



Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities

Parks Highway MP 231 Enhancements: Project Update

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Project Scope

Reconstruct the Parks Highway between MP 229.7 and 232.3 to include:

- Construct a NEW Denali National Park & Preserve-owned wayside.
- Add Right and Left turn lanes for:
 - New wayside
 - Old Parks Hwy intersection near MP 230
 - Ahtna, Inc. approach near MP 230
 - Add a right turn lane into the Denali Village approach and an acceleration lane by Grizzly Bear



Project Scope Continued

New bicycle and pedestrian facilities

Add pedestrian and bicycle facilities between MP 231 and 232.3 to include:

- New multi-use path connecting Denali Park Village and Grizzly Bear.
- New multi-use pathway connecting park trails and the new wayside.
- Both of these connections will be under the existing bridge.

Project Layout



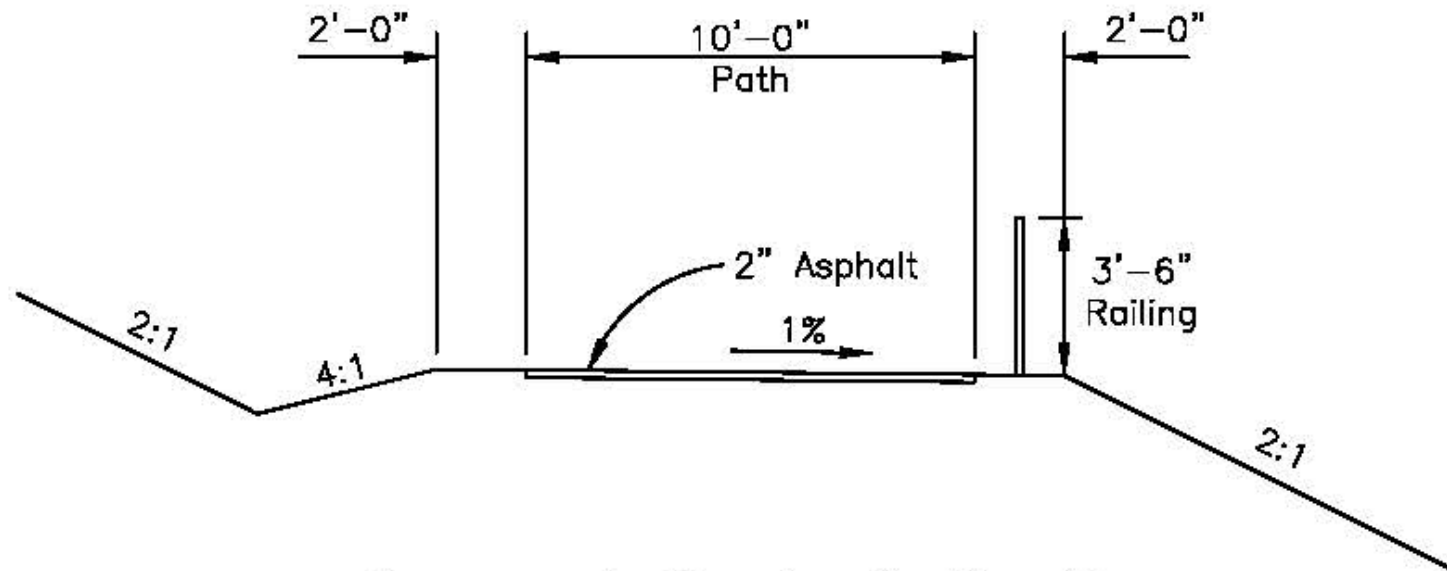
