

Dustin Eroh

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Dear House Finance Committee, Representative Neal Foster

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Dustin Eroh, and I am a homeowner in the Sand Lake #2 Subdivision in Anchorage. I am writing to request your urgent support for state funding to bring in critical water and sewer infrastructure to our community. The need for such infrastructure is not just a matter of convenience but of basic public health and safety.

Our subdivision is currently facing severe water and waste management issues that pose a significant risk to the health and well-being of residents. Many homes, including mine, rely on private wells, but the water is problematic due to elevated arsenic levels and other contaminants. Arsenic is a known carcinogen, and the consumption of contaminated water puts the residents, most wells in the area greatly exceed the EPA's PPB (parts Per Billion) limit by double and sometimes triple.

Additionally, the existing septic systems in the area are failing. Replacement is exceedingly costly due to proximity of wells, leading to use of the system beyond their intended lifespan. The lack of proper waste management poses another direct threat to public health and the environment. The combined challenges of unsafe drinking water and inadequate sewage systems demand immediate action from both local and state authorities.

As a resident of the Sand Lake #2 Subdivision, I am deeply concerned for the future of our community. Access to clean drinking water and effective waste management systems are fundamental needs that every Anchorage resident should have. Unfortunately, without state intervention, the ongoing health risks will only continue to escalate.

I strongly urge you to consider this request for state funding to support the development of a reliable water and sewer infrastructure in our subdivision. This investment will not only improve the quality of life for our residents but will also ensure the safety of our community for years to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am happy to discuss this further and provide any additional information you may need. I look forward to your support in addressing this urgent issue.

Sincerely,
Dustin Eroh

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justice for all people"*



Hello,

04/28/2026

My name is Jennifer Skinner, and I'm the Executive Director of St. Vincent de Paul in Juneau. I want to strongly urge you to restore and protect funding for the Homeless Assistance Program in the capital budget process.

Organizations like ours, St. Vincent de Paul, demonstrates every day how targeted housing assistance transforms lives and strengthens communities. We operate transitional housing and permanent supportive housing (among many other services like affordable housing), offering stable homes paired with the support needed for long-term success. In Juneau, these efforts keep hundreds of individuals and families safely housed, reducing the strain on emergency shelters, healthcare, and other public systems.

HAP funds play a similar vital role by preventing increased risk of eviction, displacement, and homelessness. It is important to mention that housing costs are at an alarming all time high. The cost of living in our community is excessive and often leaves those we support in terrible situations, like choosing whether they pay for their phones, rent or food- but not all of them. The consideration of reducing these funds would have serious consequences. Without this support, the progress made by St. Vincent de Paul would be undermined, leaving more people vulnerable. Cutting funding means cutting services, services that are critical to this community.

Stable housing is a crucial foundation for progress in all areas of life. Without housing, families don't stay together, jobs are hard to find and retain, and hope is a fleeting thought overshadowed by daily needs. Hunger takes hold and the choices people are faced with become increasingly more difficult and often lean more towards unacceptable or even criminal.

Picture this- a young couple, newly sober, getting some community support to remain sober but not enough to feed the pregnant momma. The dad-to-be is forced to steal food to provide for his growing family. Many would ask, why not just get a job? Jobs are easier to get when you can wear clean clothes and shower, that comes with housing. Their basic needs superseded next level participation like employment. He had to steal so often that he got trespassed from most grocery stores in town. Where does he go for food and support now? Thankfully, due to funding like HAP, he and his wife ended up on our door step. We were able to house them, feed them, employ them and help them work towards stability. This was six years ago. Now this family has found and maintained affordable housing for 4 years, the parents both work in the community and their two children are thriving. None of this would have been possible without the support of HAP funding.

I humbly petition that you not only prioritize restoring HAP funding but also look for other ways to meet the budgetary needs without impacting social service programs. You see, when funding

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gets tight the first things on the chopping block are social service agencies or the funding that makes their work possible, this only works as a budget adjustment if the state has county systems set up to bear the burden of nonprofits service cuts, which we don't have in our state. Because of the uniqueness of Alaska, it is impossible to think that cutting these lifelines in half would do anything but hurt the already delicate functionality of our social service agencies. We do the work of many with few. We often stretch our dollars beyond the ability to stretch any further. Taking away this essential support would hurt more than our bottom line, it will hurt Alaskans, the very people we are here to uphold.

