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Dear Reader;

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) are pleased to release the Sterling Highway Mile Post 45-60 Project Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Draft SEIS) and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation for review and comment. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Draft SEIS examines the human, physical, and natural environment impacts of proposed alternatives to improve this stretch of highway. It also evaluates a No Build Alternative. The Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation (chapter 4 of the document) examines impacts to parks, recreation areas, wildlife refuges, and historic properties protected by Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (as amended).

Written comments on the Draft SEIS and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation will be accepted through May 26, 2015. The close of the public comment period is 60 days following publication of the Notice of Availability of these documents in the *Federal Register*. Comments can be submitted directly online (preferred method): www.sterlinghighway.net. Comments may be submitted by email (sterlinghwy@hdrinc.com) or by mail (DOT&PF Central Region, Sterling Highway MP 45-60 Project, PO Box 196900, Anchorage, AK 99519-6900). Comments also can be delivered orally or in writing at project open house and public hearing sessions:

Date	Location	Time
April 20, 2015	Dena'ina Convention Center 600 W. 7 th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska	Open House: 4pm-8pm Public Hearing: 6pm-8pm
April 21, 2015	Cooper Landing Community Hall Mi. 0.8 Bean Creek Road, Cooper Landing, Alaska	Open House: 4pm-6pm Public Hearing: 6pm-8pm
April 22, 2015	Soldotna Sports Center 538 Arena Drive, Soldotna, Alaska	Open House: 4pm-8pm Public Hearing: 6pm-8pm
April 30, 2015	Holiday Inn Capitol 550 "C" Street S.W, Washington, D.C	Open House: 4pm-6pm Public Hearing: 6pm-8pm

All oral and written comments will become part of the public record and may be obtained subject to the Freedom of Information Act. Comments will be considered in the development of the Final SEIS and Final Section 4(f) Evaluation and in the identification of a preferred alternative. The Draft SEIS and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation, supporting appendices, technical reports, and additional project information can be found at the project website: www.sterlinghighway.net. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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