



# 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](http://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 will continue geotechnical operations all month, with clearing to restart after July 15. Please proceed carefully when recreating on Resurrection Pass Trail and Bean Creek Trail, and watch out for equipment and crews. For construction information, visit [www.AlaskaNavigator.org](http://www.AlaskaNavigator.org).

## PROJECT UPDATE

### Tasks Performed in June

- Continued field work for wildlife and cultural resources
- Began clearing and Juneau Creek Canyon geotechnical field efforts
- Continued Phase 1 design and coordination, and submitted 95% Design of Phase 1A
- Contractor continued project setup, staffing, planning and scheduling
- Continued work and coordination with agencies for required permitting
- Continued outreach to property owners
- Conducted June Agency Meeting
- Continued development of preliminary bridge alternatives

### Tasks Anticipated for July

- Continue clearing and Juneau Creek Canyon geotechnical field efforts
- Continue Phase 1 design and coordination
- Continue outreach to property owners
- Continue development of preliminary bridge alternatives
- Complete 30% Design for Phases 3 and 4

### Near-term Schedule Goals

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

