

Bristol Bay Native Association

BBNA A2K Road Feasibility Study Public Meeting #1

New Stuyahok, Alaska

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Welcome

We are here to discuss:

BBNA Aleknagik to Koliganek Road Feasibility Study

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Presentation Overview

▶ Project Background / Information

▶ Public Involvement Overview

▶ Project Team

▶ Project Schedule/Next Steps

▶ What is Connectivity?

▶ Community Input on Roadway

- Opportunities and Threats
- Where Could a Road go?

▶ Questions

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Project Champion and Funding

▶ Project Champion

◦ Bristol Bay Native Association Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Development

▶ Funding Sources

◦ Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program, FY 2023

◦ Denali Commission (DC)

U.S. Department of Transportation

Denali Commission

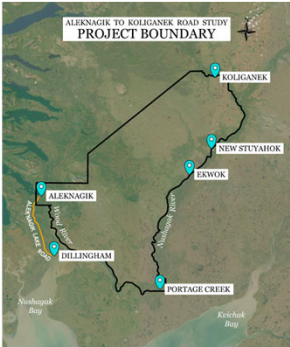
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Primary Stakeholders

- Community of,
 - Aleknagik
 - Dillingham
 - Ekwok
 - Koliganek
 - New Stuyahok
 - Portage Creek



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Project Need

- Understand ways to reduce costs of delivering goods, services, and people
- Provide year-round all-weather access to communities to enhance public safety
- Provide information to communities about connectivity feasibility

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Project Objectives

- Understand communities' thoughts about road connections
- Evaluate cultural, environmental, economic, and social impacts of a road connection
- Evaluate the feasibility of road connections
- Develop a report that summarizes the findings

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Project Do's and Do Not's

What This Study Does

- ✓ Considers the possibility of road connections between Aleknagik, Portage Creek, Ekwok, New Stuyahok, and Koliganek.
- ✓ Evaluates both pros and cons of the potential roads including economic, environmental, social, and cultural considerations.
- ✓ Identifies if communities want road connections or not.
- ✓ Helps communities make informed decisions about road connection planning.
- ✓ Identifies potential road corridors based on community input and traditional local knowledge.

What This Study Does NOT Do

- ✗ Make decisions for communities.
- ✗ Build roads.
- ✗ Solicit input from outside interests.
- ✗ Promote the Nuyakuk Hydroelectric Project.
- ✗ Promote mining or resource development.

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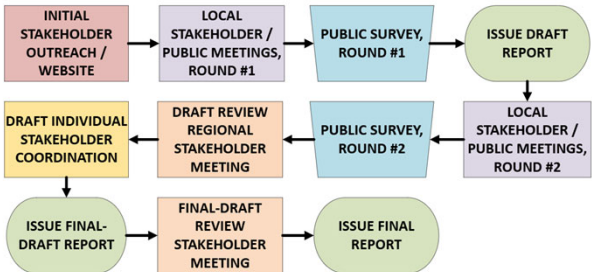
Project Approach

- ▶ Public Involvement
 - Initial Stakeholder Outreach / Website
 - Local Stakeholder / Public Meetings / Public Survey – (Two Rounds)
 - Draft Individual / Regional Stakeholder Meetings
 - Final-Draft Review Stakeholder Meeting
- ▶ Study Development (Draft, Final-draft, Final)
 - Public Involvement
 - Cultural Resources / Environmental
 - Economic Analysis
 - Geotechnical
 - Land Status and Corridor Development

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Project Approach



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Public / Stakeholder Involvement Overview

- ▶ Purpose of Public Engagement
 - Ensure transparency, inclusivity, and collaboration throughout the study
 - Gather local insights to inform reporting
- ▶ Engagement Tools
 - Project Website: Project updates, meeting materials, contact information
 - Public Surveys: To gather broad input
 - In-Person & Virtual Meetings: Local and regional reach
 - Target Outreach: For key stakeholders and communities

