



ASSEMBLY PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE TOWN HALL/WORKSESSION ON JUNEAU NORTH DOUGLAS CROSSING, ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS/ZOOM (PUBLIC TESTIMONY IN-PERSON ONLY) AGENDA

March 02, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar

Link: juneau.zoom.us/j/94215342992 or 1-253-215-8782 Webinar ID: 942 1534 2992

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge that the City and Borough of Juneau is on Tlingit land, and wish to honor the indigenous people of this land. For more than ten thousand years, Alaska Native people have been and continue to be integral to the well-being of our community. We are grateful to be in this place, a part of this community, and to honor the culture, traditions, and resilience of the Tlingit people. Gunalchéesh!

C. ROLL CALL

D. JUNEAU DOUGLAS NORTH CROSSING (JDNC)

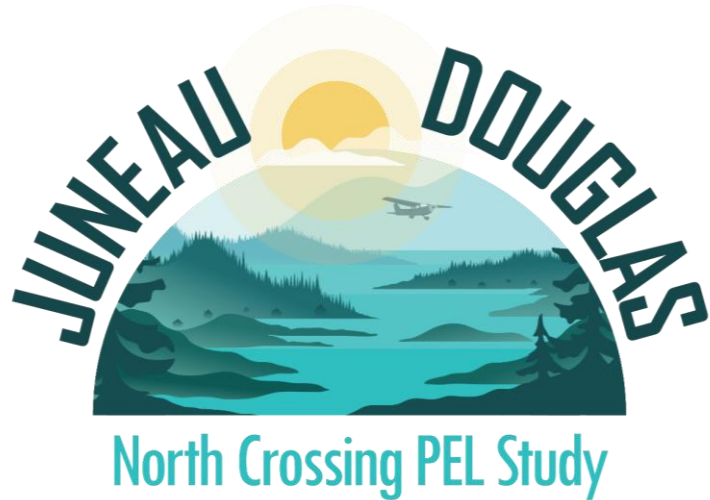
- [1.](#) Planning and Environmental Linkages study project overview
2. Next steps from CBJ
3. Public Testimony on Juneau Douglas North Crossing

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

The public may participate in person. Testimony time will be limited by the Chair based on the number of participants. For in-person participation at the meeting, a sign-up sheet will be made available at the back of the Chambers and advance sign-up is not required. Members of the public are encouraged to send their comments in advance of the meeting to BoroughAssembly@juneau.org.

E. ADJOURNMENT

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CBJ ASSEMBLY PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES COMMITTEE

PEL Study and Public Involvement Update

March 2, 2023

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 November 3, 2017, and executed by FHWA and DOT&PF.

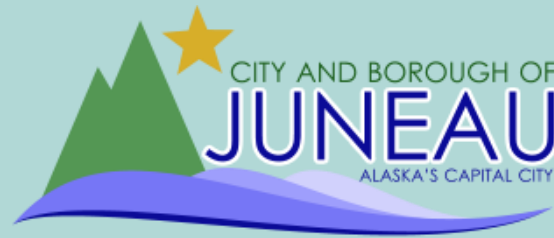
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SCHEDULE

SPRING 2022

SUMMER / FALL 2022

WINTER / SPRING 2022 / 2023

SUMMER 2023



Project Initiation, Problems to be Solved, Purpose & Need: Emerging Themes



Evaluation Criteria, Develop & Screen Alternatives



Evaluate, Refine, & Select Alternatives



Finalize Documentation

Baseline Analysis, Data Collection, Purpose & Need: Emerging Themes

Identify Crossing Alternatives and Develop Screening Criteria

Screening, Recommended Alternatives, Draft PEL Study

Public Comment Period (30 days) and Finalize PEL Study



PURPOSE & NEED STATEMENT

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PURPOSE

The ***purpose*** of the Juneau Douglas North Crossing PEL Study is to identify ways to improve the connection between Douglas Island and Juneau.

The secondary purposes are to identify ways to improve transportation for non-motorized users and reduce transportation related energy consumption.



