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To Whom It May Concern,

The Alaska State Parks Kenai-Prince William Sound Regional Office fully supports the **Cooper Landing Town Road Pathway Project**.

The Kenai Peninsula and the community of Cooper Landing have a shared goal of creating safer, healthier, and more economically sustainable transportation options. The existing Town Road corridor is the heart of the community, connecting residents and visitors to its cultural, historical, and recreational resources, including trailheads, federal campgrounds, local businesses, and community facilities.

While the Sterling Highway Bypass Project improves regional traffic flow, it does not address the ongoing deficiencies of the original alignment. This "town road" will continue to carry substantial motorized traffic, and segments such as the Cooper Creek Bridge remain challenging for pedestrians and cyclists. Without the improvements proposed by the Cooper Landing Town Road Pathway Project, connectivity between the community and surrounding public lands will remain fragmented.

Enhancing active transportation infrastructure along this corridor will not only improve safety and community connectivity but will also strengthen the visitor experience that fuels Cooper Landing's local economy. These improvements align with Alaska State Parks' mission to provide safe, enjoyable recreation opportunities while conserving Alaska's unique natural and cultural resources.

Thank you for your continued efforts to improve recreation access and community safety along this important Kenai Peninsula corridor.

Sincerely,

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Kenai-Prince William Sound Superintendent