



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.

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.

PROJECT UPDATE

Tasks Performed in November:

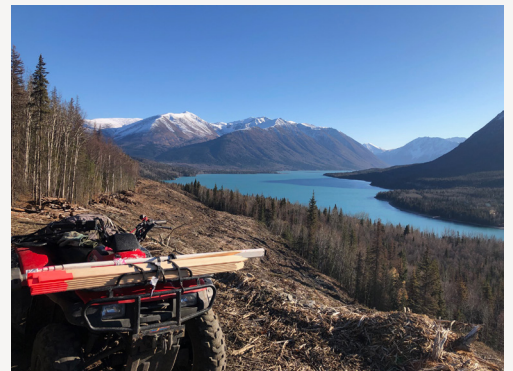
- **Public Involvement:** Completed an online public meeting; participated in the online Anchorage Transportation Fair
- **Environmental:** Wrapped up field work for cultural resources, wetlands, and wildlife; continued reporting efforts
- **Agencies:** Conducted various coordination site visits; continued efforts for design input and required permitting
- **Phase 1:** Continued coordination on 1B (MP 44.5 to 47) with utilities and property owners
- **Phase 2:** Selected the Bridge Alternative
- **Phases 3–5:** Conducted a review meeting for Local Review (30% Design) and comment response
- **Field Efforts:** On hold (minor geotechnical efforts)

Tasks Anticipated for December:

- **Public Involvement:** Respond to public comments; continue landowner outreach
- **Environmental:** Continue reporting for cultural resource and wildlife field work; begin planning for 2021 field season
- **Agencies:** Conduct an Agency Meeting; continue efforts for permitting and design input
- **Phase 1:** Continue coordination with property owners along 1B
- **Phase 2:** Begin Juneau Creek Bridge design in earnest
- **Phases 3–5:** Conduct the Value Engineering Study; conduct planning for advanced clearing and the pioneer road to access the bridge site
- **Field Efforts:** On hold (minor geotechnical efforts)

Near-term Schedule Goals

- Conduct winter geotechnical field efforts
- Bid Phase 1A in February 2021
- Work toward the 60% Design submittal for Phases 3–5 in spring 2021



PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Sterling Highway Milepost (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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