The recently published *Discover the Story of Moose Pass* has built a better understanding and identity of the Moose Pass area and its role as a pivotal community in the development of the Kenai Peninsula by highlighting key people, places and historic events. Through our KMTA grant we are able to provide an opportunity to learn about the unique history of Moose Pass and provides a tangible memento that visitors can share with others. KMTA’s board and staff support the grassroot efforts of the different communities present in the KMTA area.

-Willow Hetrick, Project Manager

**LEARN MORE:** [www.kmtacorridor.org/moose-pass-publication/](http://www.kmtacorridor.org/moose-pass-publication/)
Thanks to a KMTA grant, Seward once again has whales swimming past the Alaska Seilife Center headed to Resurrection Bay. These new leviathans are colorful, full of spirit and a welcome sight for those who are walking the waterfront in downtown Seward. The process of installing the mural was hampered by a summer of no tourists and “business as usual” was not but the appearance of the colorful whales brought a little brightness in a lot of gray. The Seward Mural Society and the Seward Arts Council are thankful to be able to continue their work and bring joy to the community. KMTA is greatly appreciated.

-Patricia Linville, Seward Arts Council

LEARN MORE: www.kmtacorridor.org/seward-whale-mural/

Interpretation is vital to creating awareness about a place, giving it meaning and inspiring stewardship. Through our KMTA grant we were able to create a video trail guide as well as interpretive panels that help tell a story about our public lands. Additionally, the staff at KMTA are wonderful to work with!

-Shawna Popovici, Interpretation & Education Unit Manager | DNR Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation

LEARN MORE: www.kmtacorridor.org/bird-to-gird/
This past year, KMTA joined a diverse group of federal, state, and non-profit partners to assume operations of the Anchorage Outdoor School (AOS). This program cultivates lifelong stewardship of public lands in Alaska through residential, place-based outdoor education for fifth graders in the Anchorage School District. AOS is a place for students to reap the mental and physical benefits of being outdoors and creates an engaging learning environment. Operated at the Begich, Boggs Visitor Center, students are encouraged to touch, look, listen, and connect with the natural environments of Portage Valley in order to understand Alaska’s natural resources and build resiliency in our changing world. We’re looking forward to resuming normal operations in 2021!

**Girdwood Art Camp**

Girdwood Art Camp received a KMTA mini grant which made it possible to repaint the Girdwood community mural located centrally by the Girdwood playground and Forest Fair park. This year’s theme promoted awareness of the Alaska Native (Dena’ina) history of the area. Through this grant we were able to include youth in public art creation and foster a deeper connection to the area through the rich natural and cultural history of the Turnagain Arm area. Place-based public arts enrich the lives of all, and we thank KMTA for the support of the Girdwood Art Camp. [LEARN MORE](http://www.kmtacorridor.org/girdwood-mural_land_acknowledgement/)

**In Our Area**

![Mural of Portage Valley](image)

Mariyam Medovaya, Girdwood Art Camp Co-Director

**Mission**

To recognize, preserve, and interpret the historic, scenic, natural resources, and cultural landscape of the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm historic transportation corridor, and to promote and facilitate the public enjoyment of these resources.

**Thank You**

Thank you to all of our partners, grantees, board members, community groups, and visitors that have made the KMTA NHA a richer and more vibrant place to recreate, learn, share, and enjoy.