

Kenai Peninsula Borough
Assembly

MEMORANDUM

TO: Wayne Ogle, Assembly President
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

FROM: Kenn Carpenter, Assembly Member *(B) for K.L.*

DATE: April 5, 2018

RE: Resolution 2018-021, Requesting the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Reduce the Speed Limit Between Mileposts 50.8 and 52.8 of the Sterling Highway to 35 Miles Per Hour (Carpenter)

Several residents of the Cooper Landing community have approached me to request that we try to get the speed limit on the Sterling highway between mile 50.8 and 52.8 reduced to 35 m.p.h. That section of the Sterling Highway runs from the Russian River campground entrance to approximately the Cooper Creek U.S. Forrest Service campground and has speed limits posted of 45 m.p.h and 55 m.p.h. At one end of this highway segment the speed limit is 35 m.p.h. and at the other end it is 45 m.p.h.

Due to the number of businesses, cabin rentals and parks in that area a lot of pedestrians walk along the highway and drivers enter and exit it, especially during the summer months. During the winter months vehicles of all sizes including trucks have a hard time slowing down to the slower speed limits at each end of this stretch and frequently end up in ditches or on the guardrails. In most of Cooper Landing the speed limit is 35 m.p.h.. which is much safer than 55 m.p.h.

This resolution would ask the State of Alaska to reduce the speed limit in this segment to 35 m.p.h. I would appreciate your support.