



February 8, 2021

Barry Youngberg
State of Alaska DOT&PF
Airport Manager/Highway Foreman, Petersburg Station
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Dear Mr. Youngberg:

Petersburg Borough has received comments from local citizens who are concerned about the lack of street lights on Papke's Landing Road, which is owned and maintained by the State of Alaska. There are several school bus stops on this road, and currently no lighting in place which poses a safety hazard for school children as they wait for the bus or are dropped off after school.

In response to these safety concerns, Petersburg Borough would like to request that the State of Alaska Department of Transportation (DOT) undertake the installation of street lights on Papke's Landing Road at all locations that serve as school bus stops. A map of Papke's Landing Road showing these locations is attached.

After installation, the cost of operating and maintaining the new street lights could be added to the Reimbursable Maintenance Agreement (copy attached) currently in place for O&M of DOT-owned street lights within the Petersburg Borough. Once the associated costs for the new lights are added to this agreement, the Borough would then operate and maintain the new lights in the same manner as with other DOT street lights in the Petersburg area.

Please review this matter and let the Borough know if DOT is willing to add some street lights as requested and amend the Reimbursable Maintenance Agreement with the Borough to incorporate O&M costs for the new lights. Thank you for your time and consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

Steven Giesbrecht
Borough Manager
Petersburg Borough

Cc: Mayor Mark Jensen & Members of the Petersburg Borough Assembly
Scott Gray, Southeast District M&O Superintendent, DOT
Karl Hagerman, Utility Director, Petersburg Borough

Attachments: Reimbursable Maintenance Agreement (6 pages)
Map of Proposed New Street Light Locations (1 page)

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