Wayside Layout



Intersection with Multi-Use Path Layout

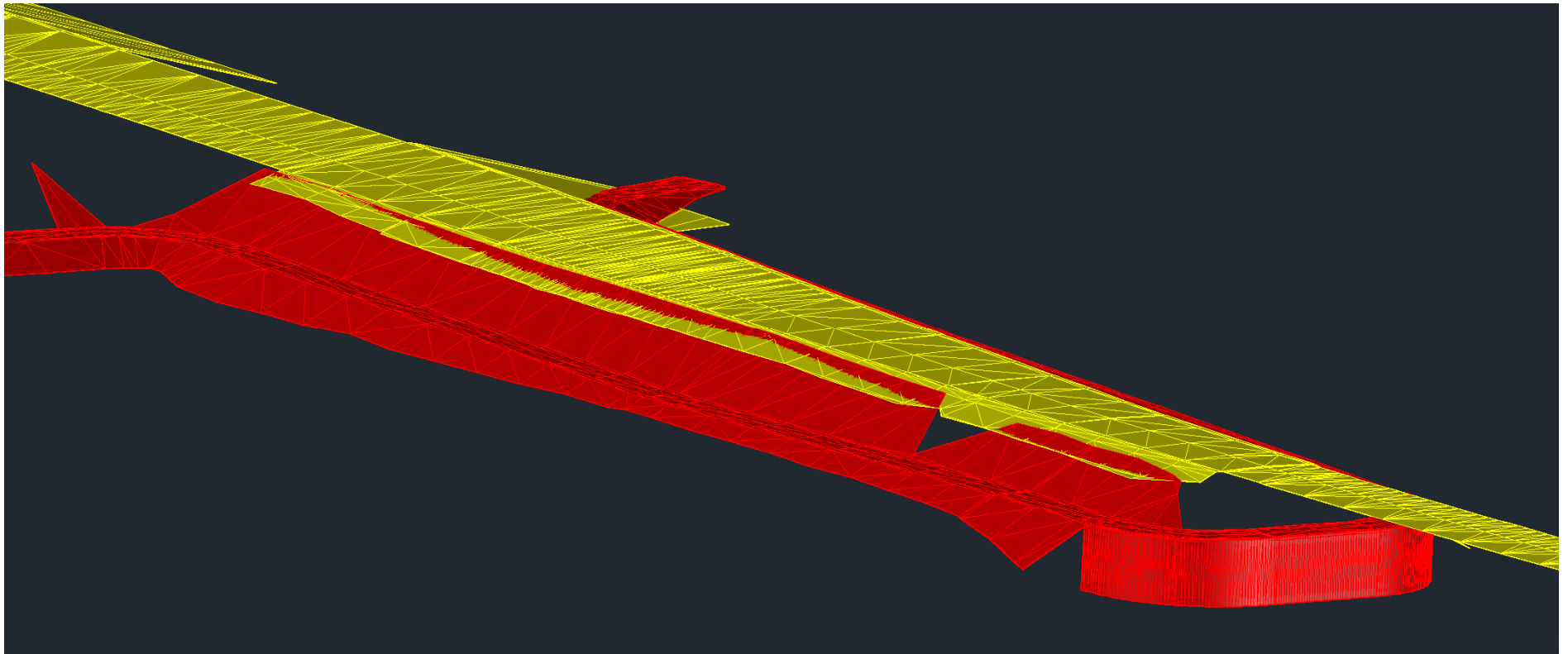


Multi-Use Path Typical Section



Concept Typical Section
Multi-Use Path

Multi-Use Path Model





Advantages of New Design

- Improves safety:
 - Eliminates pedestrian/vehicle conflict on the highway.
- Improves connectivity:
 - Pedestrian facilities connect rest area, trails, and businesses.
- Improves flow of traffic:
 - Turn lanes at the new rest area, MP 231 access, and MP 230.
- Reduces cost:
 - Costs less than the original design alternative and is right sized for this location. 50M vs. 25M



Schedule

- Clearing has already been done.
- Mobilize March/April.
- Begin turning dirt in May.
- Construction complete by October of 2022.



Contact Information

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<https://dot.alaska.gov/nreg/parks231/>

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