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April 20, 2021

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the current phase of the City of Whittier's Shotgun Cove Road project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Whittier and the project is located at within the city of Whittier, Alaska. The City of Whittier, the recipient and project manager, is located at P.O. Box 608 Whittier, AK 99693.

The funding is designated for 2.5 miles of new road construction which will terminate at Trinity Point, 31 acres of property which is owned by the Forest Service.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits for the city and residents of Whittier. The city and stakeholders assign substantial economic benefit to the project because it opens presently inaccessible federal, state, Alaska Native corporation, and municipal lands to recreational use and future well-managed land development. Recent estimates obtained from the Whittier Chamber of Commerce, Prince William Sound Economic Committee and the Anton Memorial Tunnel Annual Data Report show the annual number of Tunnel visitors to be near 700,000 and growing.

Once large cruise ship travel resumes, cruise visitors to Whittier are expected to jump from 158,000 to 258,000. This is a monumental increase from the 83,600 visitors recorded in 1993. The Shotgun Cove Road Project has the potential to allow countless members of people, both Alaskans and tourists, to access and enhance the experience the Alaskan splendor of this region and Prince William Sound providing economic benefits to the city and borough.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Don Young".

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