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Mayor Mark Jensen
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Dear Mayor Jensen,

Thank you for your interest in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Alaska's federally required four-year program for transportation system preservation and improvement. Alaska's surface transportation program is primarily driven by federal funds and therefore project funding meet project development schedules and federal requirements. This process ensures that Alaska will receive the maximum amount of federal funding available to maintain and improve its surface transportation program.

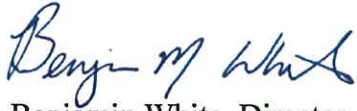
When the State of Alaska develops a new four-year STIP or amends the approved STIP, it seeks public input to provide the public an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed changes. This public involvement process provides a fair and accountable system to ensure that projects are funded as necessary and in accordance with federal requirements.

In regards to your concerns about ferry maintenance and repairs, \$17 million of Ferry Boat Funds are programmed annually in the STIP for the purpose of annual ferry refurbishment, regulatory driven, dry-docking, and vessel refurbishment priorities as established in annual the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) Fleet Condition Survey Report. The funds are designated for eligible ferry programs and have the ability to roll over year-to-year, as needed, with some limitations.

The projects you have identified as Petersburg's priorities, Airport Bypass Road Construction and Petersburg Street Paving, are both suitable projects for the Community Transportation Program (CTP). We have recently completed the CTP Project Evaluation process for this year and will soon be announcing the project that will be awarded. We anticipate another call for CTP project nominations in 2022 and encourage you to work with your regional planner to prepare applications for these projects. Successful nominations require substantial preparation, obtaining local financial commitment, and working with regional planning staff to ensure adequate scope and cost estimates. Please consider contacting your regional planners early if you desire to pursue this program.

For more information about the STIP and to view future STIP amendments, please visit www.dot.alaska.gov/stip.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Benjamin White".

Benjamin White, Director
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