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Cooper Landing Trails Committee
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RE: Letter of Support for the Cooper Landing Town Road Pathway Project

I am writing to express my strong support for the Cooper Landing Town Road Pathway Project. This initiative is a critical step toward creating a safer, healthier, and more economically resilient future for the community of Cooper Landing and the greater Kenai Peninsula.

Cooper Landing's Town Road is more than a roadway—it is a vital community corridor that connects residents and visitors alike to a rich array of cultural, historical, recreational, and natural resources. From federal campgrounds and trailheads to local businesses, restaurants, and cultural landmarks, the Town Road is the lifeline to many of the area's most important amenities and destinations.

While the realignment of the Sterling Highway bypass has improved through-traffic efficiency, it does not address the existing deficiencies of the Town Road, which continues to carry significant volumes of motorized traffic. Key segments—such as the Cooper Creek Bridge—illustrate the pressing safety concerns for pedestrians, cyclists, and all users engaging in active transportation. Without a dedicated pathway project, these hazards will persist, and the community's vital connection to surrounding public lands will remain compromised.

The Cooper Landing Town Road Pathway Project offers a much-needed solution. By enhancing the active transportation infrastructure, this project will not only improve safety and accessibility but also strengthen the economic vitality of Cooper Landing. Visitors who fuel the local economy will benefit from improved access and experiences, while residents will gain a more livable, connected, and sustainable community. Ultimately, the project will position Cooper Landing as a stronger, more integrated part of the Kenai Peninsula's economic and cultural landscape.

I respectfully urge all stakeholders and decision-makers to fully support and prioritize this critical infrastructure investment. The benefits are clear, lasting, and essential for the future of Cooper Landing and the economic and recreational portfolio of the overall Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Sincerely,

Mayor Peter A. Micciche
Kenai Peninsula Borough