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Project Team

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| ▶ Agnew::Beck <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Economic Analysis◦ Public Involvement | ▶ Midnight Sun Environmental <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Environment Analysis |
| ▶ Bristol <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Land Status Mapping◦ Public Involvement◦ Analysis and Reporting◦ Project Management | ▶ Shannon & Wilson <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Geotechnical Reporting |
| | ▶ True North <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Cultural Resources Report |



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Project Schedule / Next Steps

- ▶ Draft A2K Study February / March 2026
- ▶ Public Meeting Round #2 April 2026
- ▶ Final Draft A2K Study August 2026
- ▶ Final A2K Study December 2026

Check out the website:
A2KRoadStudy.com



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What is Connectivity?

- ▶ This Project Considers: Movement of people, goods and services
- ▶ Current Connectivity in Study Area
 - Air, Land, and Water
- ▶ Each mode has limitations: Cost, Seasons, and Weather.
- ▶ This Project's Focus is to understand the feasibility of a year-round overland road connection.

Let's talk about this together!

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Considerations for New Roadways

- ▶ Community Needs & Priorities
 - How would a road connection affect your daily life (travel, access to food, healthcare, jobs)?
 - What destinations are most important for you (nearby communities, regional hubs, subsistence areas)?
 - Are there times of year when better transportation is especially needed?

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Considerations for New Roadways

► Cultural & Subsistence Considerations

- What traditional hunting, fishing, or gathering areas might the road affect?
- Are there cultural or sacred sites that should be avoided?
- How might a road change seasonal travel by snowmachine, boat, or ATV?

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Considerations for New Roadways

► Environmental & Season Factors

- Are there areas that are especially important to avoid (wetlands, caribou migration paths, fish streams)?
- How do you see climate change affecting the land in the coming years?

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Considerations for New Roadways

► Economic & Social Impacts

- What opportunities might the road bring (jobs, lower costs of goods, tourism)?
- What risks do you see (outside access to subsistence resources, increased alcohol/drug trafficking, loss of local control)?

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Evaluation of Opportunities and Threats

- ▶ As a group let's discuss. Think of a road of either to neighboring communities or the hub.
- ▶ **Opportunities:**
What good things could a road bring in the future?
- ▶ **Threats:**
What risks could come with a road, or from outside forces?"

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Opportunities and Threats

- ▶ Community Needs & Priorities
- ▶ Cultural & Subsistence Considerations
- ▶ Environmental & Season Factors
- ▶ Economic & Social Impacts

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Where Could a Road Go?

- ▶ Things to consider:
 - Geographic feasibility
 - Terrain challenges (mountains, rivers, wetlands, permafrost)
 - Accessibility in all seasons
 - Environmental Factors
 - Sensitive ecosystems, wildlife corridors
 - Subsistence resource areas
 - Cultural and Historical Resources
 - Sites of cultural or historical importance
 - Community Preferences
 - Connections people would find useful
 - Proximity of road to the townsite

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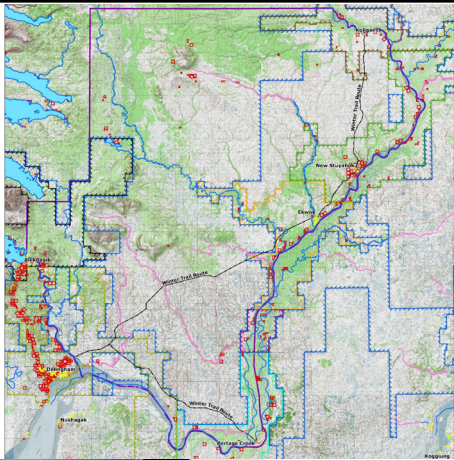
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Where Could a Road Go?

- ▶ We want to hear from you!
 - If a road were considered, where would you want it to go, or not go?
 - Where should be avoided?
- ▶ Let's mark up some maps!!!
- ▶ Also, Let's do some surveys!!!

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Questions or Comments?

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Thank you for your participation!



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