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Dear CLTC:

Alaska Trails is excited to voice its support for Cooper Landing Town Road Pathway Project. Since 2004, Alaska Trails has been working across the state to advance trails and connectivity. Alaska Trails has been a leader in highlight the health and economic benefits that trails can bring and this project exemplifies those benefits.

The Cooper Landing Town Road Pathway Project will bring healthier, safer, and economically sound transportation alternatives to this unique town and its residents. Cooper Landing's Town Road is dotted with cultural, historical, and recreational sites. It is and will remain the main connection to the area's amenities and facilities including campgrounds, 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 will continue to be hampered by the deficient existing facilities and will continue to present hazards to active transportation and motorized users alike.

Alaska Trails is excited about this project because we believe that the active transportation infrastructure along this corridor will broaden the community's appeal to the visitors that power its economic engine and provides more dependable revenue for business in the area. In addition, it will give residents another healthy option for exercise and active transportation. For those reasons we see it as an exciting win-win for the community and the visitors it welcomes.

Sincerely,

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world-class trails since 2003.*

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