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Dear Anchorage Parks & Recreation Team,

On behalf of Bike Anchorage and our broader bike community, thank you for your quick action to repair the Hillstrand Pond bridge along the Chester Creek Trail ahead of Bike to Work Day.

We know this was a challenging repair to complete on a very tight timeline and with limited available funding, and we want to recognize the hard work and coordination that went into getting this important connection reopened in time for one of the busiest bicycling days of the year.

We especially appreciated Parks & Recreation staff being responsive and communicative throughout the process. Your willingness to help us understand the situation, share updates, and coordinate public messaging made a real difference and helped us keep the community informed during a critical period leading up to Bike to Work Day.

This year's Bike to Work Day was yet another record-breaking year for participation, with nearly 5,800 riders counted citywide and more than 1,200 traveling through the Chester Creek corridor throughout the day. The Hillstrand Pond bridge is a vital link in Anchorage's trail network, connecting neighborhoods, schools, parks, and workplaces, and having that crossing restored in time ensured that thousands of residents could safely and conveniently continue using one of the city's most important active transportation routes.

Projects like this one have an enormous impact on daily quality of life for the people who rely on Anchorage's trail system for both transportation and recreation. Thank you again for your responsiveness, professionalism, and hard work on this issue.

Sincerely,

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