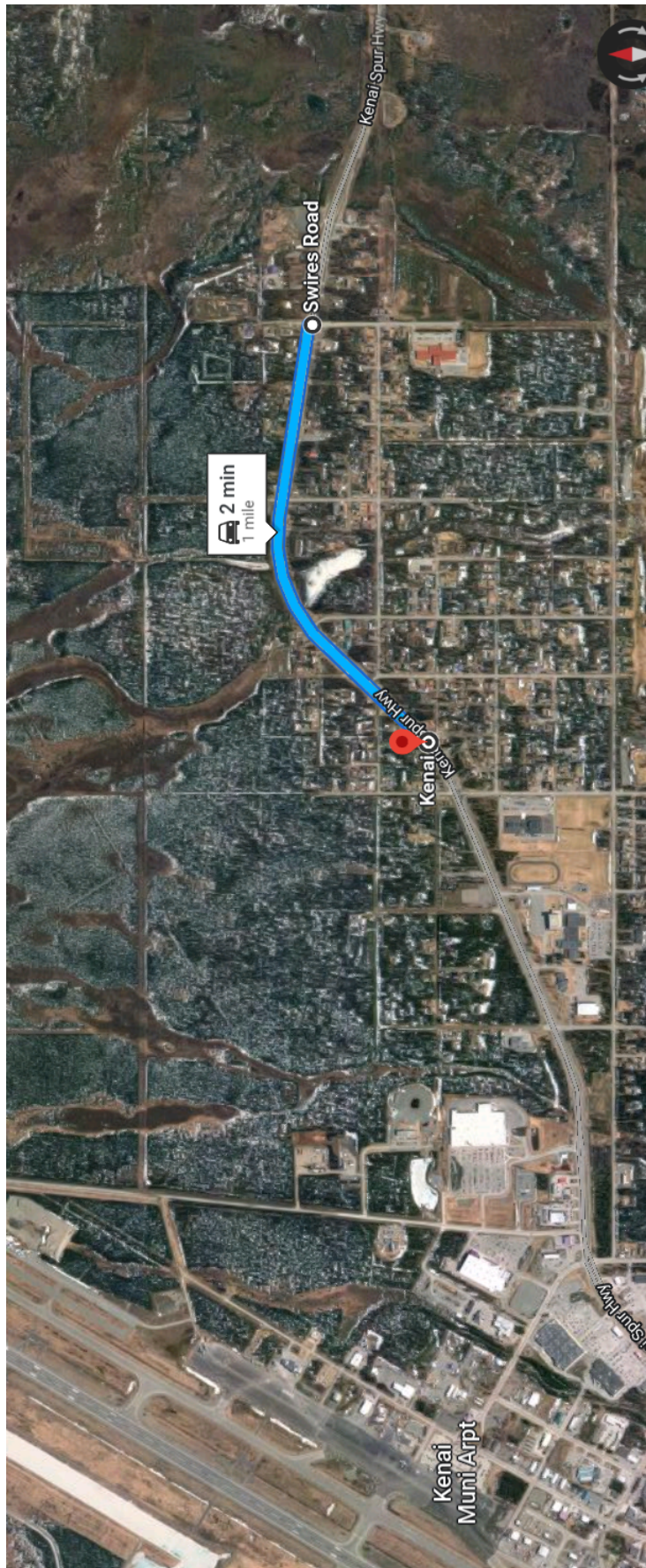
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Central Region Environmental Manager



South section: Delta Avenue to Sports Lake Road in Soldotna





North section: Swires Road to Dolly Varden Street in Kenai

# 106 PA Streamlined Project Review Screening Record *for project updates*

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*This form is required when Programmatic Allowances are being considered.  
It is not needed when circumstances lead directly to Sec 106 consultation under Appendix D.*

**Project Name:**  Yes  No   
**State Project #:**  **Federal Project #:**  **Assignable:**  Yes  No

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Project Activities (please list individually; continue on next page if needed)	Indicate which Programmatic Allowance applies (Ex: Tier 1.a or Tier 2.b)	Are all conditions met, including Historic Rds Analysis if applicable?*	
Install facility to connect continuous street lighting systems between Soldotna and Kenai on KSH	2.g	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Vegetation clearing and grubbing	2.c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Utility relocation as needed.	2.l	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

*\* If yes, attach documentation of identification efforts that support this decision. This documentation must be sufficient to allow any reviewing party to understand the basis for the decision. The Area of Potential Effect (APE) must be included in this documentation for Tier 2 allowances. If Historic Roads Analysis applies, also document which HRA option was used, and how it was applicable.*

**Description of APE** (attach figures): *If all activities above are Tier 1, an APE is not required*

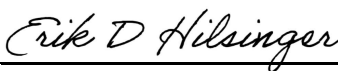
APE includes right of way along Kenai Spur Highway between Delta Avenue and Sports Lake Road in Soldotna and between Swires Road and Dolly Varden Street in Kenai. See attached figure for air photo maps.

**Screening Results:** This is an addendum to a previously reviewed project. See Comments Section for details.

Does this update include any activities which are not covered under the Appendix B Programmatic Allowances and/or which do not meet the conditions?  Yes  No  
*If yes, conduct standard Section 106 review for the entire project in accordance with PA Appendix D.*

I have screened this update and determined that it  Does  Does Not qualify for processing as a Programmatic Allowance.

Erik D Hilsinger



Date:

DOT&PF PQI (printed name and signature)

## Continuation Sheet- 106 PA Screening Review Record

Project Activities-Continuation	Indicate which Programmatic Allowance applies	Are all conditions met, including Historic Rds Analysis if applicable?*	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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**Additional comment space:** (include Historic Roads Analysis if applicable)

**Tier 2 General Conditions**

1. The project is a transportation project on an existing facility.
2. The APE is not within a National Historic Landmark.
3. The PQI has given careful consideration and found no archaeological or historic districts in the vicinity.
4. No standing buildings or structures within the APE are more than 45 years of age save for the road.
5. Ground disturbance will be limited to the existing ROW.
6. The project has no known tribal concerns or public controversy related to historic preservation.

**Tier 2 Additional Conditions**

- 2.c Vegetation Management does not include the listed road segments.
- 2.g Addition of the linkage wiring to connect the existing runs of street lights along Kenai Spur Highway would be visually inconspicuous if visible and congruent with existing facilities along the highway corridor.
- 2.l Utility replacement, upgrades or repairs necessary to facilitate the linkage of existing runs of street lights along Kenai Spur Highway would be on an as-needed basis, minimal and in-kind in appearance with existing utilities.

**Historic Roads Analysis**

2. The PQI has determined that new elements are similar in scale and character to existing features along the Kenai Spur Highway. The project to connect the runs of streetlights at the two locations would be similar to conditions existing along Kenai Spur Highway, an urbanized road connection between Soldotna and Kenai. The corridor already has street lights, above ground power and data on poles, below ground gas, water, data and power lines and a streetscape that includes a paved pedestrian trail and a mix of commercial, residential and undeveloped land. The change in wiring would not be visible or apparent to the public once construction was completed.

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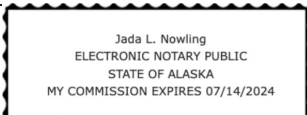
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### NOTICE OF INTENT TO BEGIN ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

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