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April 20, 2021

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Anton Larsen Bay Road Extension Project in forthcoming surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the Kodiak Island Borough and the project is located at within the Kodiak Island Borough. The Kodiak Island Borough the recipient and project manager, is located at 710 Mill Bay Road Kodiak, AK 99615.

The funding is designated to extend the existing terminus of Anton Larsen Bay Road approximately 1.7 miles to a small beach in a semi-protected bay near Crag Point. It would also include a boat launch/dock and adjacent parking area at the terminus of the new roadway extension.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits for the city and residents of the Kodiak Island Borough. An extension of the Anton Larsen Bay Road to ice free waters will provide year around access to those communities located in the Kupreanof Strait as well as those who use the island's west side for commercial and recreational purposes. Extending the road to ice free waters makes traveling safer, providing access to critical services located in the City of Kodiak, including hospitals and businesses.

Travel between the City of Kodiak and the outlying communities of Ouzinkie and Port Lions is limited to airplane or boat. There is no road connection between the communities because they are located either on Ouzinkie Island or isolated from the Kodiak Island road system by Port Lyons Bay. During the spring, summer, and fall, travel from Ouzinkie or Port Lions to Kodiak via this route involves a roughly 30-minute skiff ride from either community to the Anton Larsen Bay Dock located in the interior of Anton Larsen Bay which is another 30-minute drive to either Kodiak Airport or the City of Kodiak.

However, in the winter the interior portion of Anton Larsen Bay freezes over due to fresh water entering the head of the bay, preventing boats from launching from the dock or entering the bay. During this time, marine travel is limited to a route around Spruce Cape along the northeastern tip of Kodiak Island. Northeasterly wind and ocean currents from the Gulf of Alaska often present difficult or dangerous travel conditions along this portion of Kodiak Island's shoreline.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Don Yang

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