



# City of Seward

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Honorable Congressman Don Young  
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Dear Congressman Young:

We are writing to express our appreciation for your assistance in obtaining the clarification for the City of Seward's Highway Bill project.

As originally enacted, the SAFETEA-LU Highway Bill contained \$3 million to upgrade the ferry infrastructure in downtown Seward. The State of Alaska's decision to discontinue ferry service prevented the use of the Highway Bill funding for ferry infrastructure. This led to a decision by the Seward City Council to advocate that the funding be shifted to another important priority, the improvement of roads, sidewalks and drainage within the Seward city limits.

Thanks in large part to your efforts, Section 105 of the SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008 authorizes the \$3 million set aside for Seward to be used for roads, sidewalk, and drainage. We intend to use these funds to engage in road improvements of major importance to the residents of Seward.

Your continuing work on behalf of the City of Seward and its residents is greatly appreciated.

Very Respectfully,

Phillip E. Oates  
City Manager

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