



MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 1, 2022
TO: Dillingham City Council
FROM: Isaac Pearson, PE
RE: Nerka Subdivision Roadway Improvements – Curyung Tribe

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on the Nerka Subdivision Roadway Improvements Project.

Bristol Engineering Services Company, LLC (Bristol), under contract with the Curyung Tribe (Tribe), has developed construction documents for the Nerka Roadway Improvements Project (the Project). This project was / is funded under the BIA / FHWA Tribal Transportation Program, in which the Tribe participates.

The Project, as a whole, will upgrade all the roadways within the Nerka Subdivision, See Figure 1. Unfortunately, the Tribe does not have the funding to construct the entire project, at this time. However, the Tribal Council has authorized a phased construction approach using the funds available. With the available funding we are confident that Nerka Drive can be completed in its entirety and portions of Nerka Loop / Mallard Lane may be constructed as part of an additive bid item, as funding allows. In this presentation we are not prepared to discuss estimated costs or funding availability as it may adversely affect the bidding process. This information has been discussed previously with City staff.

The proposed project will address drainage issues, utility conflicts, pedestrian / vehicular safety, and upgrade the road to an asphalt pavement surface. A new pedestrian pathway will be provided along Nerka Drive.

The Project was developed over a period of 8 years. During that time many iterations of the project were evaluated and presented to the public. Meetings with the public were held in 2012, 2013, and 2015. During the public meeting in 2015 the most contention from the public was the Teal Lane Extension, shown on Figure 1. At this time, the Teal Lane Extension is not under consideration for construction. Bristol is currently working with the Tribe to host an open house to discuss the upcoming Project with the Community. The date has not been set but we anticipate this to occur in late April / early May 2022. We will provide more information to City staff as is becomes available.

The goal is to begin construction in 2022, this summer. There are some utility coordination items that could shift the start date to the summer of 2023. We will keep the City staff updated on the project timing as more information comes available.

If the City or the public have any questions regarding the project, my contact information is provided at the end of this memorandum.

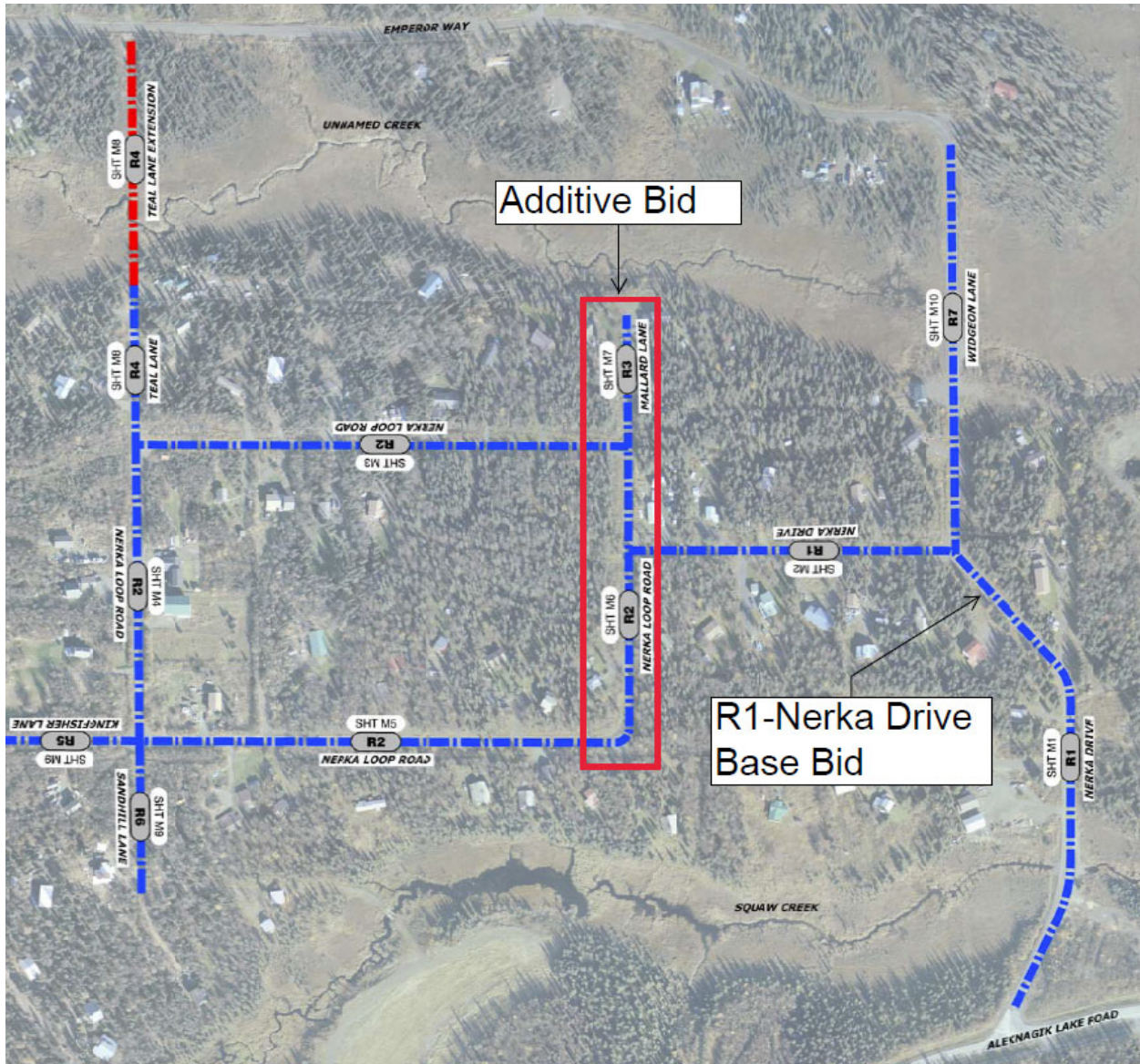


Figure 1 – Nerka Work Areas

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