PROJECT OVERVIEW
The Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA), in coordination with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB) and industry partners, is in the preliminary engineering and early permitting stage of planning for a multi-use public access road leading to resource development opportunities that will expand state and local economies and lead to job creation.

Project Need
This economic development project will provide access to many natural resources and increase diversification of Port MacKenzie for import and export opportunities.

Proposed Location
The West Susitna Access Road is approximately 100 miles long, starting near the west end of Ayrshire Road in the MSB and heading northwest to the vicinity of the confluence of the Talachulitna and Skwentna Rivers. The route will cross the Skwentna River and continue generally alongside the north side of the Skwentna River. Near the Happy River crossing, the route would continue west to a point of tie-in with existing mineral exploration infrastructure.

Schedule

![Diagram showing project timeline]

- Study feasibility: 2021
- Public Involvement Opportunities
- Data Collection: 2022-2023
- Pre-Development and Permitting: 2022-2024
- Engineering: 2024-2025
- Construction: 2025-2028
West Susitna Access Project
January 2023

Project Benefits

MINERAL RESOURCES
Copper, gold, silver, and platinum potential. More than 3,000 active mining claims within the basin.

MANAGED RECREATIONAL ACCESS
Many opportunities including snowmachining, fishing, hunting, boating, recreational mining, and use of cabins.

FIRST RESPONDER ACCESS
Ability to provide first aid, fire response, and other emergency access in the area.

ENERGY RESOURCES
Active energy exploration in areas west of the Susitna River, including in Upper Cook Inlet where active oil and gas producing fields exist in the study area.

FORESTRY/TIMBER HARVEST
More than 700,000 acres available for harvest; enhances fire suppression.

AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES
More than 65,000 acres of land identified for potential agricultural uses.

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY
Opportunities for clean energy projects, including geothermal, hydroelectric, solar, wind, carbon capture and sequestration, and biomass resources.

Potential Jobs and Wages of Local Mines

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Source: University of Alaska Anchorage, Institute of Social and Economic Research; Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development; and McKinley Research Group estimates.

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