This investment in our community complements the important work already being done by St. Vincent de Paul and other community partners, ensuring more people can remain in their homes and our communities can continue to thrive.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warm regards,

Jennifer Skinner

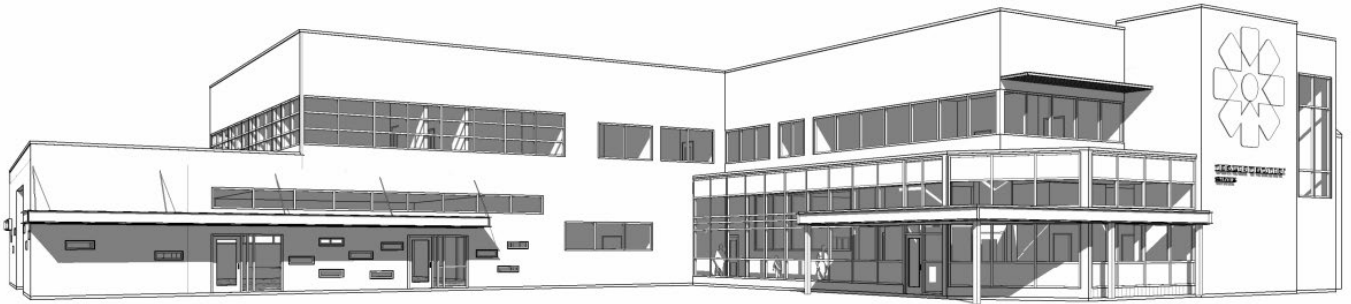
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Denali Family
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FY27 Capital Prospectus

The Wonderland Project



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A Behavioral Health Infrastructure Investment for Alaska's Youth

Executive Summary

Denali Family Services (DFS) is a nonprofit behavioral health organization serving more than 200 youth and families annually across Anchorage and the Mat-Su Valley. For more than 30 years, DFS has delivered community-based, trauma-informed, mental health services to youth experiencing serious emotional disturbance (SED), developmental delays, and behavioral health challenges.

Due to sustained growth — averaging more than **11% year-over-year expansion in services** — DFS has outgrown its current Mat-Su service footprint. The proposed **Wonderland Project** is a 21,700-square-foot, two-story behavioral health facility to be constructed at the corner of W. Nelson Avenue and Lucille Street, near Wonderland Park in Wasilla. The property was purchased by DFS in 2024.

This facility will centralize and expand outpatient therapy for youth and families, therapeutic foster care support, early childhood behavioral health, and psychiatric services under one roof — serving up to 150 youth annually in the Mat-Su Valley alone.

Concept design development began in 2025 with North Form Architects. A full concept design package and cost estimate are nearing completion. Total estimated project cost is projected at approximately **\$13-15 million** (pending final cost analysis).

Now is the time to build.

About Denali Family Services

Denali Family Services (DFS) is one of Alaska’s leading youth behavioral health providers. DFS delivers:

- Therapeutic foster care
- School-based behavioral health services
- Outpatient therapy
- Early childhood mental health intervention
- Wraparound services
- Case management services

DFS primarily serves Medicaid-eligible youth experiencing serious emotional disturbance (SED). The organization relies heavily on Medicaid reimbursement and state funding to support operations.

Unlike adult behavioral health services, pediatric behavioral health infrastructure in the Mat-Su Valley remains limited. DFS’ expansion addresses the growing demand for community-based services to prevent:

- Out-of-home placements
- Residential institutionalization
- Juvenile justice involvement
- Out-of-state treatment placements

DFS is accredited and operates under strict state and federal behavioral health regulations.

Historical Presence in the Mat-Su Valley

DFS has served the Mat-Su Valley for over two decades:

- **2002** – DFS opened its Wasilla location, expanding wraparound services into the Valley.
- **2007** – DFS relocated to its current rented facility on Swanson Avenue.

Since that time, youth behavioral health needs have grown significantly, while facility space has remained static.

Statewide Reach

Although DFS' primary service hubs are in Anchorage and Wasilla, **clients come from across Alaska**, from Fairbanks to Bethel, Kotzebue to Ketchikan.

Youth referred from outside Anchorage and the Mat-Su Valley are often:

- In **State custody** and in need of intensive community-based treatment not available in rural communities, or
- Stepping down from **acute hospitalization or long-term residential treatment**, requiring structured community-based stabilization prior to returning home.

