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SPECIAL MEETING NOTES

DATE: March 6, 2025

WHERE: In-person traveling the highway corridor in question

TIME BEGUN: 1:15

PURPOSE: To share information about Cooper Landing, the Town Road and Walkable Community Project, and the DOT Planned 2027 MP 43-56 Pavement Preservation project

PRESENT: Cindy Ecklund, Eastern Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Member, David Story, CLT, Chair, Janette Cadieux, CLT Secretary

DISCUSSION:

- A packet of information about the Cooper Landing Town Road pathway planning and other Cooper Landing roadway concerns was presented to Ms. Ecklund.
- D. Story gave a brief re-education for Ms. Ecklund about the Walkable Community project, its goals, and planned outcomes.
- The three participants drove the highway through the MP 44-56 area where obstacles to safety were pointed out for both active users as well as motorized vehicles.
- C. Ecklund indicated:
 - She sees the problems of the existing roadway and has traveled it herself enough to be well acquainted with the ongoing nature of these same problems, some of them coming up repeatedly over the decades that she has used the Sterling Highway.
 - She sees the timeline of the MP 45-60 Project, the bridge re-decking, the MP 43-56 Project, as benefitting from coordination for the long-term function of the roadway.
 - It doesn't make sense to leave the road with just a re-surfacing and not be cost effective by fixing what really needs fixing.
 - Asked questions about integration of the Walkable Community project and the highway corridor function as a whole.
 - Gave an example of how trails surrounding her home town of Crosby, MN, the Cuyunna Mountain Bike Trails, revitalized the community and became an economic driver.

TIME ENDED: 2:10 p.m.