

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Stephanie Pollack
Acting Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg and Acting Administrator Pollack,

We write in support of Cooper Landing Trails' Cooper Landing Town Road Pathway Project grant application for the Federal Land Access Program.

Located on the Kenai Peninsula, the community of Cooper Landing is in need to correct deficiencies and improve upon active transportation facilities for pedestrian and bicycle user groups along Cooper Landing's "Town Road" – the existing alignment of the Sterling Highway that will be bypassed through the Sterling Highway Milepost 45-60 Project. Although the bypass project is underway, the existing alignment will continue to be used by motorized traffic and will still lack a safe corridor for pedestrians to access their community.

The Cooper Landing Town Road Pathway Project will improve the community's connection to the area's amenities and facilities including campgrounds, trailheads, businesses, restaurants, museums, cultural areas, community sites, and residences. In addition to improving safety for residents, this proposed project has an economic value by increasing the safety for tourist foot traffic.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring this project to your attention. Consistent with all applicable law, policy, and guidance, we respectfully request that you give due consideration to the Cooper Landing Trails' application and all Alaska grant applications. We also ask that you keep our office apprised on the outcome of the application.

Sincerely,



Lisa Murkowski
U.S. Senator



Dan Sullivan
U.S. Senator



Don Young
Congressman for All Alaska

Cc: David Story, Chair, Cooper Landing Trails