

Juneau Creek Alternative Transcript

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To improve safety and traffic flow on the Sterling Highway near Cooper Landing. The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and the Federal Highway Administration proposed the Sterling Highway Milepost 45 to 60 project. The project proposes for alternative routes along the Sterling Highway. Each alternative route addresses the same three goals reduce congestion, improve safety, and improve the highway to meet current standards.

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The Juneau Creek variant alternative would deviate from the majority of the existing highway, with about nine miles on new alignment, similar to the Juneau Creek Alternative. This alternative route was specifically designed to avoid the use of land from the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge in the Mystery Creek Wilderness Area. The project begins east of Cooper Landing near Kenai Lake for the first mile.

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All four alternative routes are identical. The highway would be updated with wider lanes, wider shoulders, and passing lanes.

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Portions of the hillside north of the highway would be cut back to accommodate widening the road beginning at milepost 46.3. The Juneau Creek alternative skirts north of the Sterling Highway and Kenai Lake, climbing the hillside and bypassing Cooper Landing.

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The alternative route continues to move further north, and would cross the Juneau Creek Canyon on a new bridge south of Juneau Creek Falls. This bridge would be the longest single span bridge in Alaska with a 200ft rise. Resurrection Pass and Bean Creek trails would be slightly rerouted to allow hikers to pass under the bridge. A new Resurrection Pass trailhead and parking area would be constructed.

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Here. A new bridge would be built allowing for continued use of the US Forest Service logging road below. The alternative route cuts south with deeper cuts and a steeper grade near Sportsman's Landing, just north of milepost 55. A new bridge would be built over the old Sterling Highway. The bridge would connect the Juneau Creek variant, alternative to the old Sterling Highway, just outside the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge and the Mystery Creek Wilderness Area.

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At the western end of the project from milepost 55.8 onward. The alternative routes are again identical.

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Each alternative route would consist of a two lane highway with paved shoulders and passing lanes.

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Travel lanes would be 12ft wide with eight foot wide paved shoulders. All major intersections would have turning lanes to help vehicles slow and wait to turn without stopping through traffic.

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You have just viewed the Sterling Highway Milepost 45 to 60 project featuring the Juneau Creek variant alternative. The alternative routes would reduce congestion, improve safety, and improve the highway to meet current standards. Please be sure to visit Stirling Highway Net for more information and to view all four alternative routes.

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