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Representative Peggy Wilson  
State Capitol Room 406  
Juneau, AK 99801

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RE: Support of HJR10 & HB123

Dear Representative Wilson,

Most of the current spending on Alaska's transportation program comes from federal sources. Alaska receives significantly more from the Federal Highway Trust Fund than it contributes and the Alaska motor fuel tax of \$.08 per gallon is the lowest in the nation with the average state tax over 0.20.

The outlook for the federal program causes us concern. Many people believe that Alaska's share of the federal "highway trust fund pie" will decrease in the future. Like many, we believe we have got to, as a state, step up and start paying more of the share. There are many strings, rules and regulations attached to a federal dollar that decrease its purchasing power - we can get more accomplished faster with state dollars.

There is strong agreement that the economic benefits derived from the investment in Alaska's transportation infrastructure far exceed the cost of the investment. Considering the vastness of the state, the current transportation infrastructure of Alaska is inadequate and requires continued planning, upgrades, and expenditures to assure the citizens of Alaska are provided with essential services. To realize its potential, Alaska needs a state funded transportation program that is adequately and predictably funded, provides continuity between succeeding administrations, and considers all modes of transportation.

I urge the legislature to pass HJR10 & HB123 to establish a Transportation Infrastructure Fund.

Sincerely,

Pat Harrison  
Pacific Northwest Area Manager