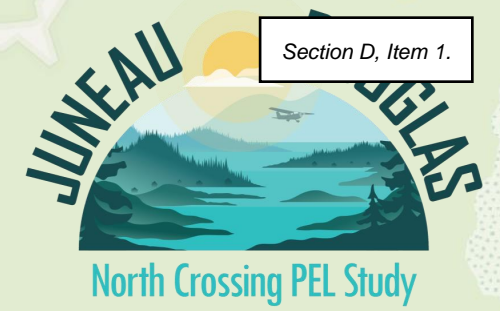
NEED

*An improved connection to Douglas Island should address the following **needs**:*

- **Alternate access and transportation infrastructure resiliency**
- **Decrease traffic pressure on Douglas Island Bridge and its intersections**

*The identified alternative(s) should also strive to meet these **additional goals**:*

- Improve connection to North and West Douglas Island by creating additional traffic capacity to support the future development of affordable housing and economic development opportunities.
- Enhance and protect public health and safety and safety of travelers and the communities that transportation facilities traverse and serve.
- Transportation improvements should avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts to the environment and to residential areas.
- Transportation improvements should maintain the visual, cultural, and scenic identity of Juneau and Douglas Island.



PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES

STUDY AREA

MENDENHALL PENINSULA

SALMON CREEK

BENCH ROAD

NORTH AIRPORT

EAGLE CREEK

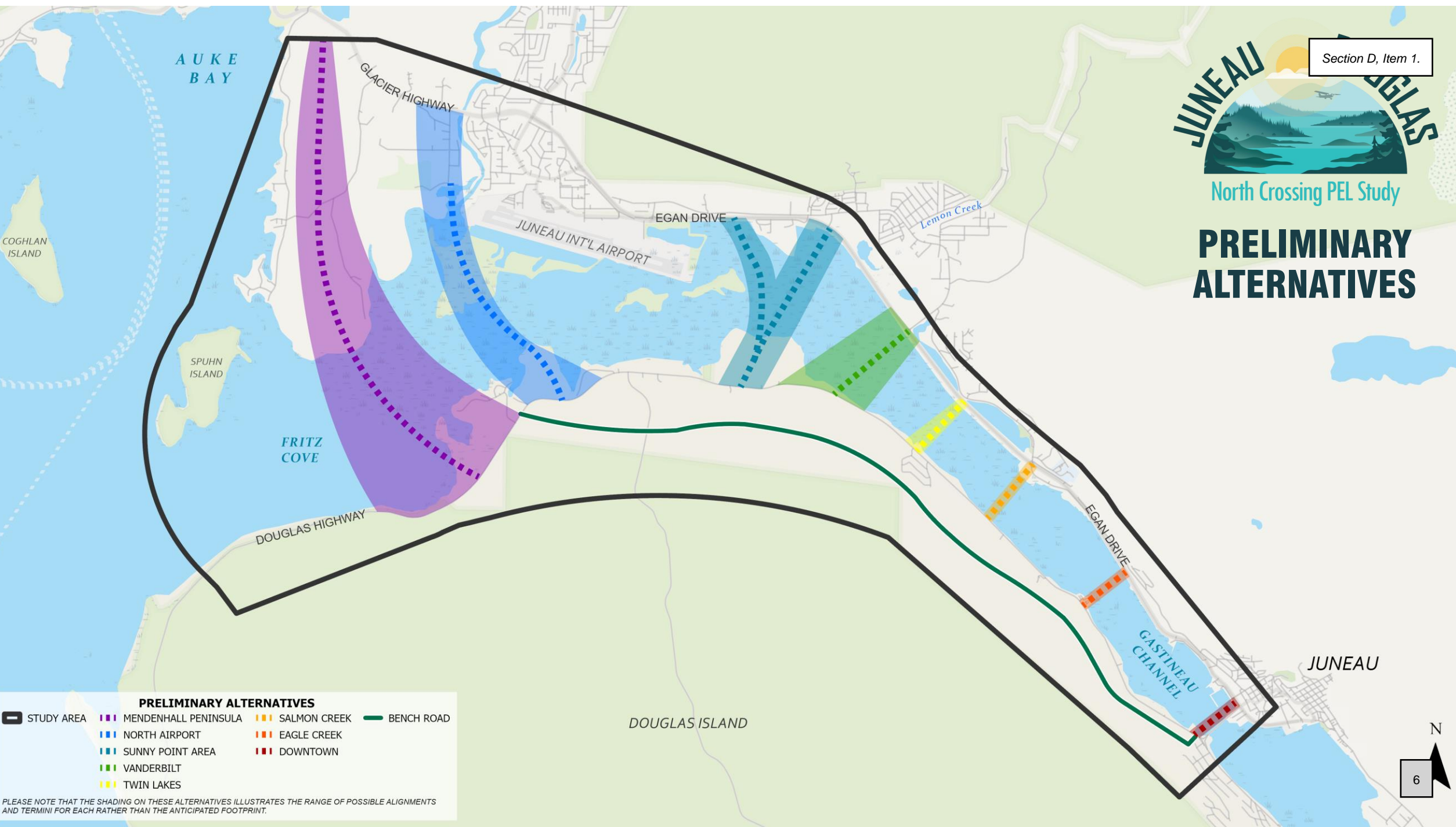
SUNNY POINT AREA

DOWNTOWN

VANDERBILT

TWIN LAKES

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SHADING ON THESE ALTERNATIVES ILLUSTRATES THE RANGE OF POSSIBLE ALIGNMENTS AND TERMINI FOR EACH RATHER THAN THE ANTICIPATED FOOTPRINT.



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT UPDATE

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- Technical and Stakeholder Advisory Committees:
4 Meetings (as noted on the schedule)
- Stakeholder/Agency Alternatives Workshop – July 19, 2022
- **PUBLIC MEETINGS:**
 - Virtual Public Open House 1: May 11, 2022
 - Listening Sessions at Eaglecrest and Safeway: September 17, 2022
 - In-Person Public Open House 2: December 12, 2022
 - In-Person Public Open House 3: Summer 2023
- Over 200 verbal and written comments received (email, phone, and handwritten) – not including the online survey
- 1,012 survey responses following Public Open House 2



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SMALL GROUPS MEETINGS

- North Douglas Neighborhood Association
- Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Association
- Juneau Chamber of Commerce
- Mendenhall Wetlands Study Group
- Juneau Audubon Society
- Juneau 58° Innovators Rotary Club
- State and Local Representatives
- Residents

