Currently, traffic is two-way, exiting campus going down the hill, and entering campus coming up the hill. The inbound traffic is uncontrolled, allowing vehicles to not have to stop on the steep grade of Taku Drive. The sight distance deficiency for the inbound traffic, coupled with pedestrian crossings near this intersection could result in an unsafe condition under heavy vehicle/pedestrian traffic.

Both the Master Plan and the Parking and Circulation Plan encourage modifications to this intersection:

- MP Action A17 states: “The intersection of Taku Drive and Tanana Loop should also be studied for modification and improvements.”

- Circulation & Parking Plan: Recommends complete closure of Taku Drive beyond the Taku and Ballaine Parking lots once Tanana Loop is completed.

The UFD has indicated that closure of the inbound lane of Taku Drive will not affect their emergency response to the University Fire District. The Taku shuttle bus route will be modified (turning right on Farmers’ Loop) and going to Wood Center, increasing the turnaround time by 3 minutes. (From 6-8 to 9-11 minutes)

It is recommended that this traffic revision be implemented prior to this winter to immediately increase the safety of this intersection. There will be an advisory campaign including placing an ad in the Fairbanks paper, postings throughout campus, email distribution, and advance signage at the intersection with advance notification of traffic revision.

**Recommendation**

1. Close inbound traffic going up Taku Hill at the Ballaine Parking lot entrance
2. Traffic lane exiting campus will remain open.
3. Access to the Cooperative Extension Building parking lot will one way from Tanana Loop

Proposal to Chancellor’s Cabinet
September 8, 2003

Closure of Taku Drive to inbound traffic

**Issue:**
Taku Drive serves as an entrance to the UAF Campus from Farmers’ Loop as well as access to both the Taku and Ballaine parking lots and the Cooperative Extension Building Parking lot. There are significant pedestrian/vehicular conflicts at this intersection of Taku Hill and Tanana Drive and the land topography and grade create intersection sight deficiencies.
Chancellor’s Cabinet Recommendations September 8, 2003

1. Approve the permanent closure of Taku Drive for inbound traffic past the Taku/Ballaine Parking lots
2. Closure to be coordinated with the opening of Alumni Drive outbound lane
3. Publicly communicate the necessity to close the Taku Drive inbound due to safety concerns.
4. Utilize electronic display boards, advertisements in the newspaper, cornerstone, and wide distribution of email notice well in advance of closure

Taku Drive closed for inbound traffic effective Monday, November 3, 2003

Cabinet Members Present:
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Claudia Clark, Dean of Enrollment Management
Tim Barnett, Dean of Student Affairs
Jake Poole, Director of TVC
Don Foley, Associate Dean of Student Affairs
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