



# ASTAR

## TRIANGLE COMMUNITY ROAD PEL STUDY

## Spring 2026 Newsletter

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### Arctic Strategic Transportation and Resources (ASTAR)

Arctic Strategic Transportation and Resources (ASTAR) is a partnership between the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), and the North Slope Borough (NSB).



#### Mission and Purpose

Identify, evaluate, and advance opportunities to enhance the quality of life and economic opportunities in NSB communities through infrastructure development.



#### Goal

Prioritize community needs and identify infrastructure opportunities that offer the most cumulative benefit and best enhance the quality of life for the region.

### Join Us For Our Open Houses!

The ASTAR Triangle Community Road Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study team invites you to attend our Community Open Houses. The project team will:

- Share a project and schedule update
- Present final screening results
- Introduce refined and recommended road network alternatives
- Provide an overview of the Draft PEL Study Report
- Explain how to review the draft and provide comments
- Listen and answer questions and hear from the community

#### In-Person Open House

- **Thursday, April 9, 2026 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. AKDT**  
Iñupiat Heritage Center, 5421 North Star Street, Utqiagvik, AK

#### Virtual Open Houses - Zoom Meetings

- **Thursday, April 16, 2026 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. AKDT**
- **Thursday, April 23, 2026 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. AKDT**

Get the Zoom meeting links on the project website at [www.TriangleCommunityRoad.com](http://www.TriangleCommunityRoad.com)

The virtual meetings will follow an open house format, allowing attendees to drop in at any time during the scheduled hour. Comments can be submitted during the meetings, online, or in writing.

### Schedule

SPRING 2024

SUMMER - WINTER 2024 / 2025

WINTER - FALL 2025

WINTER 2025 / 2026



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

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



Evaluation Criteria, Develop & Screen Alternatives

Identify Alternatives and Develop Screening Criteria



Evaluate, Refine, & Select Alternatives

Screening, Recommended Alternatives, Draft PEL Study



Finalize Documentation

Public Comment Period (45 days) and Finalize PEL Study

Public Meeting No. 1



Public Meeting No. 2



Advisory Committee Meeting No. 1



Advisory Committee Meeting No. 2



Advisory Committee Meeting No. 3

Public Meeting No. 3



# Draft PEL Study Report

The Draft PEL Study Report will be available for public review beginning April 3, 2026, with a minimum 45-day public comment period ending May 18, 2026. Community members may view the report and provide comments using the options below:

- Online: View the Draft PEL Study Report and submit comments at [www.TriangleCommunityRoad.com](http://www.TriangleCommunityRoad.com)
- Email: Submit comments to [TriangleCommunityRoad@dowl.com](mailto:TriangleCommunityRoad@dowl.com)
- In person: Review the DRAFT PEL Report and provide comments at the in-person open house

Community feedback plays an important role in shaping the final PEL Study Report. Substantive comments may result in updates to the final report.



## Where We Are Now

The PEL Study Report has progressed through several planning steps, including:

- Identifying transportation needs and community goals
- Developing and applying community-selected screening criteria
- Evaluating and refining multiple road network alternatives

We are currently in the final documentation phase, where the Draft PEL Study Report is being completed. Following the Community Open Houses, the Draft PEL Study Report will be released for public review and comment.

## Project Team



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To learn more about the PEL study, scan the QR code to view project information and Draft PEL Study Report or visit the website at:

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