AGENCY MEETINGS

- USFWS
- EPA
- NOAA Fisheries
- ADF&G
- USACE
- DNR OHA
- USFS

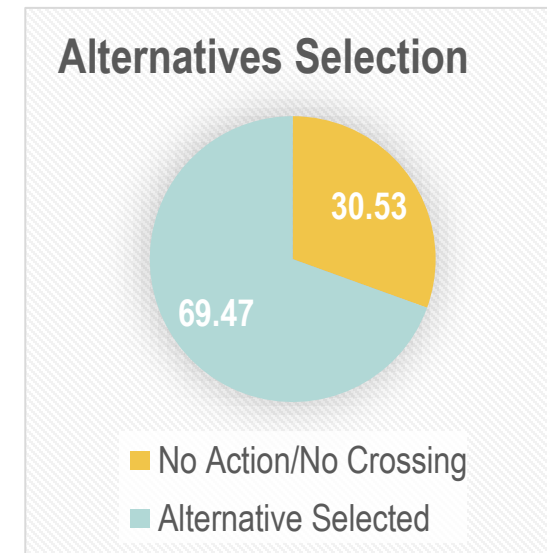


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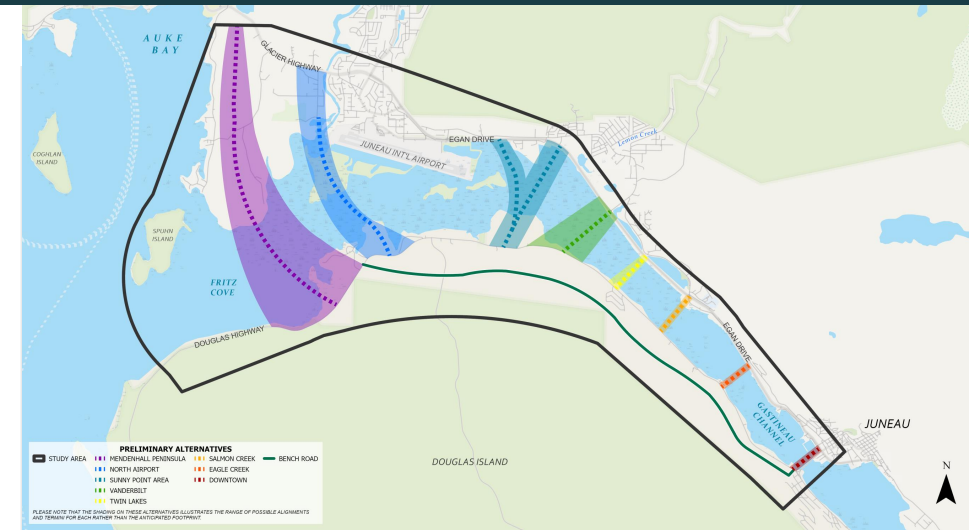
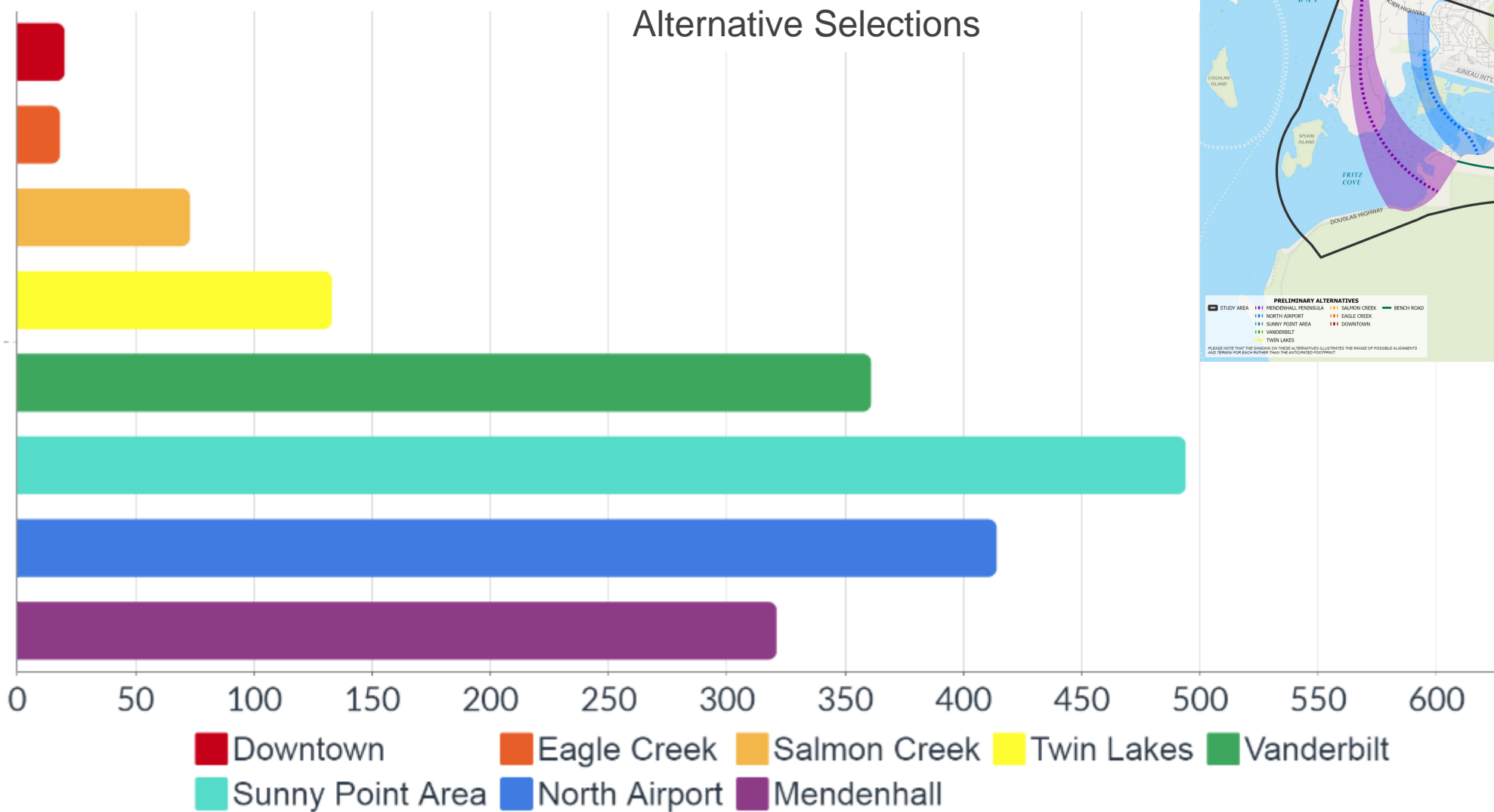
SURVEY RESULTS & SUMMARY

