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The Honorable Senator Bishop
Chair, Senate Finance Subcommittee
State Capitol Bldg., Room 121
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Bishop,

In response to questions posed by Senate Finance Subcommittee members on March 6, 2018, the following information is provided:

➤ ***How are the Vehicle Rental Tax receipts appropriated to DOT&PF being utilized?***

Vehicle Rental Tax Receipts appropriated to DOT&PF are used to operate and maintain the State's transportation system. Activities can include labor, equipment and materials.

➤ ***How is the Federal Safe Routes to School funding being used? Have we received applications for this funding? Provide list of requested projects.***

The Safe Routes to School Program expired as a distinct funding source from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Federal-aid program when the transportation reauthorization act, SAFETEA-LU, ended in 2009. Under the 2012 transportation reauthorization bill, MAP-21, the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) was created. The TAP combined several previous programs of the FHWA Federal-aid program and this funding has a much broader eligibility including but not limited to Recreational Trails Program projects, Safe Routes to School projects, Scenic Byways Program projects, construction of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, ADA compliance on transportation facilities, environmental mitigation activities, historic preservation, vegetation management in highway rights-of-way, and archeological activities related to transportation projects. The 2016 transportation reauthorization bill, FAST Act, retained the TAP program.

Attached is a list of TAP projects that were awarded through the competitive process conducted in 2016 by DOT&PF and the Anchorage metropolitan planning organization (AMATS), as required by federal law. The projects that met the requirements of the Safe Routes To School program are identified with an asterisk. All of the projects on this list were proposed by an eligible entity and awarded a TAP grant. DOT&PF and AMATS are not considered eligible entities under federal law and must conduct a competitive process and award project grants to those entities that submit well scoring grant applications. The DOT&PF Program Development website has a page dedicated to the TAP with

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additional resources and information such as selection criteria, FAQ's and contact information.

<http://dot.alaska.gov/stwdplng/atap/>

➤ ***When will the facilities shared services statewide expansion be complete? Provide a timeline of the transition.***

The Division of Facilities Services is utilizing a phased implementation strategy. The proposed timeline is below; the order could change depending on individual department business needs:

- Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) Statewide – January 2018
- Department of Administration (DOA) Statewide – May 2018
- Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) Statewide – May 2018
- Department of Labor and Workforce Development Statewide – September 2018
- Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) Statewide – January 2019
- Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs Statewide – April 2019
- Department of Fish and Game Statewide – August 2019
- Department of Environmental Conservation Statewide – December 2019
- Department of Natural Resources Statewide – March 2020
- Department of Corrections Statewide – June 2020

The Juneau pilot started in March of 2017 and included DOT&PF, DOA, DHSS, and DEED.

➤ ***When was the Columbia propulsion system replacement done and what is the cost savings associated with the replacement?***

The M/V Columbia was accepted for operation from the contractor on June 20, 2014. Fuel savings with the new engines has been between 5 and 9% on an average operational month (weather dependent). Additional savings have been realized due to operating under warranty. Previous machinery/engines were non-supportable when it came to spare parts.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at 465-3906.

Sincerely,


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