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The Honorable Cathy Giessel
Chair, Senate Resources Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 121
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Chair Giessel,

The Office of Management and Budget received the following questions during the Senate Resources Committee hearing on Senate Bill (SB) 227 on February 9, 2026. Below are responses to those questions.

1. What percentage of Dalton Highway usage is public vs. industry traffic?

The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) maintains the [Traffic Counts in Alaska](#)¹ website, which provides statistics on public roads in Alaska, including the Dalton Highway.

According to data collected at Mile Post 194 of the Dalton Highway, trucks comprised an average of 44 percent of traffic between 2022 and 2024.

2. What is considered the pipeline corridor? Is it the Dalton Highway? Is that what the 15-cent fee is intended to support?

The intent of the 15-cent fee provision in SB 227 is that the generated revenue would offset unrestricted general funds that are currently used to support Trans-Alaska Pipeline System infrastructure. This includes, but is not limited to, operating budget expenditures for maintenance of the Dalton Highway.

¹ <https://alaskatrafficdata.drakewell.com/publicmultinodemap.asp>

3. What are the estimated costs to repair the Dalton Highway? How does the 15-cent fee factor into this?

The DOT&PF estimates the annual cost of maintaining the Dalton Highway, excluding facilities and capital preventative maintenance work, at \$20 million. The funding for this maintenance is provided through the annual operating budget.

Over the next 10 years, the department projects capital expenditures on the Dalton Highway at \$500 million.

The revenue generated from the proposed 15-cent fee, estimated at \$25 million annually, would offset unrestricted general funds appropriated in the operating budget and be used to maintain the pipeline corridor, as described above.

Please contact my office if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



Lacey Sanders
Director

cc: Jordan Shilling, Director, Governor's Legislative Office