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Cooper Landing Trails Committee
PO Box 863
Cooper Landing, AK 99572

Dear Cooper Landing Trails Committee,

I am writing to express my support for the Cooper Landing Town Road Pathway Project application for the Federal Lands Access Program.

Located on the Kenai Peninsula, the community of Cooper Landing is working to improve safety and upgrade active transportation options for pedestrians and cyclists along Cooper Landing's "Town Road", the original Sterling Highway alignment. While the Sterling Highway bypass project will improve through-traffic, the existing roadway will continue to be used by motorized traffic and currently lacks the infrastructure needed to safely accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists.

The Cooper Landing Town Road Pathway Project will strengthen the community's connection to surrounding federal lands and improve access to key destinations, including campgrounds, trailheads, businesses, cultural sites, and community spaces. In addition to improving safety for residents, this project will enhance tourism and recreation opportunities that play an important role in the local economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this important project. Consistent with all applicable law, policy, and guidance, I respectfully encourage that this application receives full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bill Elam".

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