



Sterling Highway MP 45–60 Project Update

The purpose of this monthly report is to provide a snapshot update of the project. For more detailed project information, please visit www.sterlinghighway.net.



PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Sterling Highway MP 45–60 Project will reconstruct the east and west ends of the existing roadway from approximately MP 45 to 46.5 and MP 56 to 58, widening shoulders, straightening the road, and adding 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, the local community, and traffic bound for recreation destinations, both now and in the future. Schedule goals include construction beginning in 2020 and the new highway opening to traffic by the end of 2025.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We hope this update finds you safe and well. The project is continuing to move forward, with modifications as needed, keeping the health and wellness of the community and project staff in mind.

The project has almost finalized a firewood plan with the surrounding land managers. Firewood will be moved off project and made available to the public in late summer at an advertised location. Details are still being determined, and the public will be notified of final plans.

PROJECT UPDATE

Tasks Performed in March

- Conducted Phase 1A and 1B Plans-in-Hand (65%) review meetings
- Continued Phase 1 design and coordination
- Continued Phases 3–5 land clearing contract development and design set up
- Continued project set up, staffing, planning, and scheduling by Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC; Kiewit)
- Continued work and coordination on cultural resources, geotechnical investigations, and survey

Tasks Anticipated for April

- Conduct Phase 1 Value Engineering Study
- Award Clearing Contract
- Continue outreach to property owners
- Develop schedule and geotechnical drilling plan for Phases 2–5
- Begin development of preliminary bridge alternatives

Near Term Schedule Goals

- Begin clearing and geotechnical efforts for off-alignment section
- Target May for 30% Design on Phases 3 and 4
- Target June for 95% Design on Phase 1A
- Target June for Public Meeting (method of delivery to be determined)

