



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

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We hope this update finds you safe and well. The project is continuing to move forward, with modifications as needed, keeping the health and wellness of the community and project staff in mind.

The project has almost finalized a firewood plan with the surrounding land managers. Firewood will be moved off project and will made available to the public in stages, beginning in late summer at an advertised location. Details are still being determined, and the public will be notified of final plans. We ask that the public does not take wood from within the project limits, as the active construction zone is not safe for public access and the wood is currently owned by KPB and USFS.

PROJECT UPDATE

Tasks Performed in April

- Conducted Phase 1 Value Engineering Study
- Continued Phase 1 design and coordination
- Continued Phases 3–5 land clearing contract development and design set up
- Kiewit continued project set up, staffing, planning, and scheduling
- Development of clearing and geotech field and operations plans for 2020
- Continued work and coordination with agencies for required permitting
- Conducted April Agency Meeting

Tasks Anticipated for May

- Award Clearing contract
- Begin Juneau Creek Canyon access routes and geotechnical field efforts
- Continue outreach to property owners
- Continue development of preliminary bridge alternatives
- Complete 30% Design for Phases 3 & 4

Near Term Schedule Goals

- Provide a 2020 construction update – May/June
- 95% Design on Phase 1A – June
- Phase 1A Final Design/Certification - August
- Continued clearing and geotechnical efforts through October

