



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:

The project has begun clearing operations in the off-alignment segment as of June 1, with geotechnical exploration to start June 8. Please proceed carefully when recreating on Resurrection Pass Trail and Bean Creek Trail, and watch out for equipment and crews. For construction information:

www.AlaskaNavigator.org.

PROJECT UPDATE

Tasks Performed in May

- Continued Phase 1 design and coordination
- Continued Phases 3–5 land clearing contract development and design set up
- Contractor continued project set up, staffing, planning, and scheduling
- Development of clearing and geotech field and operations plans for 2020
- Continued work and coordination with agencies for required permitting

Tasks Anticipated for June

- Begin clearing and Juneau Creek Canyon geotechnical field efforts
- Geotechnical drilling on Phase 1 A & B
- Set up DOT&PF Project Office in Cooper Landing
- Submit 95% Design of Phase 1A
- Continue outreach to property owners
- Conduct June Agency Meeting
- Continue development of preliminary bridge alternatives
- Complete 30% Design for Phases 3 & 4

Near Term Schedule Goals

- Phase 1A Final Design/Certification - August
- Continued clearing and geotechnical efforts through October

