



Fairbanks North Star Borough Comprehensive Roads Plan

Community Discussion on Corridors 69 & 295

September 20, 2022

Brief Review

- Project Purpose
 - What the plan does & does not do
- Project Schedule
- How the Plan is Implemented



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2022 Fairbanks North Star Borough

Comprehensive Roads Plan *May 2022 Open Houses*



Project Purpose

To evaluate and update the 1991 Comprehensive Roads Plan to **improve the current and future road network** by creating appropriate and **strategic road corridors and access points** across the borough. This process aims to:



Bring together and build from the knowledge of residents, community leaders, transportation experts, and the private sector.



Understand how the borough has and is projected to grow and change, and related challenges and opportunities for a future roads network.



Take advantage of new and improved data on things like permafrost, wetlands, and other topographical features.



Share and document examples of successes and lesson learned from the 1991 Plan and related roads policies.

Project Schedule

Spring 2021: Launch & Discover

- Convene Steering Committee
- Conduct initial research



Summer/Fall 2021: Learn and Listen

- Invite public input
- Compile & analyze data
- Conduct Community Open Houses



Winter 2021/Spring 2022: Draft and Review

- Develop vision, goals, strategies & actions
- Prepare maps & conduct Steering Committee review



Summer/Fall 2022: Finalize and Adopt

- Conduct Community Open Houses
- Develop draft plan
- Collect input on goals, strategies & maps
- Adopt plan

The Plan DOES:

- ✓ ...provide guidance and plan for future road corridors and land access while facilitating the securing of legal right-of-way (ROW) and physical road development through the land subdivision process.
- ✓ ...assign a purpose for a future road corridor through a functional classification that is tied to the FNSB's subdivision development process.
- ✓ ...encourage and support the FNSB and developers working together to develop a road system that protects the health, safety, and well-being of the community.

The Plan DOES NOT:

- ☒ ...allow the Borough to:
 - Acquire or "take" private property.
 - Force roads through private property. Corridors in the plan will only be dedicated on private property at the time owners subdivide their land
- ☒ ...draw hard, fixed, unchangeable lines on a map – development patterns and other change may call for alternative road corridors in the future – the plan and related actions will respond and adapt to these changes.
- ☒ ...act as a barrier to development. Instead, the plan is a tool to increase collaboration, communication, and teamwork between FNSB, residents and the developer community.