Without adequate facility space in the Mat-Su, youth may remain in higher levels of care longer than clinically necessary — increasing costs to the State and disrupting family reintegration.

The Need

Community Barriers in the Mat-Su Valley

The Mat-Su Valley is one of the fastest-growing regions in Alaska. However, behavioral health infrastructure for children and youth has not kept pace with population growth.

According to the *2025 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) for the Mat-Su Borough*, behavioral health needs for youth in the Mat-Su Valley are on the rise, with 23% of households reporting concerns — representing nearly a threefold increase in less than a decade. **Here are the barriers in the Mat-Su:**

- Wait times for behavioral health care can exceed **six months**, particularly for Medicaid recipients.
 - **Provider shortages** continue to strain the system
 - Families report **barriers to housing, transportation, childcare, and behavioral health services**.
 - **Limited indoor community spaces** contribute to isolation during long winter months.
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Continued DFS Growth

DFS currently serves **nearly 80 youth at its Wasilla location** with an **average 11% year-over-year growth rate** in services. Demand continues to rise as more youth are referred to outpatient therapy, psychiatric services, therapeutic foster care, and stabilization support.

DFS' Wasilla team now consists of **24 staff members operating out of a rented facility on Swanson Avenue**. The facility has reached full capacity and cannot accommodate additional clinicians, supervisors, or support staff.

The proposed Wonderland Project facility would allow DFS to expand staffing capacity to **up to 40 employees** and serve **up to 150 youth and teens**, ensuring ample room for continued service growth and reduced wait times.

DFS Service Growth Data

DFS' Mat-Su growth trends demonstrate sustained and accelerating need:

- **FY23:** 69 youth served in the Mat-Su Valley (9% increase from FY22)
- **FY24:** 79 youth served in the Mat-Su Valley (14% increase from FY23)
- **FY25:** 69 youth served in the Mat-Su Valley (growth stalled due to capacity)
- Current annual service volume: **75–85 youth**

Nearly half of youth served by DFS in the Mat-Su begin their care journey through admission into our therapeutic foster homes, making this program the primary entry point into comprehensive behavioral health treatment. However, limited clinical staffing in the Mat-Su restricts access to outpatient and wraparound services, constraining the program's ability to grow and serve more children in need:

- **FY24:** 34 youth were placed into 16 therapeutic foster homes in the Mat-Su
- **FY25:** 40 youth were placed into 14 therapeutic foster homes in the Mat-Su
- These youth represented **43% of all youth served by DFS in the Mat-Su Valley**

Expansion strains DFS' current infrastructure and administrative capacity.

Capacity Constraints

Between June and December 2025, DFS was **unable to accept nearly ten intake referrals a week from the Mat-Su Valley**, due to either program **capacity limits** or the **inability to secure an appropriate foster home** match — both of which reflect overall system capacity constraints.

The current Swanson Avenue facility:

- Is fully occupied by 24 staff
- Lacks sufficient therapy and sensory rooms for continued clinician growth
- Limits psychiatric expansion
- Restricts early childhood program growth
- Reduces efficiency of multidisciplinary collaboration

Without expansion, DFS risks:

- Extended waitlists
 - Staff burnout
 - Inability to meet state custody stabilization needs
 - Lost opportunity to prevent out-of-home placements
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Why Wonderland Is Necessary

The Wonderland Project is not merely an expansion — it is an infrastructure correction aligned with two decades of growth.

A purpose-built, 21,700-square-foot behavioral health facility will:

- Eliminate capacity bottlenecks
- Increase access to early intervention
- Expand therapeutic foster care infrastructure
- Support youth stepping down from institutional settings
- Stabilize families sooner and more effectively

Demand is here.

Staff are here.

Community need is here.

What is missing is the building.

Description of the Wonderland Project

The Wonderland Project will establish a purpose-built, two-story, 21,700-square-foot behavioral health facility in the Mat-Su Valley.



Planned Facility Features

- Individual and family therapy offices
- Early childhood therapy suites
- Group therapy rooms
- Psychiatric evaluation offices
- Therapeutic foster care support offices
- Supervised visitation rooms
- Training and community meeting space
- Staff offices and administrative support areas

This centralized facility will:

- Increase access to care
- Reduce fragmentation of services
- Improve collaboration between clinicians
- Support integrated, trauma-informed care

Projected service impact: **150+ youth annually**, with room for continued growth.