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- Survey asked six questions, providing space for additional comments
- Received 1,012 responses to the online survey
- Received 141 emails, phone calls, and in person comments during the comment period
- Nearly half of respondents shared where they live, most who answered live in the City and Borough of Juneau
- More than two thirds supported a north crossing at some location
- More likely to support a north crossing that:
 - Creates alternative access
 - Reduces travel time and congestion
 - Improves emergency response time
 - Improves access to recreation opportunities
 - Minimizes environmental impacts
 - Minimizes disruptions to existing neighborhoods and residents
 - Reduces increased or generated traffic on Douglas Island
 - Provides reasonable construction and maintenance costs



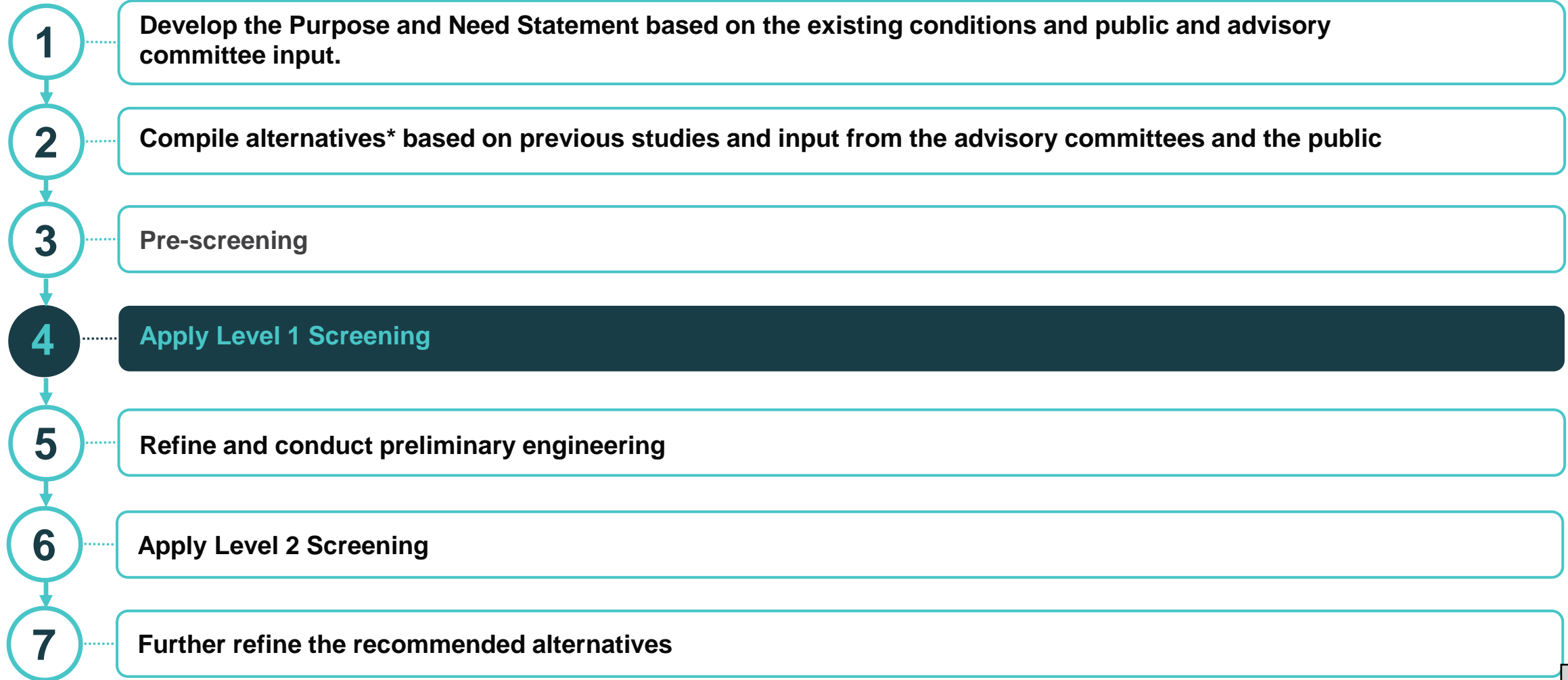
SURVEY RESULTS – CHOSEN CROSSING LOCATIONS



