

# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Planning Department – Land Management Division

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Brent Hibbert, Assembly President  
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

**THRU:** Charlie Pierce, Mayor *CP*  
Melanie Aeschliman, Planning Director *MA*

**FROM:** Marcus A Mueller, Land Management Officer *MA*

**DATE:** March 25, 2021

**RE:** Ordinance 2021-14, Authorizing a Negotiated Lease with Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for Staging and Material Extraction and Disposal Activities in Support of the Sterling Highway MP 45-60 Construction Project near Cooper Landing (Mayor)

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Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is actively working on the Sterling Highway MP 45-60 Construction Project, which follows the Juneau Creek Alternative near Cooper Landing. The Kenai Peninsula Borough is a landowner in the project area and the borough is the managing authority to certain lands under its municipal entitlement land grant.

KPB Land Management has been working with the project team as it seeks to implement the major project. DOT&PF has proposed three project staging and disposal sites on borough owned or managed land. A fourth site related to the project has been proposed directly by DOT&PF's Construction Management/General Contractor.

The project timeline includes construction activities from 2021-2026. The project includes construction of a 4-lane highway to national highway standards and a substantial bridge span over Juneau Creek.

The proposed master lease agreement provides terms for both project staging activities and material extraction and disposal. The staging activities are handled through a surface use rental structure and the material disposal is addressed in resource management terms with a fee structure based on the volume and types of materials from the project that are left on site. Environmental protections and practices are enumerated in the agreement and all materials deposited would be uncontaminated natural materials. The proposed commencement date is May 1, 2021 to work with the project schedule.

Your consideration is appreciated.