Project Phases & Costs

(Estimates pending final North Form cost analysis)

Phase I: Planning & Design (FY26–FY27)

- Concept Design Package – Completed
- Cost Estimation – In Progress
- Marketing Renderings – In Progress
- **Estimated Phase I Cost: ~\$1.2 million**

Phase II: Construction (FY27–FY28)

- 21,700-square-foot two-story facility
- Sitework and utilities
- Parking and access improvements
- **Estimated Phase II Cost: ~\$11–13 million**

Phase III: Interior Build-Out & Launch (FY28)

- Furnishings
- Technology infrastructure
- Security systems
- Clinical equipment
- **Estimated Phase III Cost: ~\$1–2 million**

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$13-15 million

(Final cost will be confirmed upon completion of full construction estimates.)

Fundraising Strategy

The Wonderland Project will be funded through a strategic four-tiered capital approach, designed to leverage public investment, private philanthropy, and community support.

Tier I: Federal Appropriations

DFS will pursue \$3 million in community project funding through U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski's appropriation process. Federal support will help offset major construction costs and demonstrate national investment in Alaska's youth behavioral health infrastructure.

Tier II: State Capital Request

DFS is seeking a \$2.8 million in FY27 capital appropriations from the Alaska Legislature to support construction of the Wonderland Project. State investment is critical in strengthening Alaska's community-based behavioral health system and reducing reliance on higher-cost institutional placements.

Tier III: Foundation Support

DFS will pursue major capital investments from key philanthropic partners, including:

- Mat-Su Health Foundation
- Rasmuson Foundation
- Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
- Carr Foundation & Anne E. Casey Foundation

Foundation support will help close capital gaps and may be leveraged to match public funding.

Tier IV: Corporate & Community Campaign

DFS will launch a community-based capital campaign that includes:

- Major donor cultivation
- Corporate sponsorships
- Naming opportunities
- Business partnerships
- Community fundraising events

This tier ensures that the Wonderland Project is not only publicly funded, but community owned.

DFS maintains stable Medicaid revenue and sustainable financial operations. Debt financing may be leveraged strategically once capital commitments are secured.

Organizational Financial Stability

DFS is a financially stable nonprofit organization operating primarily through Medicaid reimbursement and state behavioral health contracts.

While Medicaid supports delivery service, it does **not** fund capital infrastructure. Therefore, capital investment from public and private partners is essential.

DFS has demonstrated:

- Responsible fiscal management
- Program growth aligned with demand
- Successful grant acquisition history
- Strong community partnerships

Implementation Timeline

Design Concept Completion – Early 2026

Capital Campaign Launch – March 2026

State Legislative Advocacy – 2026 Session

Planning & Design Completion: Early 2027

Foundation & Funder Advocacy: Spring 2027

Construction Begins: May 2027

Groundbreaking – Fall 2028 (pending full funding)

Project Completion – Fall/Winter 2028

(Timeline is dependent upon capital funding acquisition)

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With 30 years of service to Alaska’s children and families, Denali Family Services has grown alongside the communities it serves.

Now is the time to build.

Questions?

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February 24, 2026

Dear Prospective Funders and Community Partners,

On behalf of the Alaska Behavioral Health Association (ABHA), we are pleased to offer our strong support for the Wonderland Project, an initiative of Denali Family Services designed to expand youth behavioral health services in the Mat-Su Valley and strengthen Alaska's community-based system of care.

Across Alaska, behavioral health providers are facing unprecedented demand for youth services. In the Mat-Su Valley, the 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment reports that 23% of households express concerns about youth behavioral health—a nearly threefold increase in less than a decade. This data reflects statewide trends that ABHA members see daily: increasing rates of anxiety, depression, trauma-related disorders, substance use risk, and neurodevelopmental diagnoses among children and adolescents. As a statewide association representing behavioral health providers, we recognize the urgent need to expand capacity in regions experiencing rapid population growth, including the Mat-Su.

Denali Family Services currently serves 70 to 80 youth in its Wasilla location and has experienced approximately 22% growth year over year. Operating at full capacity in its rented Swanson Avenue facility, 24 staff members deliver therapeutic foster care, outpatient treatment, and wraparound services. Space constraints have already resulted in denied intakes due to capacity limitations. Nearly half of the youth served in the Mat-Su begin their journey through therapeutic foster care placements, where trauma-informed homes provide stability and treatment foundations. However, limited clinical and program space restricts the organization's ability to scale outpatient and community-based supports—services that are critical to keeping youth in their communities and reducing reliance on higher levels of care.

