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### **DPS and DOT&PF Team Up to Create Two New Highway Safety Corridors**

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska) – Two new Highway Safety Corridors established by the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities will hopefully assist in curbing fatal collision and major injury collisions. The Sterling Highway from mile 83 to mile 93 and the Knik-Goose Bay Road from mile 0.6 to mile 17 will officially be designated as Highway Safety Corridors (HSC) on Wednesday, July 1, 2009.

DPS and DOT&PF will be working to educate the public of the change in the days leading up to the shift. Road crews are already out along the two stretches of highway doing prep work for sign installation. Public Service Announcements are also going out to television and radio stations. The PSAs are a part of the Road Wise AK Campaign.

The Alaska State Troopers, both patrol troopers and Alaska Bureau of Highway Patrol troopers, will provide focused traffic enforcement in these select areas to help increase motorists' awareness of the new Highway Safety Corridors. Starting on July 1, 2009, all fines within the HSCs will be double the normal traffic fines.

The new designations bring the total number of Highway Safety Corridors to four. The two existing corridors are the Seward Highway from mile 90 to mile 117 and the Parks Highway from mile 44.5 to mile 53. These roads were selected as HSCs due to the frequency of fatal and major injury collisions over time. Nationally, trends show that the creation of Highway Safety Corridors has reduced the number of fatal and major injury collisions within the designated corridors.