

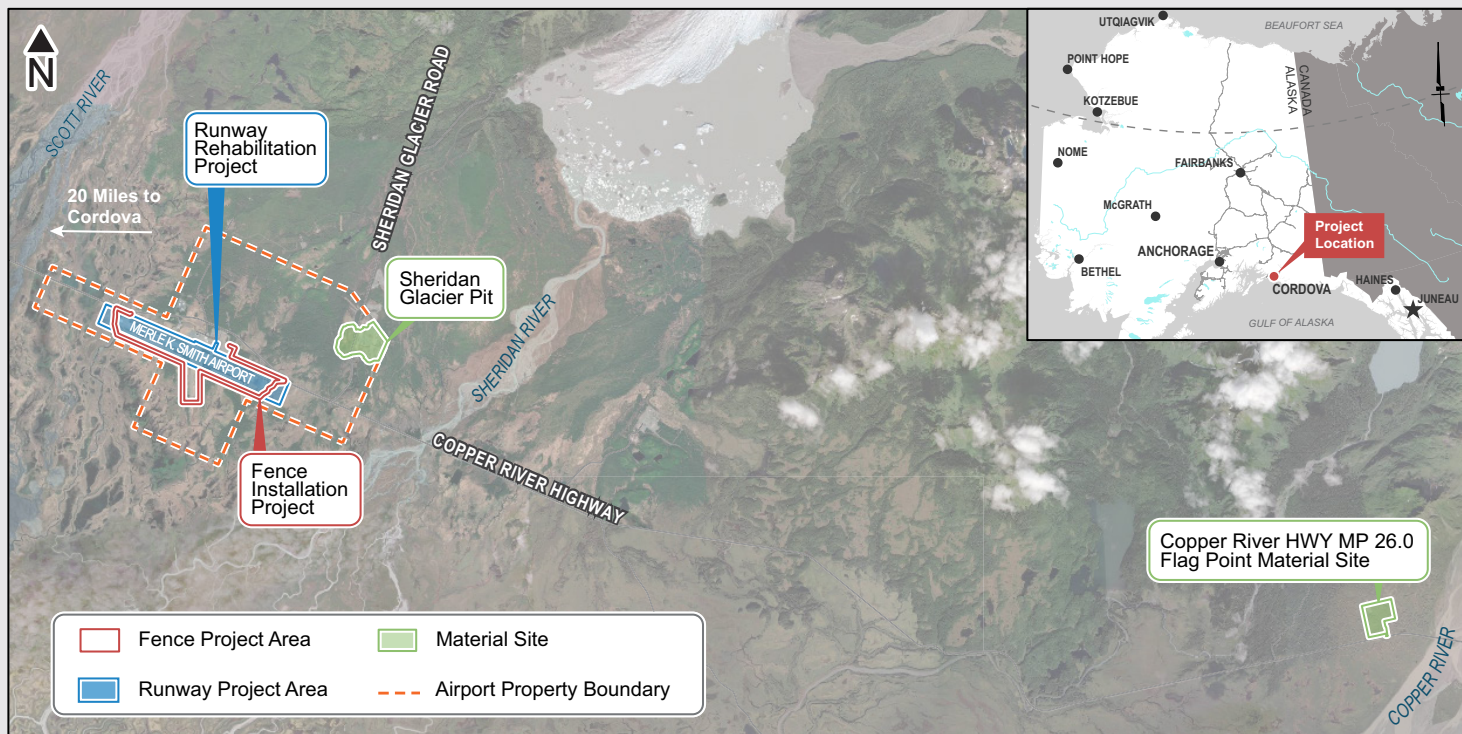
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Runway Rehabilitation Project (State DOT&PF Project No.: NFAPT00654)

Airport Fence Installation Project (State DOT&PF Project No.: NFAPT00664)

Study Area



Project Overview

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is proposing to improve the Merle K. (Mudhole) Smith Airport (Cordova Airport) through two separate projects:

1. Cordova Airport Runway Rehabilitation Project
2. Cordova Airport Fence Installation Project

The purpose of these projects is to:

- Upgrade existing aviation facilities to meet current Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) standards,
- Ensure safe and reliable use of the Cordova Airport,
- Decrease wildlife hazards,
- Reduce the chances of unauthorized access,
- Meet transportation security requirements.

Runway 9/27 pavement is degraded and beyond its useful life, creating safety deficiencies with uneven surfaces and ponding water. The airport experiences frequent wildlife incursions on operational surfaces because the airport perimeter is not secure.

The projects are being planned together to maximize efficiency for responding agencies and the public, and because both projects could occur concurrently in the same general area.