LEVEL 1 SCREENING UPDATE

ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT & SCREENING PROCESS

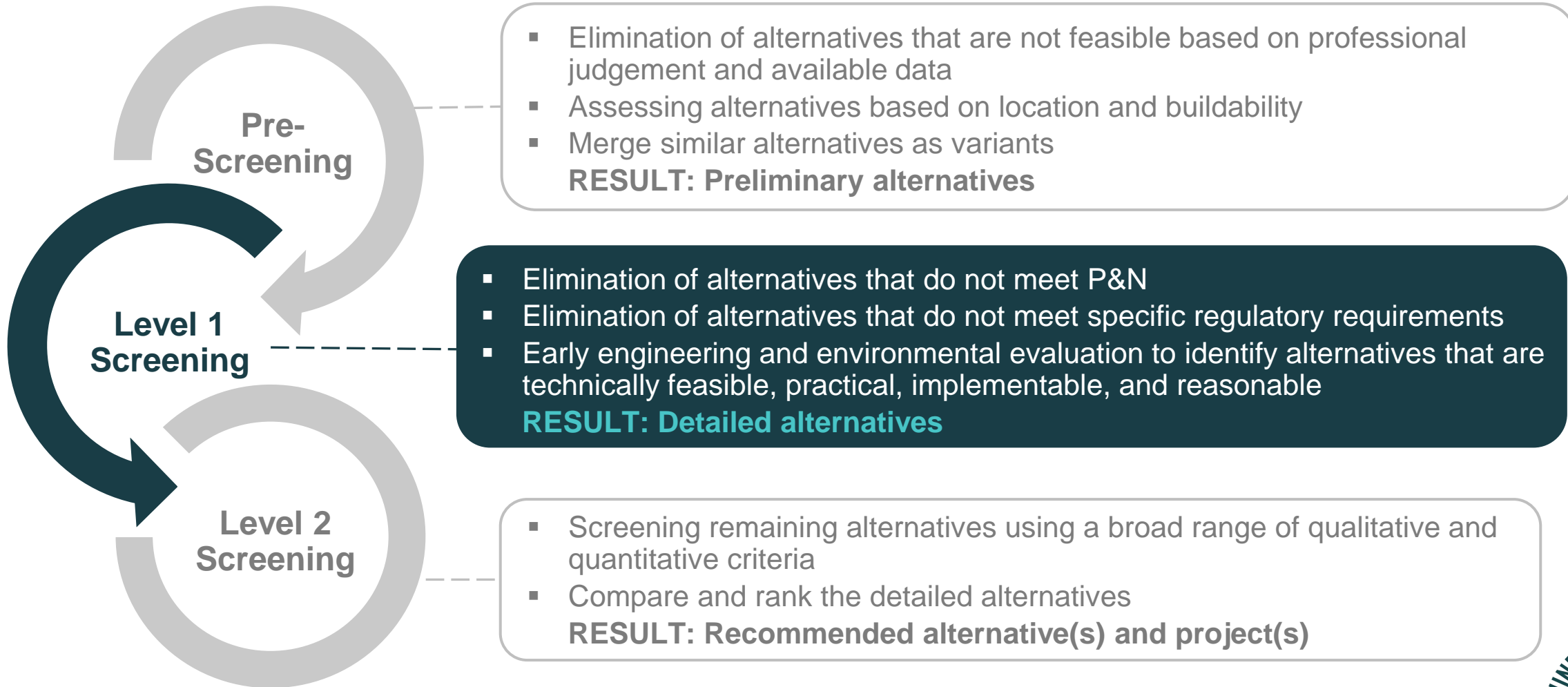
