

Eastridge 4 Condominiums

Eastridge 4 Condominiums, Board of Directors

Representing 1605 through 1675 Sitka Street and 1600 through 1670 Eastridge Dr.

Anchorage, AK 99501

April 7, 2024

Subject: Seward-Glenn Connection PEL Study Open House #4 - Comment

DOT-PF PEL and HDL Engineering,

The board of directors, representing the Eastridge 4 Condominiums, comprised of one hundred and thirty-eight (138) units, adamantly opposes the proposed connection of the Seward Highway/Glenn Highway, Alternative D, as presented in the February 2024 Seward to Glenn Connection PEL Study - Online Open House #4.

The rejection of this proposal is based on the the following:

1. Access to E 15th Ave. would be removed, restricting access to and from the neighborhood to the already overloaded Lake Otis Pkwy. Restricting access to a neighborhood of this size to one street would be detrimental to the neighborhood and for those who use Lake Otis Pkwy.
2. Sitka Street Park is heavily used by the entire Eastridge neighborhood, as well as residents of Fairview and the entire Anchorage Community. Constructing this alternative would remove access to the only municipal park in the neighborhood. In addition, the documents provided for public review are deceiving in that the proposed routing appears to impact only a small portion of the park. In reality, the main area of the park, including the play structures and pavilion, are in the southeast corner of the lot and will be eliminated by the proposed route.
3. Woodside Park off of E 20th Ave would be eliminated as part of the proposed freeway alignment. This would leave another neighborhood without a municipal park.
4. The close proximity of the proposed freeway to the Eastridge 4 Condominium complex would be a significant source of noise and visual obstruction, reducing the quality of life of nearby residents.
5. Sitka Park and East Chester Park are natural habitats full of wildlife, and both are beloved recreation areas for Anchorage as a whole. Constructing this alternative would decimate the local ecosystem and landscape. We have few areas left in this town that are untouched by urban development and it would be a shame to destroy this gem.

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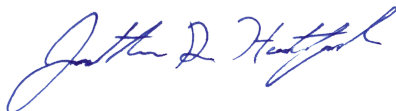
6. The documents provided for public review are again deceiving. The Trade-offs graph for Alternative D shows no residential relocations and no commercial relocations. This is not true and is misleading to the public. Although minimal compared to the other alternatives, the graph should show some form of representation that there will be relocations as part of Alternative D.

Should Alternative 4 continue, we would like to offer the following improvements to make it more accommodating to the residents of Eastridge 4 Condominiums:

1. Maintain access to Sitka Street.
2. Maintain Sitka Street Park and maintain direct access to Sitka Street Park from the Eastridge 4 Condominium complex.
3. Adjust the alignment of the proposed freeway to provide a buffer where the freeway bends at the northwest corner of the Eastridge 4 Condominium complex. Adjust the alignment of the east/west access road to the north along the Eastridge 4 Condominium property line. Leaving the existing trees and providing a buffer would greatly improve the negative impacts of placing a freeway next to a residential complex.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent our community and for taking the time to consider our concerns and feedback.

Sincerely,



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