

**75**  
MILES  
EXISTING TRAIL ON ROUTE

**48**  
MILES  
TRAIL TO CONSTRUCT

**\$25-30**  
MILLION  
INVESTMENT NEEDED

**7**  
COMMUNITIES ON THE TRAIL

## PROJECT PARTNERS

### Land Managers

Municipality of Anchorage, State of Alaska, USDA Forest Service, Kenai Peninsula Borough

### Non-Profit Partners

Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area, Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance, Alaska Trails, Seward Trailblazers, Girdwood Trails Committee

### Business Sponsors

Girdwood Brewing Co., Trail Lake Lodge, Spoons Catering, Alaska Wildland Adventures, The Ice Cream Shop, Trail Lake Lodge, Girdwood Picnic Club, The Bake Shop

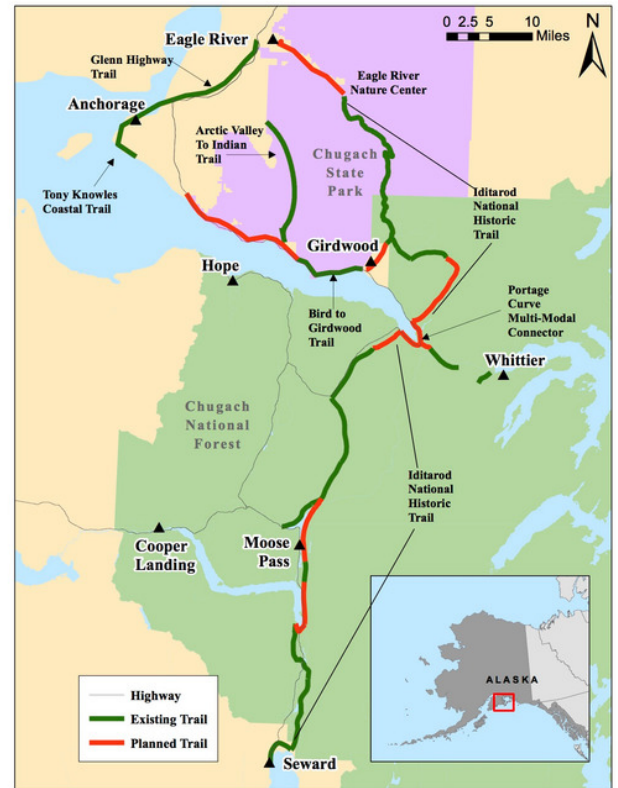
## FEATURED TRAIL PROJECT

# ANCHORAGE TO SEWARD

**VISION:** A continuous trail connecting Anchorage and Seward that fosters healthy communities and economic development through world-class recreational opportunities.

## Project Summary

The 120+ mile route from Anchorage to Seward goes through awe-inspiring terrain ranging from coast to alpine, along the same routes traveled by people for thousands of years, and connects several communities. People of all abilities and interests enjoy existing trail segments year-round. The area is rich in history and culture: nearly the entire route is part of the IDITAROD NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL. Much of it is already in place, ranging from paved paths to primitive backcountry trails. Additional key investments and continuing partnerships will make the vision a reality by connecting the existing trail segments together.



## Project Benefits

Improving trails infrastructure is a smart way to invest in our state's future. Easy access to trails enhances tourism opportunities, improves real estate values, builds communities, and provides numerous ways for Alaskans and visitors to enjoy a healthy way of life. By completing the Anchorage to Seward trail, every community along the route will enjoy the benefits of having a destination trail in their backyard.

What if we could convince visitors to stay for just "one more day"? In 2017, visitors spent approximately \$2.8 billion in Alaska, which comes to around \$275 million/day. If even just half of visitors added "one more day" to their itineraries, their actions could contribute an extra \$137 million in spending to Alaska's economy.