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The Kenai Peninsula and the community of Cooper Landing desire healthier, safer, and economically sound transportation alternatives. Cooper Landing's Town Road is dotted with cultural, historical, natural resource, and recreational sites. It is and will remain the main connection to the area's amenities and facilities including federal campgrounds and trailheads, businesses, restaurants, museums, cultural areas, community sites and residences.

The new alignment of the bypass project improves the through-traffic of the Sterling Highway but does not address the deficiencies of the existing alignment. This "town road" will continue to serve significant amounts of motorized traffic. The Cooper Creek Bridge exemplifies the many sections of roadway along this alignment that are not safe for any mode of active transportation regardless of the speeds or volumes of motorized traffic. Without a project such as the Cooper Landing Town Road Pathway Project, the connectivity of the community to surrounding federal lands will remain broken and continue to be hampered by the deficient existing facilities and will continue to present hazards to active transportation and motorized users alike.

Improving the active transportation infrastructure along this corridor broadens the community's appeal to the visitors that power its economic engine and provides more dependable opportunities for the businesses and people that support them, in turn making Cooper Landing a stronger part of the Kenai Peninsula's economy and community.

Sincerely,

Bernadine Atchison
Tribal Council Chair