



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 beginning construction in 2020 and opening the new highway to traffic by the end of 2025.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The project will complete geotechnical and clearing operations for the field season this month. Please continue to proceed carefully when recreating on Resurrection Pass Trail, Bean Creek Trail, and Slaughter Gulch Trail and watch out for equipment and crews. For construction information, visit www.AlaskaNavigator.org.

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Tasks Performed October:

- **Public Involvement:** Prepped for and began Online Open House; Continued landowner outreach
- **Environmental:** Wrapped up field work for cultural resource surveys, wetlands, and wildlife and continued reporting efforts
- **Agencies:** Conducted various coordination site visits and continued efforts for design input and required permitting
- **Phase 1:** Continued coordination on 1B (MP 44.5–47) with utilities and property owners
- **Phase 2:** Continued development of bridge alternatives
- **Phases 3–5:** Completed Local Review design submittal (30% Design)
- **Field Efforts:** Wrapped up seasonal clearing operations and drilling operations at abutments and along alignment

Tasks Anticipated for November:

- **Public Involvement:** Complete Online Open House; Participate in Anchorage Transportation Fair
- **Environmental:** Continue reporting for cultural resource surveys and wildlife; Begin planning for 2021 field season
- **Agencies:** Continue efforts for design input and permitting
- **Phase 1:** Continue coordination with property owners along 1B
- **Phase 2:** Select Juneau Creek Bridge Alternative
- **Phases 3-5:** Review meeting for Local Review Plan Set (30% Design)
- **Field Efforts:** On-hold



Near-term Schedule Goals

- Winter geotechnical field efforts
- Bid Phase 1A in February 2021
- Working toward Spring 60% Design submittal for Phases 3-5

