



Congress of the United States
Washington, DC

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The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary
Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Sean McMaster
Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy and Administrator McMaster:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Cooper Landing Walkable Community and Town Road Pathway Project, a vital local effort that will improve safety, connectivity, and quality of life for residents and visitors of Cooper Landing and the Kenai Peninsula as a whole.

This project will create a pedestrian-safe corridor through the center of town, linking neighborhoods, schools, campgrounds, and local businesses along the Sterling Highway. The Cooper Landing Town Road Pathway Project will protect pedestrians and cyclists, enhance access to essential services, and funnel visitors to small businesses that rely on tourism and guests for survival. The project's proposal for 2025 supports the goals of the Cooper Landing Walkable Community Plan, which is incorporated into the Kenai Peninsula Borough Comprehensive Transportation Plan, and remains the community's top transportation priority.

Consistent with all applicable law, policy and guidance, we ask that due consideration be given to Cooper Landing's application and all Alaskan applications. Please keep my office informed of any updates on the award decision through my Legislative Assistant, Will Cantrell, at 202-225-6575. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicholas J. Begich III".

Nicholas J. Begich III
Member of Congress for All Alaska