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TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Lacey G. Simpson, Assistant City Manager Initials: 

DATE: March 29, 2023 File #: MGR23-163

RE: **ADOT& PF Project Update – Sayles/Gorge Viaduct Improvement Project**

Attached for City Council's information is the March 2023 project update for the Sayles/Gorge Viaduct Improvement project.



SAYLES/GORGE STREET VIADUCT IMPROVEMENT

State Project # SFHWY00070
PROJECT UPDATE | MARCH 2023



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is proposing to replace the Sayles/Gorge Street Viaduct west of downtown Ketchikan, Alaska to retain safe access to the adjacent residences and streets. The existing viaduct is owned by the City of Ketchikan and in poor condition.

Proposed construction activities would include:

- ☑ Replacement of the existing 'L' shaped trestle structure with a new 'L' shaped concrete deck bridge supported by a steel frame substructure installed on concrete footings
- ☑ Rebuilding a pedestrian staircase from near the Sayles/Gorge intersection to Water Street below
- ☑ Replacing utilities, modifying drainage, modifying adjacent retaining walls and improving other pedestrian facilities as needed

There would be temporary noise impacts over the course of construction, including noise from minor pile driving, rock drilling, cranes and truck noise. The trestle would be closed to traffic for the majority of the site work. Maintaining access to

residences and protection of on-street parking to the greatest extent possible is a priority of this project. DOT&PF is beginning a preliminary relocation study and other activities. Those property owners and residents potentially impacted by this project will be contacted directly by DOT&PF Right-of-Way representatives.

CONSTRUCTION

Site work is anticipated to start in 2024 and take 8-12 months.

PROJECT UPDATE

The plans-in-hand documents and other project information are now available for review on the project website listed below. Project development activities are ongoing. Design completion and anticipated construction bid advertisement is expected in September 2023 or later.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

For future project updates, scan the above QR code or visit: dot.alaska.gov/sereg/projects/sayles-gorge-viaduct

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