



Fact Sheet

University Avenue Rehabilitation & Widening
Project No. 0617003/Z632130000



The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF), in cooperation with the Alaska Division of the Federal Highway Administration, is proposing to widen and reconstruct University Avenue from the Mitchell Expressway to the Thomas Street intersection. University Avenue is a high-volume arterial route and functions as the primary north-south transportation corridor on the west side of Fairbanks. The crash rate on University Avenue is 1.7 times the State average for similar routes.

The project purpose is to improve **safety** and **mobility** for this high-volume route. Proposed improvements include:

- Widening University Avenue to include a raised center median;
- Addition of left turn lanes at non-signalized intersections;
- Expansion of University’s intersections with Geist Road/Johansen Expressway and Airport Way;
- Replacement of the structurally deficient Chena River Bridge;
- Addition of 4.5-foot shoulders;
- Sidewalk expansions to include an 8-foot sidewalk on the west side of University Avenue and 6-foot sidewalk on the east side;
- Relocation of driveway access to side streets; and
- Side street improvements for Geraghty Avenue and Halvorson Road to accommodate access changes.

Anticipated Schedule:

Phase	Date
Design & Right-of-Way Acquisition (All Segments)	Through Winter 2018
Begin Segment 1 Construction (Johansen/Geist Intersection)	Summer 2017
Segment 1 & Segment 2 (Advanced Communication and Electrical Utility Relocations)	Summer 2018*
Segment 1 Construction continues (Johansen/Geist Intersection to College Road)	Summer 2018*
Complete Segment 1 Construction (BLM/DNR driveway to Johansen/Geist Intersection, including replacing Chena River Bridge No. 263)	Fall 2018 through Spring 2020*
Segment 2 Construction (BLM/DNR driveway to Mitchell Expressway)	Summer 2020*

*Depends on availability of funding.



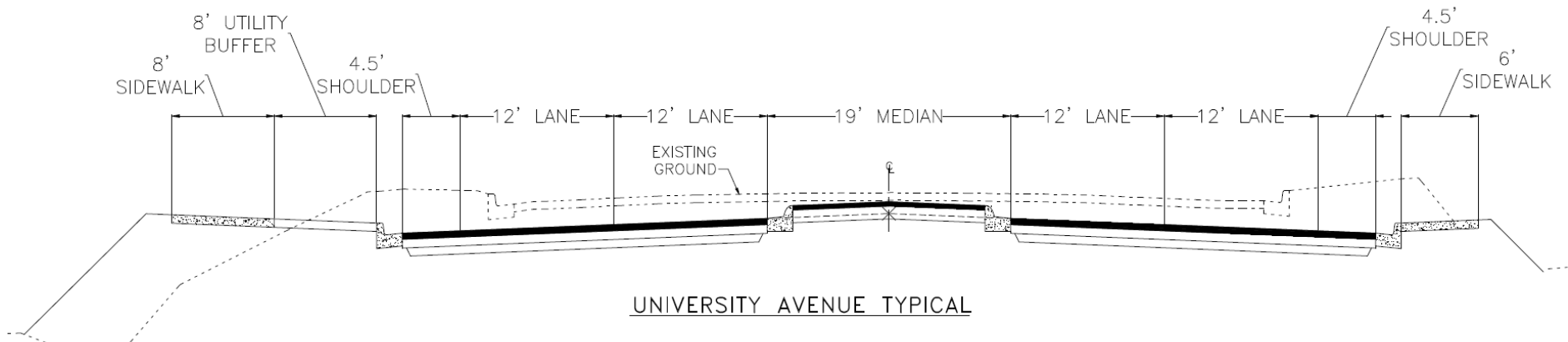
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University Avenue Typical Section:

The following graphic shows the final typical configuration of University Avenue, looking towards College Road from the Chena River Bridge. The website hosts a Google Earth KMZ file which illustrates the preliminary proposed roadway design.



Why a median?

Raised medians control access to locations where turn lanes can be provided, improving safety and mobility. Raised medians with turn pockets at access breaks are proven to reduce corridor crash rates by over 30% in nationwide studies. Visit the project website for more information supporting the determination for the proposed project median.

<http://dot.alaska.gov/nreg/university/>

