



# SAFER SEWARD HIGHWAY

## SOUTHCENTRAL PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY

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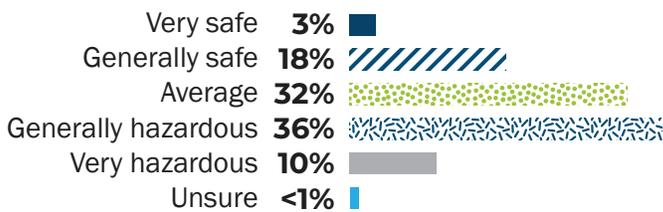


In February 2024, the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) surveyed 500 Alaskan residents from Anchorage, Mat-Su Valley, and the Kenai Peninsula to collect their opinions on the Seward Highway MP 98-118. All survey questions focused on the 20-mile stretch of two-lane road between South Anchorage and Bird Flats, just north of Girdwood.

### Key findings include:

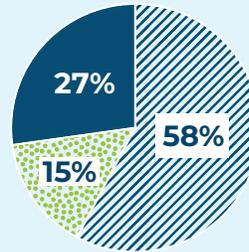
- » Most Southcentral residents frequently use the highway
- » The highway is viewed as hazardous
- » Safety improvements are a priority
- » Over 80% support the highway improvement project
- » Rock and ice fall mitigation and additional lanes are the most important improvements
- » Over 70% stated that they would rarely or never use the pathway.
- » Broad support for use of rock blasting and placing road (fill) material
- » Common questions: project duration, cost, and travel impact during construction

### Seward Highway Safety

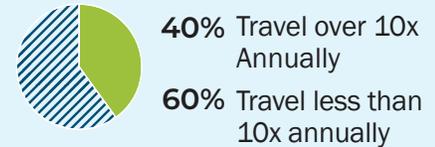
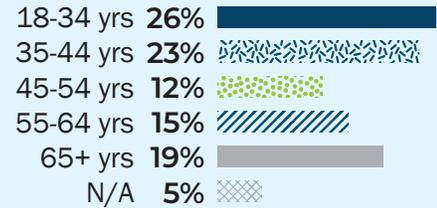


### SURVEY PARTICIPANTS

Sample Size = 500

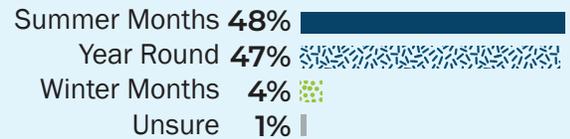


Anchorage  
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 Mat-Su

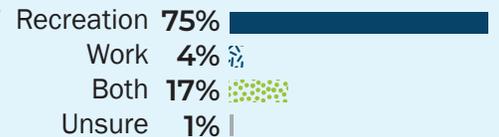


### Reasons for Travel

#### When



#### Why



#### Where



### If you could change one thing to improve highway safety, what would it be?

62%  
Already part of plan

- More lanes/4-lane
- Widen roads
- More passing zones/lanes
- Divided highway/middle barrier
- Rockfall mitigation
- More pull-offs
- Straighten road
- Separated bike lane/path
- Enhanced signage
- Guardrails

23%  
Non-construction related

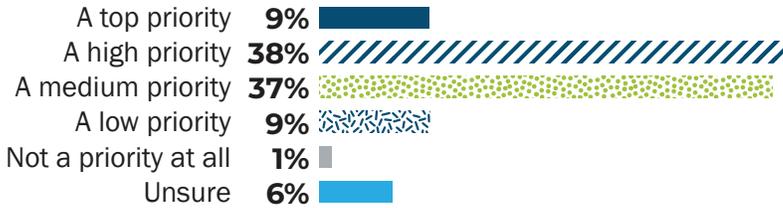
- More police/enforcement
- Lighting
- More cautious drivers
- Lower speed limits
- Better maintenance/plowing
- Less construction

9%  
Unsure

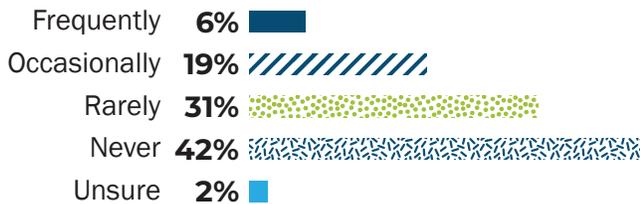
6%  
Other

- Build a bridge
- No changes needed
- Miscellaneous

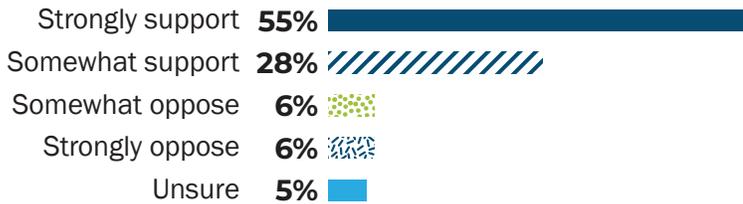
## Prioritize Seward Highway Safety Improvements



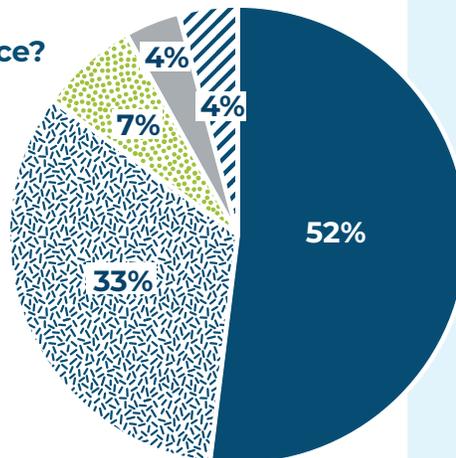
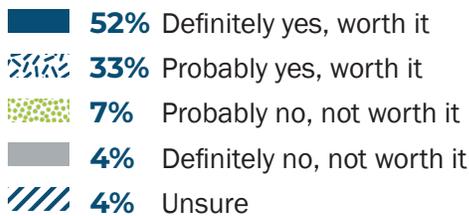
## How often would you anticipate that you would use the non-motorized pathway?



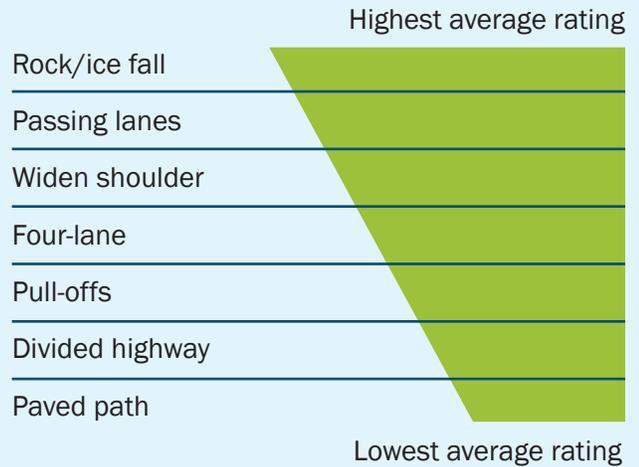
## Would you support or oppose improvements that require rock blasting and placing fill?



## Worth high costs and short-term inconvenience?



## Importance of Specific Improvements



## Rating Project Goals

Average rating summary (on 5-point scale)



## After taking everything into consideration, what's your support?



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