The proposed 19,600-square-foot, two-story Wonderland facility will allow Denali Family Services to expand from 24 to up to 40 staff and increase service capacity to more than 150 youth annually. This expansion will meaningfully strengthen the region's behavioral health continuum, improve access to timely and appropriate care, and reduce costly out-of-region placements. From a systems perspective, this project aligns with statewide efforts to enhance early intervention, trauma-informed care, workforce development, and community-based service delivery.

As one of the few agencies in the state offering Therapeutic Treatment Homes, it is essential that ABHA and key decision-makers continue to support the critical services provided by Denali Family Services. The clinical care, school-based programs, and community engagement initiatives DFS delivers to youth and families serve as model programs, demonstrating meaningful success in treatment, intervention, and prevention. Alaskans benefit significantly from the work of DFS providers, and supporters can be confident that their funding is used responsibly and produces strong, measurable outcomes.

ABHA deeply appreciates community partners like Denali Family Services who are dedicated to serving youth and families. Its efforts are both vital and transformative for the people it supports. We are confident that investing in its mission and this project will generate meaningful, lasting benefits for the entire Mat-Su Valley community. ABHA strongly encourages public, private, and philanthropic partners to invest in the Wonderland Project. Strategic investment in youth behavioral health infrastructure is essential to building a resilient, effective, and sustainable system of care for Alaska's children and families.

Thank you for your commitment to advancing behavioral health in Alaska and for considering support of this important initiative.

Sincerely,



Dr. Victoria Kildal, CEO
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February 23, 2026

Senator Lisa Murkowski
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RE: Denali Family Services FY27 Capital Initiative, *Wonderland Project*

Dear Senator Murkowski,

On behalf of the Mat-Sus Borough, we offer our strong support for Denali Family Services' (DFS) FY27 capital request for the *Wonderland Project*, a proposed 21,700-square-foot behavioral health facility in Wasilla near Wonderland Park.

For more than 20 years, DFS has provided critical services to youth and families in the Mat-Su Valley. The organization currently serves 75 to 85 youth annually in the Valley and has experienced steady growth of approximately 11 percent each year. Its existing rented facility on Swanson Avenue is at full capacity, limiting expansion despite increasing demand. Between June and December 2025 alone, DFS was unable to accept 46 referrals from the Valley due to space and placement constraints.

The 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment identified rising behavioral health concerns among local households, reinforcing the need for expanded services. The *Wonderland Project* will consolidate and expand outpatient therapy, early childhood mental health services, therapeutic foster care support, psychiatric care, and supervised visitation. The new facility is expected to serve more than 150 youth annually, with capacity for continued growth.

This project represents a strategic, long-term investment in local behavioral health infrastructure. Expanding services close to home will help stabilize youth, strengthen families, and reduce reliance on higher-cost institutional placements.

We respectfully encourage favorable consideration of DFS's federal and state capital funding requests and appreciate your support of this important initiative.

Sincerely,

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Edna DeVries
Mayor
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Michael Brown
Borough Manager
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February 25, 2026

Dear Community Partners and Prospective Funders,

The Mat-Su Health Foundation is pleased to offer its strong support for the Wonderland Project, an initiative of Denali Family Services that will significantly expand youth behavioral health services in the Mat-Su Valley. Improving access to behavioral health care for children and adolescents is central to our mission of improving the health and wellness of Mat-Su residents, and the need for expanded capacity in this area has never been more urgent.

The 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment for the Mat-Su Borough reports that 23% of households express concerns about youth behavioral health—a nearly threefold increase in less than a decade. These findings align with what we hear from families, schools, providers, and community partners across the Valley: youth are experiencing increasing levels of anxiety, depression, trauma exposure, and neurodevelopmental challenges, and the system’s capacity to respond is strained. Denali Family Services currently serves 70 to 80 youth in its Wasilla location and has experienced approximately 22% growth year over year. The organization operates at full capacity in its rented Swanson Avenue facility, with 24 staff working in space that no longer supports continued growth. Intake denials due to capacity limitations highlight the urgent need for expansion.

Nearly half of Denali Family Services’ Mat-Su youth begin services through therapeutic foster care placements, where trauma-informed homes provide a critical foundation for stabilization and healing. However, limited physical space and staffing capacity restrict the organization’s ability to expand outpatient, wraparound, and community-based services that allow youth to remain close to family and local supports. The proposed 19,600-square-foot, two-story Wonderland facility will increase staffing capacity from 24 to up to 40 team members and expand services to more than 150 youth annually—substantially strengthening the region’s behavioral health infrastructure.

