

## **The Copper River Highway Corridor**

DOT&PF is preparing a Copper River Highway (CRH) Transportation Master Plan to help the department envision the future of the highway corridor from milepost (MP) 0 at the ferry terminal to MP 51 at Abercrombie Creek. The plan focuses on roadway, aviation, riverine, recreational, and other surface improvements. Once complete, DOT&PF, the City of Cordova, the Native Village of Eyak, and others can use the plan to secure funding for projects important to the community.

#### Where we are now:

Thanks to all who showed up for our January 26, 2022 public open house! We received great input on potential improvements, how people use the highway corridor today, and how they want the corridor to function in the future. We heard about the highway's scenic and historic value, its role in supporting Cordova's economy, and the importance of accessing recreational and other infrastructure past Bridge #339, which is currently closed due to structural issues.

Based on community input, DOT&PF is proposing the following draft CRH vision statement:

The Copper River Highway will be a safe, reliable, multi-modal transportation corridor that provides access to recreational, economic, and cultural activities for community members and visitors alike while sustaining the area's scenic, cultural, and ecological attributes.

The planning team will use this vision to document transportation issues and needs, prioritize community-identified projects, and identify potential alternatives and funding sources.

### We want to hear from you!

- Visit the CRH Master Plan web page at <u>https://dot.alaska.gov/nreg/copperriverhighway/</u>
- Submit your project ideas Online at <a href="https://arcg.is/1i8GHD0">https://arcg.is/1i8GHD0</a>.
- Sign up for future plan updates and meeting announcements by e-mailing jjessen@crweng.com.

### **Next Steps:**

DOT&PF, advised by a local Stakeholder Advisory Committee, will use this information to begin prioritizing critical projects. The ranking criteria and project list will be shared with the community in the draft Copper River Highway Transportation Master Plan later this year.



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Submit your project ideas today! https://arcg.is/1i8GHD0.

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#### **Copper River Highway Study Corridor Fast Facts**

- The Copper River Highway starts at Ferry Terminal Road (MP 0) and ends just past the Million Dollar Bridge at Abercrombie Creek (MP 51).
- Uses within DOT&PF's right-of-way include foot paths, bike paths, frontage roads, pullouts, parking areas, placement of utilities, and other public uses as DOT&PF deems necessary for the welfare of the public.
- The Copper River Highway is a designated Alaska Scenic Byway, which makes it eligible for grant funding to promote the highway's special qualities.

# Questions? Comments? Tell us how the Copper River Highway corridor can meet Cordova's needs now...and 25 years from now!

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