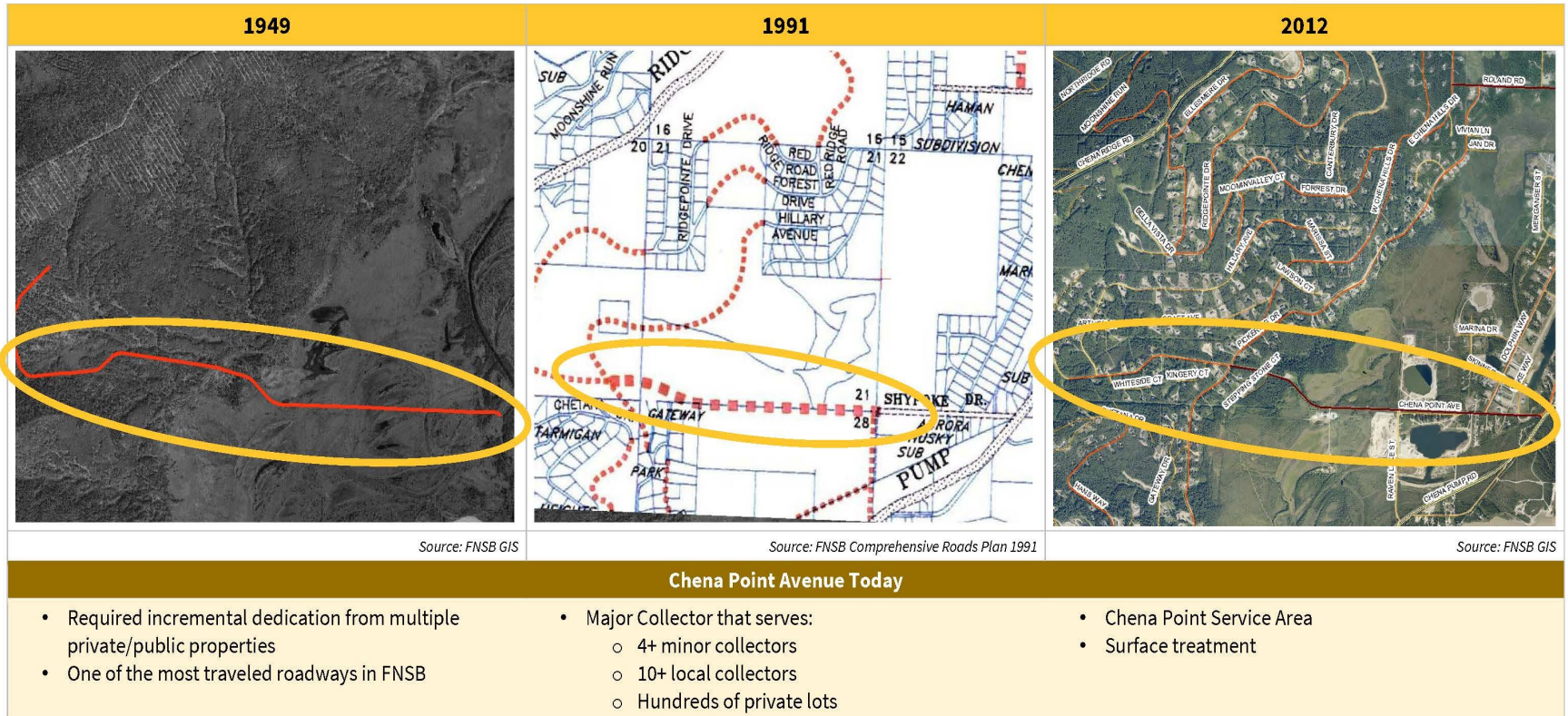


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How the Plan is Implemented

- Road corridors in the plan will only be dedicated on private property at the time that landowners subdivide.
- The subdivision process allows for some flexibility in road alignment and design if the alternative corridor achieves the same goals as the connection identified in the plan.
- The Road Plan is intended to encourage and support the FNSB and developers working together to develop a road system that protects the health, safety, and well-being of the community.

1991 Plan Progress – One Example of How a Line on a Map Became a Road in an FNSB Neighborhood: Chena Point Avenue



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Next Steps

- **Week of September 19, 2022** – Public Review Draft Release
 - *IMPORTANT: will include detailed comment tracker w/all comments and how they've been addressed in the draft*
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- **Late October 2022** – Steering Committee Meeting to Review Public Feedback and Recommended Revisions
- **Late Fall/Early Winter** – Adoption Process – FNSB Platting Board, Planning Commission & Assembly Public Hearings

All opportunities to share your feedback! *For Corridors 69 & 295:*

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Comments & Proposed Changes

- Draft future corridors released May 2022 for two in-person open houses
- 1,300+ mailers sent
- Posted online for a 30-day public comment
- Received 84 specific comments (tracked in responsiveness summary)
- Comments spanned many issues, but most were related to 15 corridors, **including 69 & 295**
- July 27th Steering Committee & Additional Technical Analysis, including Criteria Matrix



Corridor 69

- Location: Sheep Creek (Line Drive area)
- 1991 Road Plan: Included Corridor 69 as Proposed Corridor
- **September 2022 Public Review Draft:**
Removes 69 as Proposed Corridor
- Rationale:
 - It traverses poor soils and very wet ground.
 - Road building in the area could create environmental impacts due to wetlands, permafrost.
 - Existing overlapping trail easement.
 - Corridor 69 was a remnant from the earlier plan, and its current form doesn't serve its intended purpose to make connection in the area.



Corridor 295

- Location: Sheep Creek (Line Drive area)
- 1991 Road Plan: Did not include Corridor 295
- **September 2022 Public Review Draft:**
Retains 295 as Proposed Corridor
- Rationale:
 - Is **feasible to construct** based on topography (runs along ridge) and opinion of surveyor familiar with that area.
 - Provides **another point of ingress/egress to the existing subdivision** in case of emergency (wildfire, downed trees, blocked roads, etc.).
 - Provides **good connectivity** to the area as it continues to develop with **just a few additional subdivisions**.
 - Compound curve at Hafele cul-du-sac would likely require **lowered speeds** on constructed road which could provide **additional traffic calming** benefits to neighborhood if the connection is ever built.



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