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Our Board, along with other Cooper Landing and Kenai Peninsula residents, desire healthier and safer community transportation routes. Our town road, which is currently the Sterling Highway, provides access to cultural and historical sites, natural resources, and numerous recreational opportunities. This "town road" is also the main connection to federal campgrounds and trailheads, businesses, restaurants, our school, our library, and residences.

While future completion of the Sterling Highway Bypass Project will decrease the immense amount of traffic that passes through our community daily, the severe and unsafe deficiencies of our "town road" will remain even though it will continue to serve many visitors and residents as they use it for local travel and recreation. Currently, it is not safe for any mode of pedestrian or non-motorized transportation, The road is narrow, winding and has no safe shoulders or pedestrian pathways. Without a project such as the Cooper Landing Town Road Pathway Project, the residents and visitors will remain dangerously disconnected from well used locations like the school, the library, the community hall, recreational opportunities and surrounding federal lands.

Improving the infrastructure along this corridor will serve both residents and visitors alike. It will provide safe travel opportunities for bikers, walkers and runners and will broaden our community's appeal to the visitors who power its economic engine. In short, it will make Cooper Landing a stronger part of the Kenai Peninsula's economy and recreational tourism.

Sincerely,

Cooper Landing Community Library Board

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