The Wonderland Project represents a strategic investment in prevention, early intervention, and long-term community well-being. By increasing local access to high-quality behavioral health services, the project will reduce reliance on higher-cost and out-of-region placements, support family stability, improve educational and social outcomes, and strengthen the overall health system in the Mat-Su Valley.

We encourage philanthropic, corporate, and public partners to consider supporting this important initiative. Collaborative investment in youth behavioral health today will yield lasting benefits for families, schools, and the broader community tomorrow.

Sincerely,

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Vandana Ingle
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Representative Jubilee Underwood

House District 27

March 27, 2026

Letter of Support for the Wonderland Project

Dear Denali Family Services,

A few members of the Mat-Su Delegation are pleased to offer our strong support for the Wonderland Project, an initiative to expand outpatient youth behavioral health services in the Mat-Su Valley and strengthen Alaska's community-based system of care.

Behavioral health providers across Alaska are experiencing unprecedented demand. The 2025 Mat-Su Community Health Needs Assessment reports that 23 percent of households have concerns about youth behavioral health, nearly triple the rate from less than a decade ago. Rising rates of anxiety, depression, trauma-related disorders, substance use risk, and neurodevelopmental diagnoses highlight the urgent need to expand capacity in our rapidly growing region.

Denali Family Services currently serves 70 to 80 youth annually at its Wasilla location and has experienced approximately 22 percent year-over-year growth. Operating at full capacity in its rented Swanson Avenue facility, 24 staff members deliver therapeutic foster care, outpatient treatment, and wraparound services. Space constraints have already resulted in denied intakes.

The proposed 21,700 square foot, two-story Wonderland facility at Nelson Avenue and Lucille Street, with an estimated cost of 15 million dollars, will allow expansion to 40 staff and increase service capacity to more than 150 youth annually. The new facility will also provide dedicated, year-round space designed to support youth and teens.

This project will strengthen the Mat-Su behavioral health continuum, improve timely access to care, and reduce costly out-of-region placements. Strategic investment in youth behavioral health infrastructure is essential to building a resilient and sustainable system of care for Alaska's children and families.

Respectfully,

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Representative Jubilee Underwood

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Representative Elexie Moore

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Senator Rob Yundt

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Representative Garret Nelson

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April 16, 2026

Representatives Edgmon, Foster, and Johnson
House Finance Committee
The Alaska State Legislature

Dear Representatives Edgmon, Foster and Johnson:

My name is Dr. David Moxley, and I am a long standing board member with Denali Family Services (DFS). I am writing to respectfully ask for your support in including DFS' *Wonderland Project* in the FY27 capital budget. This project will fund the construction of a new outpatient behavioral health facility in Wasilla, expanding access to critical services for youth and families across the Mat-Su Valley and beyond. Currently, DFS is at capacity because of space limitations negatively affecting staffing in Wasilla. DFS has had to turn away young people in need due to limited space and staffing constraints. The Wonderland Project is critical to the advancement of behavioral health services in Wasilla and the valley, so they are accessible for young people and their families. As indicated by its name, DFS is a family-centric behavioral health organization integrating psychiatric care, social services, mental health care, and supportive educational options for young people and their families. DFS offers accredited, licensed, and certified behavioral health services designed to promote the health, development, and functioning of youth in their communities and the schools serving them.

The Wonderland Project will allow DFS to double in size and serve more than 150 youth annually, many of whom are experiencing complex behavioral health challenges. Without access to these services locally, youth are often placed outside of their communities or in more intensive and costly levels of care.

This investment is not only important for Mat-Su families—it is a statewide solution that helps reduce strain on Alaska's behavioral health system, lowers long-term costs, and keeps youth connected to their support networks.

I respectfully ask that you include the \$2.8 million CAPSIS request for the Wonderland Project in the FY27 capital budget. This investment will leverage local growth in employment including the addition of staff working in Wasilla but also impacting positively the employment and productivity of family members whose children and youth receive care.

Thank you for your time, your service to Alaska, and your commitment to supporting youth and families.