Runway Rehabilitation Project Description

The proposed project is anticipated to include:

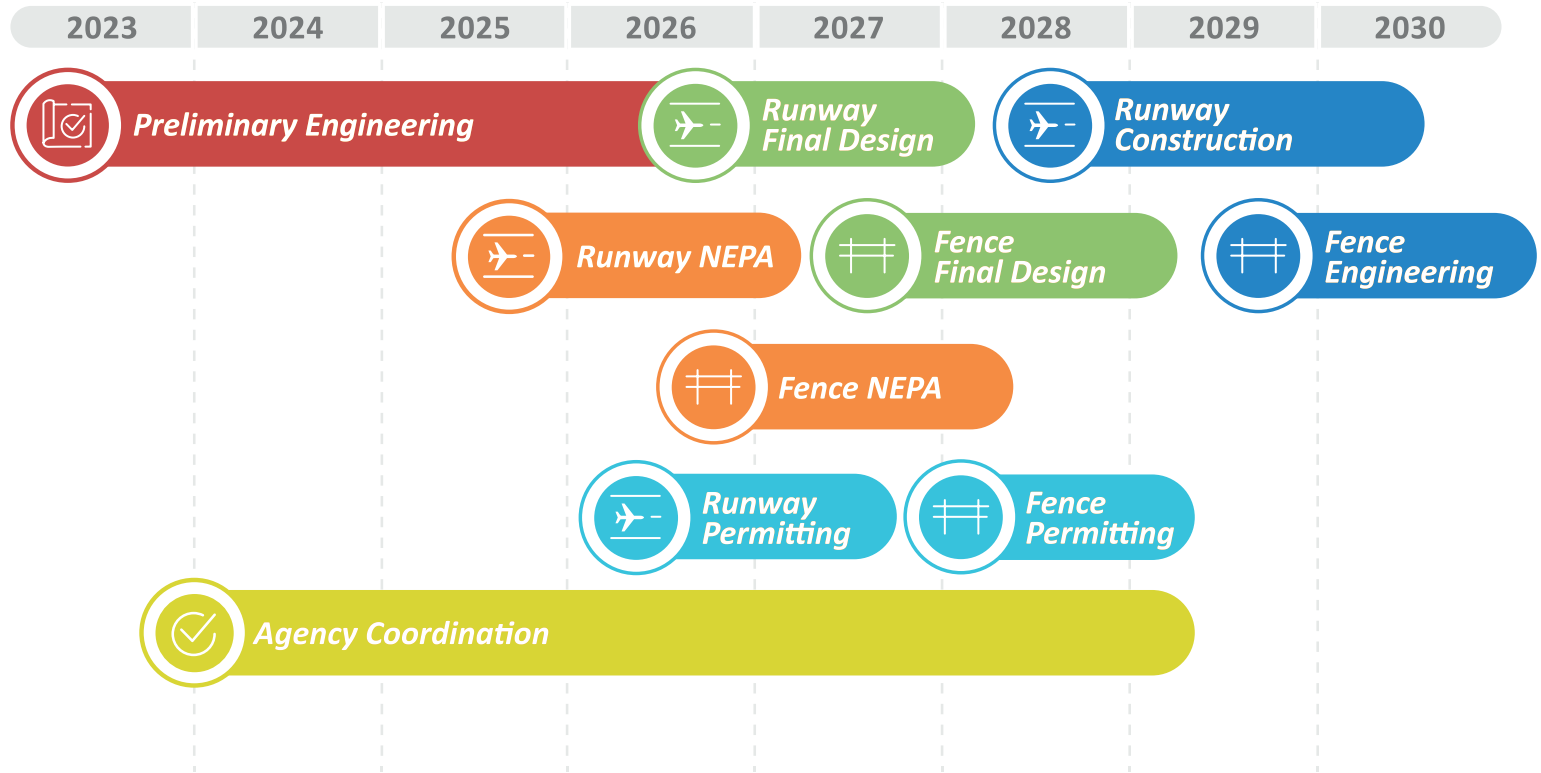
- Rehabilitation of Runway 9/27 and adjacent safety areas
- Rehabilitation of portions of taxiways
- Replacement of Runway 9 Engineered Material Arresting System (EMAS)
- Replacement of runway and taxiway culverts and removing non-standard inlets
- Replacement of all Runway 9/27 edge lighting, signage, and related electrical infrastructure
- Improvements to affected Navigational Aids (NAVAIDS)

Fence Installation Project Description

The proposed project is anticipated to include:

- Construction of a new perimeter fence
- Construction of a 25-foot-wide gravel embankment to serve as fence foundation and maintenance road
- Removal, replacement, or upgrading of existing culverts
- Additional culverts on stream segments to maintain stream connectivity

Project Schedule



The DOT&PF anticipates construction could begin as early as 2028 for the runway, and 2029 for the fence, dependent upon available funding.

Share Your Thoughts!

The project team wants to hear your input on the proposed improvements. It is important to DOT&PF that you have an opportunity to ask questions, provide comments, and submit recommendations.

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