



# OPEN HOUSE

WELCOME!



*The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by DOT&PF pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated April 13, 2023, and executed by FHWA and DOT&PF.*

# Project Overview

Description, Purpose, and Goals



**Purpose: Improve Safety and Reduce Congestion**



**Goals:**

- Provide a safe and reliable roadway
- Reduce fatal and major crash rates, with a focus on preventing head-on collisions
- Reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions and improve safety during winter months
- Decommission the Traffic Safety Corridor designation
- Accommodate the seasonal traffic increases
- Balance needs to maintain access to businesses and neighborhoods

# Highway Design

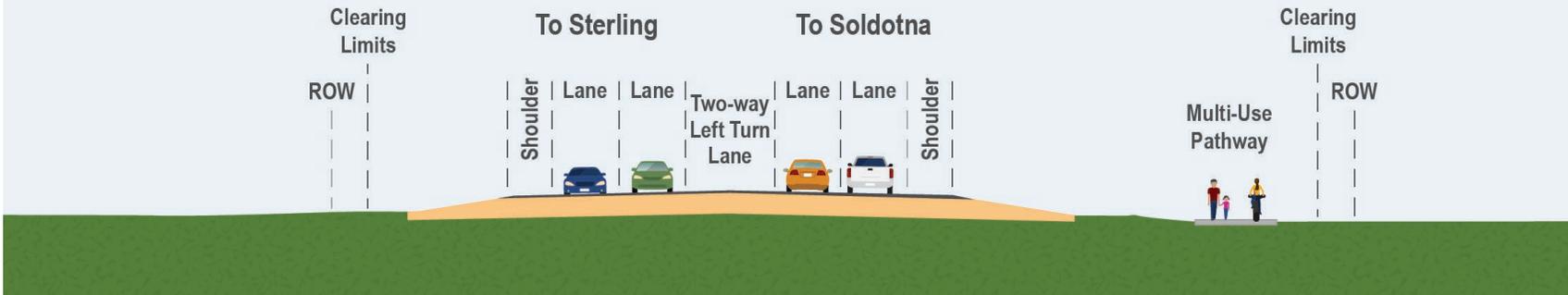
## Four- and Five-Lane Segments



### FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY WITH DEPRESSED MEDIAN



### FIVE-LANE DIVIDED WITH TWO-WAY LEFT TURN LANE



*Note: The clearing limits are typically within ~5 ft of the ROW on both sides.*

# Project Team



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Traffic, Electrical, and Lighting



**RRR**  
Utility Coordination



**Stanton Engineering Services**  
Independent Cost Estimating

# Schedule and Next Steps



Public and Stakeholder Involvement

Ongoing

Design Engineering

Fall 2024 – Winter 2026

Right-of-Way Acquisition

Summer 2026 – Winter 2027

Construction

Beginning Late Summer 2026

# ROW Encroachments



*Example of an encroachment in the ROW*



## What are encroachments?

When a private party places an object on publicly owned property or within the ROW.



## How are encroachments removed?

DOT&PF reaches out to property owners requesting removal. Most owners voluntarily assist with removal.



## What about permitted encroachments?

Encroachments that currently hold permits within the ROW may still require removal or relocation if impacted by construction.



## Where can you find out more?

Visit the DOT&PF Real Estate and Right-of-Way website - <https://dot.alaska.gov/stwddes/dcsrow/>.

# ROW Clearing



*Bond Brothers Clearing Cooper Landing Bypass with QAP Support*



## What to expect?

- Surveying/Clearing will start in Sterling and work towards Soldotna
  - Beginning near Moose River
  - Proceeding west to Devin Drive
- Surveying to stake ROW
- Clearing to typically within 5 feet of ROW
- Both sides of the Sterling Highway will be cleared

# ROW Clearing



Be alert for traffic control flaggers at driveways and local roads connected to the Sterling Highway, where minimal traffic delays may occur.



## Who will you see out there?

- DOT&PF Staff
- QAP Clearing Crews
- Edge Survey and Design, LLC
- Bond Brothers, LLC



## Pieces of equipment in clearing activities

- Excavators
- Feller Bunchers
- Pickup Trucks
- Mulchers
- Loaders

# Advanced Clearing Activities

## Timeline



March 2026

April 2026



March 9  
Clearing Starts

Mid-March  
Timber expected to be  
available for public use

April 21  
Demobilization of  
Clearing Equipment

April 28  
Expected End Date

Survey Staking Row

Mobilization of Equipment

Clearing Activities

# Timber Available for Public



Located at 42140 Sterling Highway (across from the Birch Ridge Golf Course).



Timber expected starting mid-March until it is gone.



Plan to load wood by hand – no mechanical loading permitted. Cutting will be allowed.



Find out more at:

- [www.SterlingSafetyImprovements.com](http://www.SterlingSafetyImprovements.com) on the Construction Page
- Construction Hotline: (907) 865-1305



# VIEW THE DESIGN



View the preferred design by scanning the QR code with your  
smart phone or visiting the website at  
[www.SterlingSafetyImprovements.com](http://www.SterlingSafetyImprovements.com)



# WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

Ways to provide comments or submit questions:



Submit a written comment at the meeting



Call a project team member



Email the project team at  
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