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# Prince William Sound Ferry Terminals Environmental Assessment

DOT&PF has launched an environmental review process for improvements to the ferry terminal facilities in Chenega, Cordova, and Tatitlek. These improvements, which vary by location, will help provide critical ferry service and support the safety, service, and transportation needs of these communities.

**LOOK INSIDE** to learn more about how DOT&PF is proposing to maintain critical ferry service to Prince William Sound communities for years to come!



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## Newsletter 1

In 2014, the state began construction of two new Alaska Class Ferries (ACF): the motor vessels *Tazlina* and *Hubbard*.

These ferries are longer, wider, deeper, and heavier than the state’s outdated LeConte-class vessels, which are scheduled to be retired from service. The older ferry dock facilities in Chenega, Cordova, and Tatitlek are unable to accommodate the increased size and configuration of the new ACF vessels, jeopardizing the delivery of critical goods and supplies, and passenger transportation into the communities. In 2022, the Prince William Sound Economic Development District was awarded a Port Infrastructure Development Program grant by the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration for the purpose of ensuring that DOT&PF ferry terminals in Chenega, Cordova, and Tatitlek can accommodate the new Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) ACF vessels.

DOT&PF is in the process of preparing an environmental assessment (EA) for proposed ferry dock improvements. The EA process informs project development by determining the significance of potential environmental effects of a proposed federal action, resulting in either a determination to prepare an environmental impact statement or a finding of no significant impact.



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# Prince William Sound Ferry Terminals

## Purpose & Need

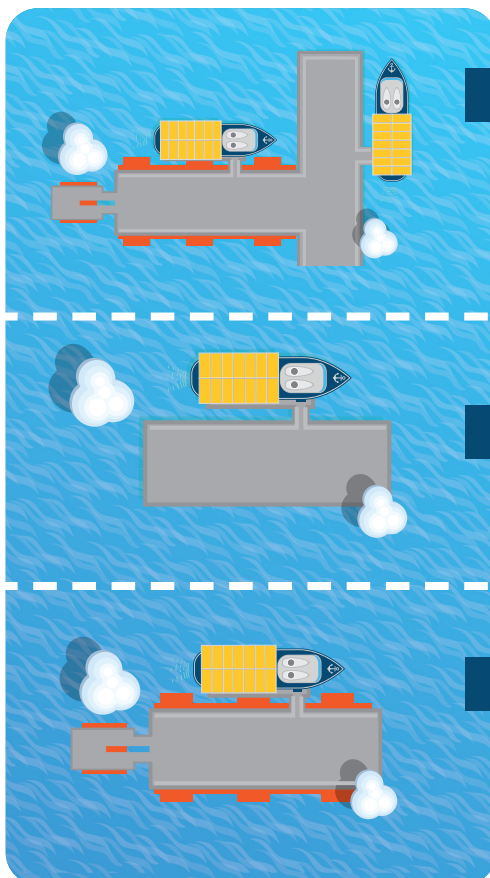
These projects would make improvements to the Chenega, Cordova, and Tatitlek ferry terminals to accommodate the new Alaska Class Ferry (ACF) berthing and home port needs to support continued reliable Alaska Marine Highway ferry service into the future.

The existing Chenega and Tatitlek ferry terminal facilities are fixed platform docks that will only accommodate vessels with attached vehicle ramps (M/V Aurora), which are aging out of service. The ACF will require a vehicle transfer system to be installed at the facility in order to operate at this port.

The existing Cordova ferry terminal facility includes a side berth and stern berth for AMHS ferry vessels. The terminal requires modification to the mooring dolphins to better accommodate the newly built ACF vessel's (M/V Hubbard) mooring line system.

## What's Planned?

Proposed improvements to be considered as part of the EA's development include:



### Chenega

A new side-loading ferry dock facility including pile-supported approach dock structure, vehicle transfer bridge, bridge support float, and two mooring dolphins.

### Cordova

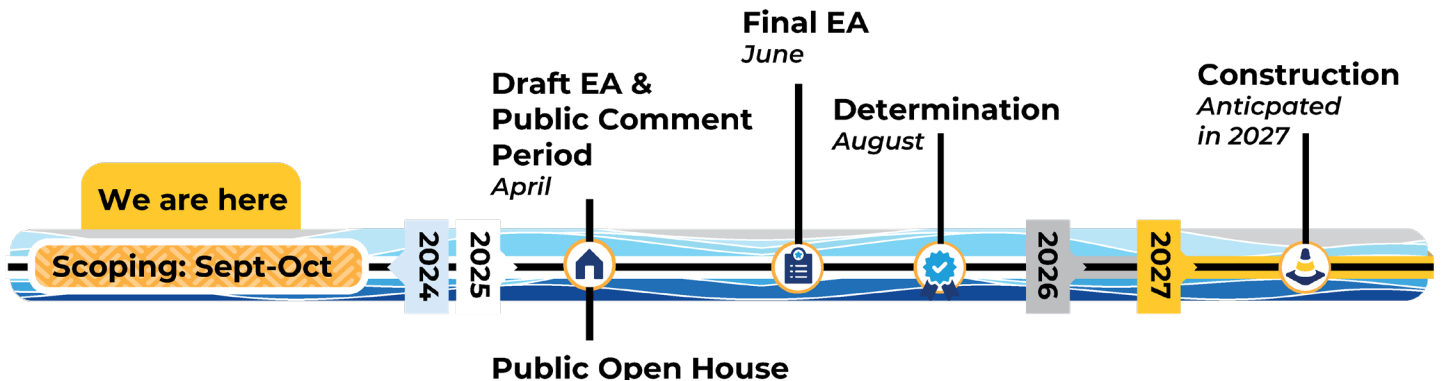
A new side-loading ferry dock berth.

### Tatitlek

A retrofitted end-loading ferry dock facility including vehicle transfer bridge and bridge support float (or lift bridge support) to replace the existing tidal ramp facility.

# Environmental Assessment

## Project Schedule



## Get Involved

The project is currently in a **30-day public comment and scoping period**, through **October 25, 2024**. While comments are welcome at any time throughout the project, DOT&PF is seeking input specifically on the projects' purposes and needs, issues to be addressed, and concerns related to construction impacts and timing. DOT&PF will also keep the public informed through presentations, newsletters, and the project website.

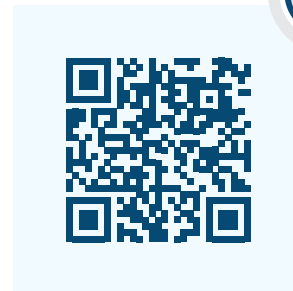
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## The Environmental Process

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by DOT&PF pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated April 13, 2023, and executed by FHWA and DOT&PF.