

**APPENDIX 6E**

**USCG BRIDGE PERMIT APPLICATION SUMMARY  
REPORT OF PRELIMINARY CONFERENCES AND  
EARLY COORDINATION**

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**Summary of Preliminary Conferences and Early Coordination**

**1. Community Meetings and Other Outreach**

A major component of the public outreach for this project consists of on-site meetings with communities, local governing bodies and tribal entities, resource advisory groups (such as the Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group), and regional subsistence advisory committees.

Outreach efforts started in 2011 and 2012 with the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities’ (DOT&PF) Reconnaissance Study. Twenty-two meetings were held throughout the region and surrounding communities to share preliminary engineering, geotechnical, and hydrological findings. Project team members solicited questions and comments from community members on the preliminary corridor analysis and environmental, subsistence, and cultural resources.

In 2013, the project was transferred from DOT&PF to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA). In 2013 and 2014, 29 meetings have been held throughout the region to discuss the status of the project, the transfer from DOT&PF to AIDEA, and the National Environmental Policy Act process. This includes a Tri-Village meeting with residents of Ambler, Kobuk, and Shungnak and an All-Corridor meeting which allowed tribal and city government leaders from throughout the project corridor, representatives of Alaska Native regional and village corporations, and other agencies to have face-to-face discussions with one another. Additionally, the project team has made presentations to various advisory committees, resource groups, and regional corporations.

Table 1 summarizes community meetings and other outreach efforts held through August 2014.

**Table 1: Community and Public Outreach Meetings Held Through August 2014**

<b>What</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>When</b>
Community Meeting	Ambler	January 10, 2011
Community Meeting	Shungnak	January 10, 2011
Community Meeting	Kobuk	January 11, 2011
Community Meeting	Shungnak	April 25, 2011
Community Meeting	Ambler	April 26, 2011
Community Meeting	Kobuk	April 26, 2011
Northwest Alaska Mining Conference	Kiana	May 5, 2011
Tri-Village Meeting (Ambler, Shungnak, Kobuk)	Shungnak	May 12, 2011
Community Meeting	Kobuk	December 6, 2011
Community Meeting	Shungnak	December 7, 2011
Community Meeting	Ambler	December 8, 2011
Community Meeting	Kiana	December 9, 2011
Community Meeting	Noorvik	December 9, 2011
Community Meeting	Alatna & Allakaket	December 12, 2011

Community Meeting	Bettles & Evansville	December 13, 2011
Community Meeting	Selawik	December 15, 2011
Community Meeting	Noatak	December 15, 2011
Community Meeting	Kiana	January 17, 2012
Community Meeting	Noatak	January 18, 2012
Community Meeting	Buckland	January 19, 2012
Tri-Village Meeting (Ambler, Shungnak, Kobuk)	Ambler	March 15, 2012
Game Management Unit 23 Working Group Meeting	Kotzebue	May 9, 2013
Community Meeting	Hughes	August 28, 2013
Community Meeting	Huslia	August 29, 2013
Community Meeting	Bettles & Evansville	September 26, 2013
Evansville Inc. Board Meeting Presentation	Fairbanks	October 27, 2013
City/Tribe Meeting	Alatna & Allakaket	November 20, 2013
Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group	Kotzebue	December 5, 2013
City/Tribe Meeting	Ambler	January 14, 2014
Community Meeting	Ambler	January 14, 2014
City Tribe Meeting	Shungnak	January 15, 2014
Community Meeting	Shungnak	January 15, 2014
City/Tribe Meeting	Kobuk	January 16, 2014
Community Meeting	Kobuk	January 16, 2014
Western Interior Regional Advisory Committee Teleconference Presentation	Teleconference	February 26, 2014
Tanana Chiefs Conference Open House	Fairbanks	March 11, 2014
Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Workshop	Kotzebue	March 24, 2014
Northwest Arctic Regional Advisory Committee Presentation	Kotzebue	March 25, 2014
Alaska Miners Association	Fairbanks	April 11, 2014
Game Management Unit 23 Working Group Meeting	Kotzebue	May 14 – 15, 2014
Tri-Village Meeting (Ambler, Shungnak, Kobuk)	Kobuk	June 2, 2014
Citizen's Advisory Committee on Federal Lands	Fairbanks	June 6, 2014
All-Corridor Meeting	Kotzebue	June 25 – 26, 2014
Tanana Chiefs Conference/ Allakaket Meeting	Allakaket	July 24 – 25, 2014
City/Tribe Meeting	Evansville	August 18, 2014

Community Meeting	Evansville	August 18, 2014
City/Tribe Meeting	Allakaket	August 19, 2014
Community Meeting	Allakaket	August 19, 2014
City/Tribe Meeting	Alatna	August 20, 2014
Community Meeting	Alatna	August 20, 2014
City/Tribe Meeting	Hughes	August 21, 2014
Community Meeting	Hughes	August 21, 2014

**2. Agency Coordination**

Outreach to interested government agencies has been on-going since the project was in the initial reconnaissance phase and being administered by DOT&PF. These early efforts included meetings with the National Park Service (NPS) to discuss corridor alternatives through Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve, and an agency fly-over of the potential corridor attended by NPS, the Office of History and Archaeology, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Since the project was transferred to AIDEA, two pre-application meetings have been conducted in Anchorage with several agencies participating via teleconference.

Additionally, at the invitation of AIDEA, NPS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Land Management have attended several community meetings held in 2014.

**Table 2: Agency Outreach Meetings Held Through August 2014**

<b>What</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>When</b>
Project Corridor Fly-Over	Project Corridor	Summer 2011
Pre-Application Meeting No. 1	Anchorage	April 15, 2014
Pre-Application Meeting No. 2	Anchorage	September 10, 2014

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