



# ***BIG LAKE ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS***

## **Matanuska-Susitna Borough PROJECT FACTS**

### Project Scope

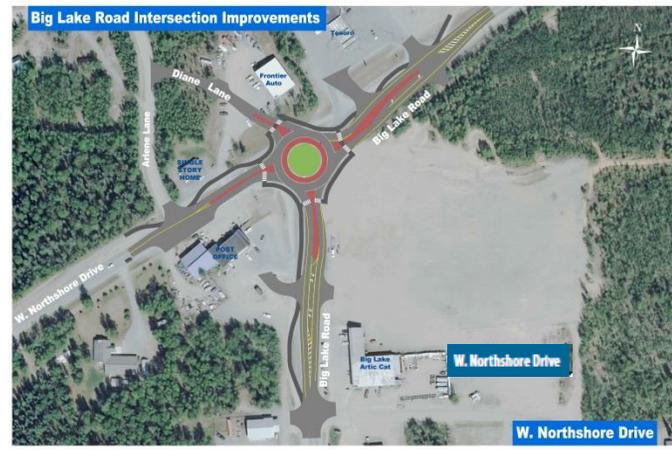
The purpose of this project is to construct intersection improvements at the intersection of Big Lake Road and Northshore Drive.

The extent and type of intersection improvements recommended are based on the outcome of an engineering analysis that considered traffic and pedestrian safety, road access, roadway drainage, and maintenance costs, as well as public comment and community goals. A resolution by the Big Lake Community Council identified pedestrian safety and vehicle speed as some of the concerns they hope the project will address. Borough and State maintenance crews have identified drainage as a major headache. The Community Council requested that Northshore Drive be made the top priority. Possible improvement options that were evaluated to address these needs include intersection signalization, marked cross walks, addition of turn lanes, roundabouts, and construction of new drainage structures.

### Status

Proposed improvements and intersection control devices were recommended by the design engineers at HDR Alaska in the fall of 2014, and preliminary plans were shown at a Public Open House on October 28, 2014, at the Faith Bible Church on Hollywood Road. The plans were finalized and advertised for bids in the summer of 2015. The construction contract was awarded to Jolt Construction of Big Lake and began in September 2015.

Construction is substantially complete and is anticipated to be fully complete in the spring of 2017, pending final acceptance by the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) which owns and maintains Big Lake Road. The MSB will share winter maintenance with the ADOT&PF on the roundabout and lighting.



### Project Costs

Funding in the amount of \$3.7 million was provided from a 2011 road bond and matching State grant.

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