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Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
2020-2023 STIP Comments
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The Petersburg Borough Assembly is requesting our specific comments on the proposed 2020-2023 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) be entered into the record and given due consideration.

A review of the 2018-2021 STIP and the proposed 2020-2023 STIP shows the Petersburg Borough continues to have no approved projects considered in the program, despite being one of the nation's top commercial fishing ports and the home of many successful companies.

Ground transportation is a very important component to the marine entities located in Petersburg. The ability to efficiently move equipment, employees, and goods and services throughout the community is critical to the success of our local economy. Many of the of the proposed Petersburg projects will have immediate benefits to our economy, and they will provide for increased opportunity in the community.

For your consideration, we have listed our top three projects we would like to see included in the 2020-2023 STIP below:

\$40,000,000 Annual Appropriation to the Alaska Marine Highway System for Ferry Repairs

Description: Appropriate \$40,000,000 annually to the AMHS for ferry repairs. If less is needed for ferry repairs in any given year, DOT can amend the STIP to move the unused funds back to roads.

2955 Airport Bypass Road Construction

Description: Construct a new route across Mitkof Island just to the south of the airport that bypasses downtown and the busy intersection of Nordic and Haugen drives.

Includes improvements to Hungerford Hill Road, widening of the access road along the new water line and extension of this route to a new junction with Sandy Beach Road on an alignment that provides adequate separation from aircraft activity.

25781 PSG Petersburg Street Paving

Description: The project will repave or upgrade chip seal to asphalt cement pavement and replace sidewalks on the Petersburg priority streets including Excel Street, Fram Street, Gjoa Street, Harbor Way and Second Street.

Please let us know if you require additional information to move these projects forward and onto the 2020-2023 STIP. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Mark Jensen
Mayor

Cc: Senator Stedman
Representative Kreiss-Tomkins