



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:

Construction activities began in mid-March. For the most recent construction information, visit www.AlaskaNavigator.org.

PROJECT UPDATE

TASKS PERFORMED IN MAY:

- **Public Involvement:** Continued communication with the public; attended and presented at community organization meetings; continued to host the Online Open House.
- **Environmental:** Prepared for cultural resources field season.
- **Agencies:** Continued efforts for design input and required permitting; conducted Programmatic Agreement Signatory meeting and continued coordination with signatories.
- **Phase 1:** Continued the coordination of Phase 1B (MP 44.5 to 47) utility agreements and intersection.
- **Phase 2:** Conducted the Juneau Creek bridge design and estimate review.
- **Phases 3-5:** Continued effort on design, which included the early works package for Pioneer Road and Parcel 395 development.
- **Field Efforts:** Continued minimal geotechnical efforts.

TASKS ANTICIPATED FOR JUNE:

- **Public Involvement:** Continue landowner outreach; continue attendance at community meetings.
- **Environmental:** Continue intermittent wildlife fieldwork; begin the cultural resources field season with a focus on Phase 1A data recovery.
- **Agencies:** Continue efforts for permitting and design input; continue coordination with programmatic agreement signatories; host an Agency Coordination Meeting.
- **Phase 1:** Begin Phase 1A construction; continue the 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:** Begin cultural resources fieldwork.

NEAR-TERM SCHEDULE GOALS:

- Early works packages for bridge access and new alignment.
- Environmental: Conduct intermittent wildlife fieldwork as needed.
- Phases 3-5: Advance design to 75% stage by early fall.
- Conduct cultural resources fieldwork through September.



Routine check of wildlife cameras off the Bean Creek Trail.



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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