



The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) recognizes the need to improve safety and mobility on the Sterling Highway between Sterling and Soldotna, from Milepost (MP) 82.5 to 94. Traffic has increased due to growth in the community, recreation, and tourism.

The project area is an 11.5-mile, two-lane segment of the Sterling Highway. The Sterling Highway is the main road that connects the communities of Sterling and Soldotna, and is also heavily used by other residents of Southcentral Alaska.

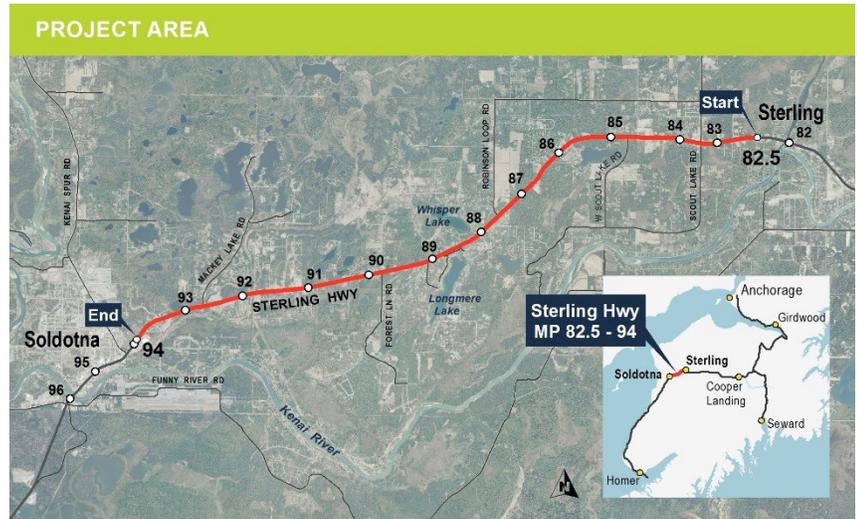
The Sterling Highway MP 83–93 segment was designated a Traffic Safety Corridor in 2009, and the state began to examine possible safety improvements. The resulting state-funded study vetted various alternatives with the public, and culminated in the creation of a Preliminary Decision Document (PDD) in 2014. The PDD recommended a four-lane highway with a depressed median.

Due to the state's current economic climate, DOT&PF is developing the project so that it will be eligible for federal funding. To receive federal funding, DOT&PF must complete the federally required environmental review. The project is currently in the process of completing an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The proposed project includes:

- Four-lane divided highway with depressed median
- Separated bike/pedestrian pathway north of the highway
- Turn lanes
- Intersection realignments

Note: The design will not change the existing five-lane highway configuration in Sterling or Soldotna.





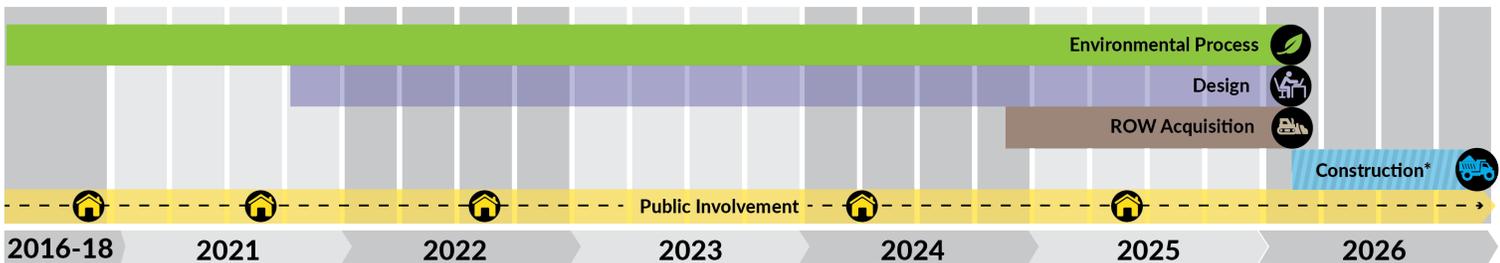
Cost

A recent estimate for the design, right-of-way (ROW) acquisition, utility relocation, and construction of the proposed project is \$76.4 million. Cost estimates will be refined over time as the design progresses. Project funding is anticipated to be primarily federal, with approximately 9 percent of the cost being contributed by the state. While funding for design is included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for 2022, the funds needed for ROW, utility relocation, and construction will need to be allocated in the future. The start of construction is dependent on many factors, but it could begin as soon as 2026 if funding is made available.



Schedule

This project is currently completing an EA under NEPA. Once the EA is complete, the project team will work on the final design. Construction is anticipated to take up to three seasons.



*Indicates that the start of construction is dependent on many factors, including available funding, but is expected to begin in 2026 or later and last up to three seasons Open House



Get Involved

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