

Project Description

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities is proposing improvements to Sterling Highway Milepost 157-169: Anchor Point to Baycrest Hill to restore the structural integrity, increase safety, reduce congestion, and improve travel efficiency of the Sterling Highway from MP 157-169. Preliminary engineering and environmental assessment services began in Summer 2014 and will continue with construction scheduled to start in 2019. Anticipated work may include addition of passing and climbing lanes, replacement of bridges and culverts, intersection improvements, shoulder widening, stabilization of stream banks, and required improvements to rehabilitate, resurface, and restore the roadway. This project is being completed using a combination of state and federal funds and is being developed in accordance with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidelines.

Project Phasing

The first phase of this project will complete the scoping process; preliminary capacity, traffic, and safety analysis; public involvement; surveying; environmental studies; and preliminary engineering work. Staff will be conducting field investigations over the next few years in support of this project. Future design and right-of-way acquisition phases are scheduled for completion in 2018 to enable construction to start in 2019. The corridor may be broken into multiple construction projects to accommodate available funding.

Environmental and Preliminary Engineering	Summer 2014 - Spring 2016
Design and Permitting	2016 - 2018
Right-of-Way Acquisition	2016 - 2018
Construction	Spring 2019

Public comments will be gathered throughout the project. Please let us know your comments and concerns.

We Welcome Your Input!

Email your thoughts and ideas to the project team at sterlinghwypm157-169@dowlhkm.com. The team will periodically update the website with meeting materials, reports and other project documents. We will add your email and/or mailing address to the project mailing list, and let you know the dates and locations of public meetings for the project.

Need More Information?

Updates and project information are available on our website:

www.sterlinghwypm157-169.com



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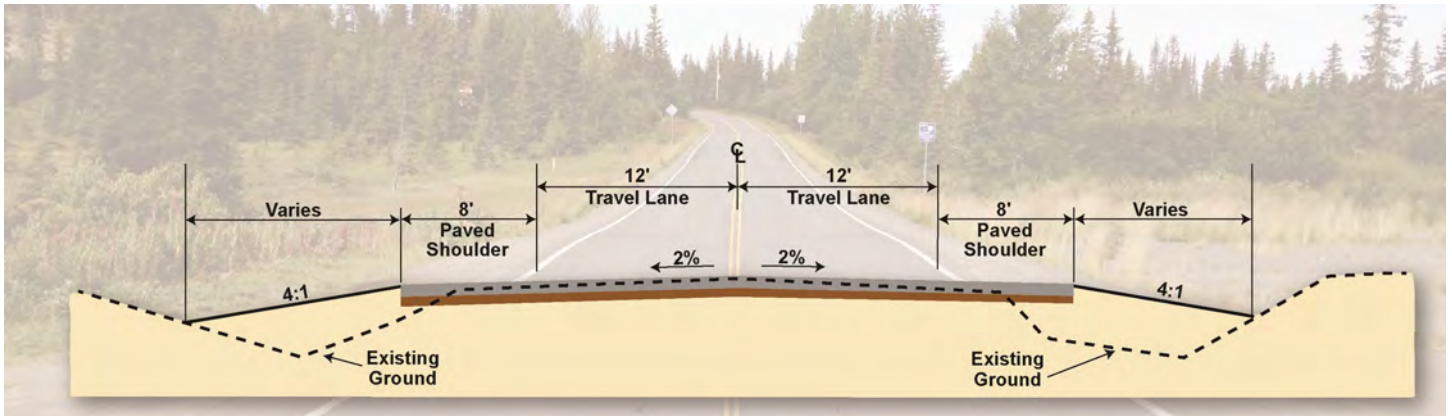
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Proposed Typical Cross-Section

The proposed improvements will include new pavement, hydrology, and earthwork to extend the life of the existing facility.

Specifically, the project will:

- Resolve maintenance issues (e.g. guardrail, signage, striping, pavement, etc.)
- Include safety improvements where substantiated by historical crash data, such as:
 - ◆ Intersection improvements (e.g. turning lanes and changes to improve sight distance)
 - ◆ Moose warning signs and clearing
 - ◆ Shoulder widening in specific segments

Additional project elements under consideration include:

- Curve realignment,
- New bridges at North and South Fork Anchor Rivers,
- New passing and climbing lanes,
- New culverts,
- 8' shoulders throughout, and
- Clearing of the right-of-way.