



# Sterling Highway MP 45-60 Project Updates

The purpose of this monthly report is to provide a snapshot update. For more detailed information on the project, please visit [www.sterlinghighway.net](http://www.sterlinghighway.net).



## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Sterling Hwy MP 45-60 Project will reconstruct the east and west ends of the existing roadway from approximately MP 45-46.5 and MP 56-58 to widen shoulders, straighten the road, and add passing lanes. Between MP 46.5 and 55.5 (off-alignment section), the project will construct 10 miles of new roadway north of Cooper Landing and the Kenai River, including a new bridge spanning Juneau Creek Canyon.

This project will bring the highway up to current standards by efficiently and safely serving through-traffic, local community, and traffic bound for recreation destinations both now and in the future. Schedule goals are for construction to begin in 2020 and for the new highway to be open to traffic by the end of 2025.

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## PROJECT UPDATE

### Tasks Performed in February

- Continued Phase 1 design and coordination
- Continued Phases 3-5 land clearing contract development and set-up for design
- Began Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) [Kiewit] project set up, staffing, planning, and scheduling
- Continued work and coordination on cultural resources, geotechnical investigations, and survey
- Held meetings with property owners and agencies on design and ROW
- Held Agency Meeting and Public Open House February 25th which were well attended

### Tasks Anticipated for March

- Phase 1A Plans-in-Hand (65%) Review Meeting
- Phase 1B Plans-in-Hand (65%) Design and Review Meeting
- Continue outreach to property owners
- Develop geotechnical recommendations and ROW mapping
- Develop schedule for Phases 2-5

### Near Term Schedule Goals

- Conduct Phase 1 Value Engineering Study in April
- Advertise and begin clearing off-alignment section
- Begin preliminary bridge alternatives and Phase 2 design
- Continue design of Phases 3-5

