

Public Forum Seward Highway

Safety for Girdwood, Turnagain Arm and the
Kenai Peninsula



Hosted by the Girdwood Volunteer Fire Department
August 7th 2009

Thank You

- ❑ Girdwood Community
- ❑ Municipality of Anchorage
- ❑ Alaska State Troopers
- ❑ State of Alaska Department of Transportation

Agenda

Introduction

State DOT Presentation

Alaska State Troopers Presentation

Legislators and Public Policy Makers Comment (2 min time limit)

Public Comment (2 minute Time Limit)

Closing comments

Rules

Observe speaking time limit- 2 minutes

No Memorials - We all know of the Tragedies that have occurred

No “Bad Driver” stories – We all know what happens on the road

No “beating up” on public servants

Forms have been provided for written comment

Please keep your comments positive! This is not a bitch session

Ideas and Suggestions

Increase enforcement of existing laws:

- Speed limit, Headlight laws illegal passing, delay of 5 vehicles
- More trooper enforcement.
- Speed /Radar Cameras
- More Trooper Posts
- Increase Citizens Involvement (Seward Highway Watch)

Change the laws

- Reduce speed limits
- Add a minimum speed limit
- No passing in 3-lane sections (the single lane cannot pass using the center lane)
- Distracted driver laws (texting and cell phone use)
- Tougher drinking and driving penalties
- Higher Fines for speeding, reckless driving, etc.
- Manslaughter or Murder charges for fatal accidents

Educate drivers

- TV, newspaper public service announcements
- Fatigued drivers Safe passing – how to pass and be passed
- 5-vehicle rule
- Using pull outs as a matter of courtesy even when the 5-vehicle rule doesn't apply.
- Mandatory Driver Education – High School
- Additional drivers license requirements
- Rental car and rental RV education materials

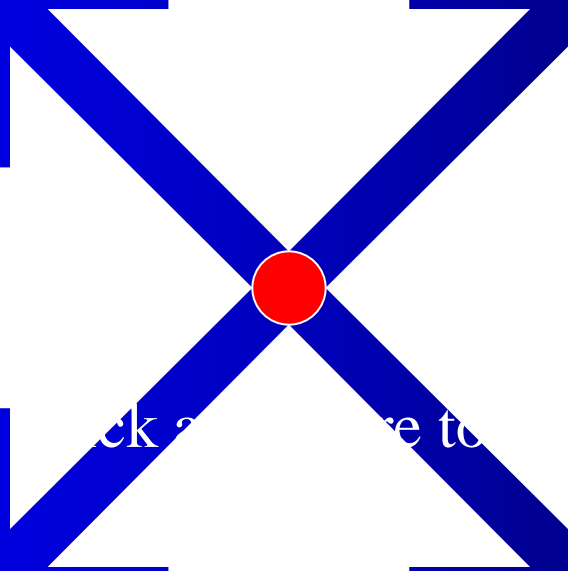
Highway Improvements

- Four lane divided Highway
- Widen road for additional passing lanes
- Additional turnouts
- More "Rumble Strips"
- Barriers - jersey, cable etc.
- Street Lighting for dark/winter
- Reflective paint, more consistent road markings
- Road down-grades – go back to gravel
- Ferry/causeway/bridge across Turnagain Arm
- Mass transit to reduce the number of vehicles on the road
- Toll road or scenic frontage road paralleling the main highway
- Speed bumps
- Time-stamped toll booth tickets
- Remove cell phone towers (access)
- Limit big trucks and Motor homes

Other Actions

- ASD High School Activity Bus
- Surveillance cameras
- Fake Trooper cars
- Speed information signage
- Free coffee along route
- Courtesy
- Respect
- Crashes not "Accidents"

2 minutes



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Thank You for your Support

Please drive carefully going home!