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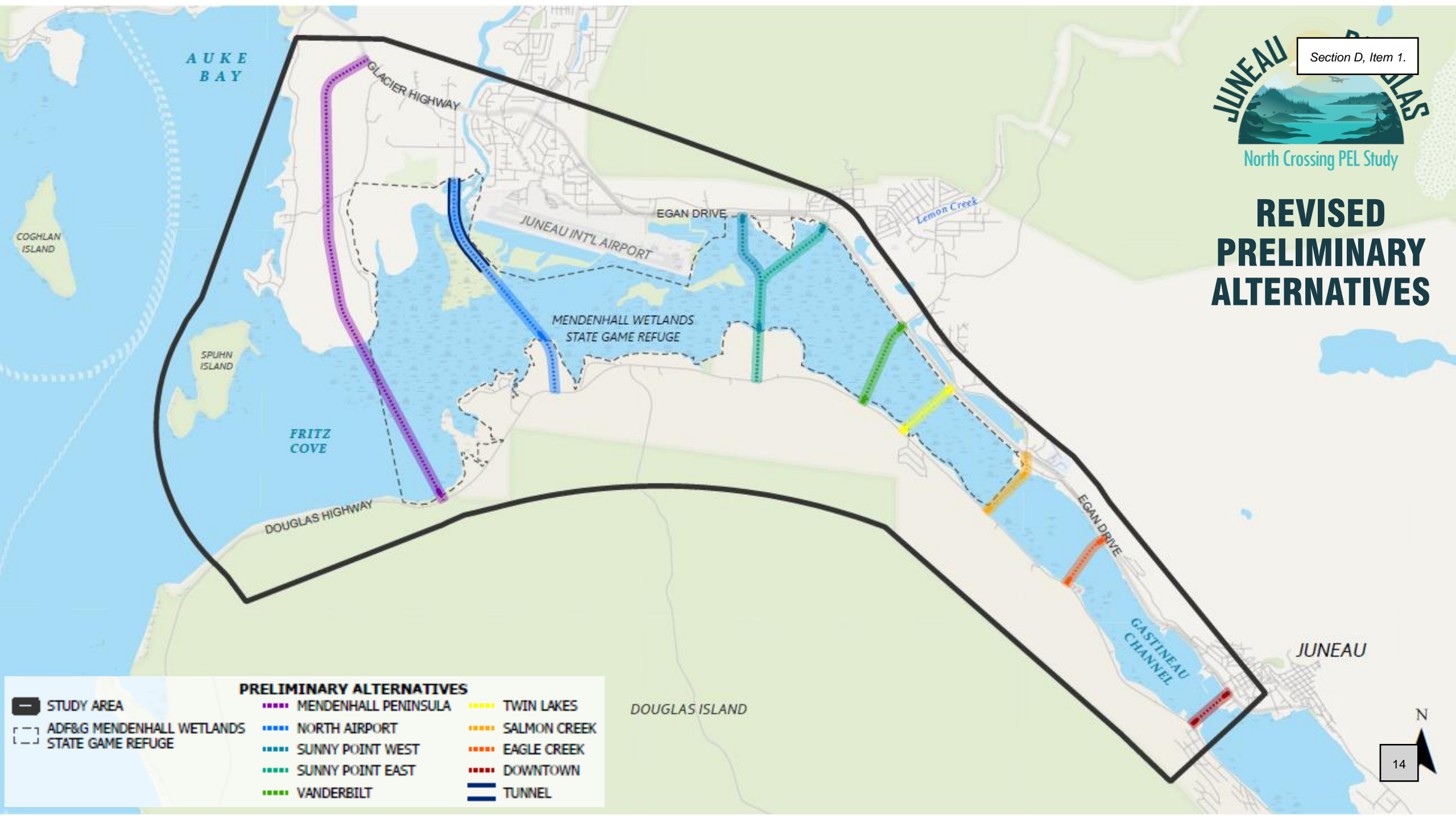
**a “no build” alternative is carried forward through the screening process*

