



# 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).

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Construction activities began in mid-March. For the most recent construction information, visit [www.AlaskaNavigator.org](http://www.AlaskaNavigator.org).

## PROJECT UPDATE

### Tasks Performed in March:

- **Public Involvement:** Continued communication with the public; attended and presented at community organization meetings; began planning for an April Online Public Open House.
- **Environmental:** Continued planning for 2021 field work; continued permitting support; completed a Goshawk Survey.
- **Agencies:** Continued efforts for design input and required permitting.
- **Phase 1:** Began the bidding process for Phase 1A (MP 56 to 58) and continued the coordination of Phase 1B (MP 44.5 to 47) utility agreements.
- **Phase 2:** Produced 30% design of the Juneau Creek Bridge.
- **Phases 3–5:** Continued effort on design, which included the early works package for Pioneer Road and Parcel 395 development.
- **Field Efforts:** Began 2021 clearing and geotechnical efforts.

### Tasks Anticipated for April:

- **Public Involvement:** Continue landowner outreach; continue attendance at community meetings; conduct April 28, 2021, Online Public Open House.
- **Environmental:** Continue intermittent wildlife fieldwork and prepare for the cultural resources field season.
- **Agencies:** Continue efforts for permitting and design input and conduct an Agency Meeting.
- **Phase 1:** Continue Phase 1B design and right-of-way process.
- **Phase 2:** Continue to develop the Juneau Creek Bridge design.
- **Phases 3–5:** Continue development of early work packages and design plan set.
- **Field Efforts:** Continue clearing and geotechnical operations.

### Near-term Schedule Goals:

- Early works packages for bridge access and new alignment begin construction in early summer 2021.
- Phase 1A beginning construction in early summer 2021.
- Cultural Resources fieldwork beginning in May/June 2021.



Dozer on standby for snow clearing at a staging area for the clearing and drill crew off West Juneau Creek Access Road.



### 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 (the 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 2021 and opening the new highway to traffic by the end of 2025.

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