

# **The Copper River Highway Corridor**

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is responsible for designing, constructing and maintaining the Copper River Highway for safe and efficient travel. DOT&PF is currently looking at ways to reconstruct, repair, and replaced damaged bridges and culverts between Milepost (MP) 27 and Abercrombie Creek at MP 51...but what else needs to be done?

DOT&PF is launching the Copper River Highway Transportation Master Plan to help the department envision the future of the entire highway corridor, from the ferry terminal to the Million Dollar Bridge. The study will focus on roadway, aviation, riverine, recreational, and other surface improvements.

### Here's how you can help:

- Tell us your vision for the highway. How does it serve the community of Cordova in 2047 and beyond?
- What needs can the highway corridor address (e.g., support economic development, improve access to outdoor recreation and subsistence activities, etc.)?
- What projects could help meet those needs?
- Attend the public open house on January 26, 2022 at the Cordova Center.
- Submit your comments Online (link to GIS map survey).

DOT&PF will use this information to develop a longterm strategy for the highway corridor, prioritize projects, and identify potential funding partnerships. A draft Copper River Highway Transportation Master Plan will be available for review and additional comments in Spring 2022.

## Get Involved!

What does the future of the Copper River Highway Study Corridor look like? Share your thoughts at the Copper River Highway Transportation Master Plan project kickoff and open house!

## **Public Open House**

When: Wednesday, January 26, 2022

### Where:

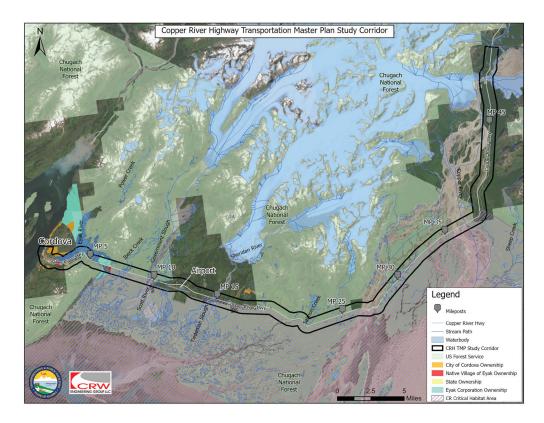
Cordova Center 601 First Street Community Room A

**Schedule:** Open House - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Presentation - 5:30 p.m.

### **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 (MP 51).
- The highway is classified as a Major Collector roadway up to the Steven Green Bridge (#339) at MP 36, which means it supports moderate traffic capacity with a maximum speed of 55 mph. Between MP 36 and 51, the highway does not have a classified service level.
- DOT&PF's right-of-way extends 150 feet from the highway's center line. Uses of the rightof-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? Let us know your vision for the Copper River Highway!

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