



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**Federal Highway
Administration**

Memorandum

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Subject: **INFORMATION:** National Highway
System Designation of the Knik Arm
Crossing Project

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From: Lucy Garliauskas
Director
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In Reply Refer To: HEPH-20

To: Mr. David Miller
Division Administrator
Juneau, AK

We have reviewed the request by the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, dated August 13, 2010 for the proposed addition of the Knik Arm Crossing Project to the National Highway System (NHS), which will connect to the Port of Anchorage Intermodal Connector. Upon review of the supporting documentation, we concur that the proposed crossing and connection meets the secondary eligibility criteria, as defined under Appendix D of 23 CFR 470, as a significant investment in an intermodal facility. However, since the crossing is not yet built and will not be constructed for three to five years, it cannot be classified as an NHS intermodal connector at this time. It does qualify for addition as an Unbuilt NHS Route. We hereby approve your request and will adjust the NHS as follows:

- Add the proposed 9.8-mile segment of unbuilt facilities to the NHS, from the Port Of Anchorage Intermodal Connector to the Port of MacKenzie.

We will make the appropriate changes to the System and update the NHS maps for the State as stated, and upon notification of completion of construction, we will update the NHS classification from Unbuilt NHS Route to NHS Intermodal Connector. If you have any questions or comments, please call Kevin Adderly at (202) 366-5006.

cc: John Lohrey, AK Division