ALTERNATIVE SCREENING OVERVIEW – LEVEL 1

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REVISED PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES



STUDY AREA	PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES	
ADF&G MENDENHALL WETLANDS STATE GAME REFUGE	MENDENHALL PENINSULA	TWIN LAKES
	NORTH AIRPORT	SALMON CREEK
	SUNNY POINT WEST	EAGLE CREEK
	SUNNY POINT EAST	DOWNTOWN
	VANDERBILT	TUNNEL

WHAT'S NEXT?

Public Meeting #	Focus	When
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Baseline data and existing conditions ▪ Purpose and need 	Spring 2022
Listening Sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Range of alternatives ▪ Alternatives screening process 	Summer 2022
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Share preliminary alternatives ▪ Share screening methodology 	Winter 2022
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alternative screening results ▪ Recommended alternatives ▪ Draft PEL Study ▪ Final Public Open House 	Summer 2023

AFTER THE PEL STUDY WRAPS UP

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PEL Study

Complete in Fall 2023

Funding Allocated

Funding now programmed to advance through Preliminary Engineering and NEPA

Engineering Design

Approx. 2 Years (TBD)

Construction

Likely phased over several years

Preliminary Engineering and NEPA

2024-2026 (Approx. 2 Years)

ROW Acquisition

2 Years or more (TBD)

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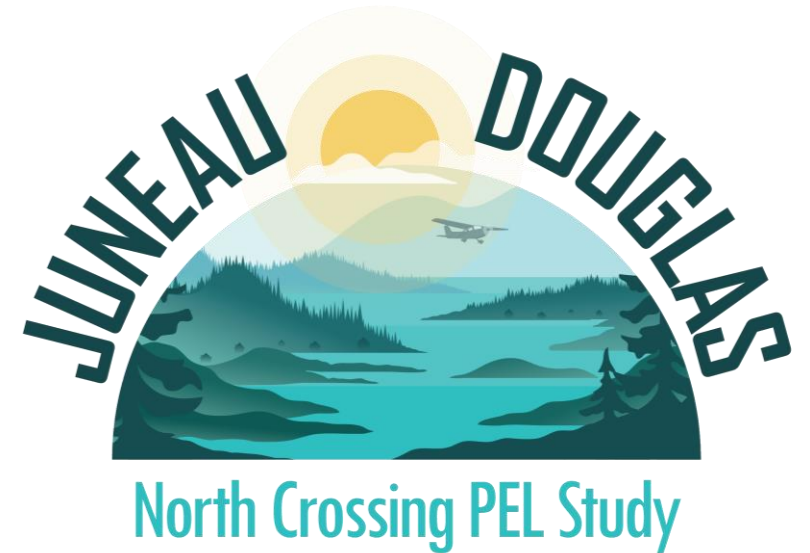
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