Sincerely,

David Moxley



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Housing Assistance Program (HAP) Budget Need Capital Budget

HAP is funded through the Alaska Mental Health Trust and appears in the Capital budget under the Department of Revenue, MH Trust: Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, Homeless Assistance Program. HAP is currently funded at \$10,100.0. In the FY27 Governor's budget a combination of general and MHTAAR funds support HAP at a 50% reduced cost of only \$5 million.

We support restoring the funding to the FY26 level to maintain flat-funding at 10,100.0 to keep these life-saving programs operating.

The most common uses for HAP are emergency shelter operations, homeless prevention and crisis line support. Victim services providers in Anchorage, Bethel, Cordova, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kenai, the Mat-Su, Prince of Wales and Unalaska use these funds to help victims experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

The funds can be used for shelter, rent deposits, 6 or 12 months of rental assistance, operational costs, IT infrastructure, food cards, utilities, items it might take to keep the person housed.

Flexibility in use and stabilization in keeping a person housed are key terms for HAP.

The Next Generation Stabilization Program (NSG) projects move individuals from homelessness to permanent housing in off-road communities. The goal is to get people out of unsafe environments, out of shelters, and off of the street into stabilized housing. NGS projects work with program participants to provide stability assistance, moving expenses, and 6-12 months of rental assistance.

Projects are in Bethel, Cordova, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Nome, Prince of Wales, and Sitka.

Key Features of the Program:

- **Target Population:** Individuals experiencing literal homelessness (sleeping in tents, cars, or shelters) or fleeing violence.
- **Services Provided:** Rapid rehousing, rental deposits, up to 12 months of rental assistance, and case management.
- **Focus Areas:** Rural, off-road, and small communities (population < 10,000).
- **Sustainability:** Provides a "bridge" to long-term housing solutions rather than just temporary shelter.

- **Long-Term Stability:** Aims to prevent the "revolving door" of homelessness by addressing the root causes and providing lasting support.
- **Preventing Further Crisis:** The program often links with other services to prevent, for instance, child welfare system involvement, by promoting stability

Thank you for your consideration of this request as you maneuver through the Capital budget. We appreciate the work y'all are doing to support victims services throughout the array of necessary services needed to ensure safety and the best possible outcomes for victims/survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Member Programs

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April 28, 2026

House Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 305
Juneau, AK 99801
House.Finance@akleg.gov

Subject: Concerns about CSSB 214(FIN) proposed \$95M for West Susitna Access Road

Dear Co-Chairs Foster, Josephson, and Schrage and Members of the Committee:

The Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance (Alliance) is a statewide nonprofit organization chartered to promote, protect, and preserve the Iditarod National Historic Trail. The Alliance is a consulting party to the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the West Susitna Access Road project administered by the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF).

The Alliance submits these comments regarding the \$94,972,680 appropriation for West Susitna Access Road [Stage 2] in CSSB 214(FIN). We request that the Committee defer action on this appropriation pending completion of the federal Environmental Assessment (NEPA) and execution of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement, including finalization of all treatment and mitigation appendices.

Premature appropriation during incomplete federal review

This appropriation advances a major capital commitment while core federal review processes remain incomplete. The Draft Environmental Assessment has not been released for public comment under NEPA requirements (42 U.S.C. § 4332; 40 CFR Parts 1500–1508). The Section 106 PA, while currently available in draft form for public review, defers substantive treatment measures and mitigation commitments to appendices that are not yet finalized and haven't been fully reviewed by consulting parties.

Under NEPA and its implementing regulations, agencies must avoid actions that would limit the consideration of a reasonable range of alternatives prior to completion of environmental review (40 CFR § 1506.1). Similarly, Section 106 implementing regulations require that effects determinations and mitigation commitments be developed through a completed consultation process before final agency decision-making (36 CFR Part 800).

Fragmentation of project analysis and cumulative impact concerns

The current planning framework treats impacts in a segmented, site-specific manner rather than as a unified system.

This is particularly significant given the broader planned corridor context:

- Approximately 22 miles of DOT&PF-funded road segment under this phase
- The draft PA for the above proposes treating discrete historic properties and crossings individually, while deferring broader treatment of the Iditarod National Historic Trail (INHT) system-level impacts
- ~78 additional miles of proposed extension associated with AIDEA planning concepts and related access proposals
- Multiple known and potential secondary access routes to mining claims and private developments in the region

Federal NEPA practice emphasizes the importance of evaluating “connected actions” and “cumulative impacts” (40 CFR § 1508.1(g), (c)). Without a clear integrated analysis of the full corridor system, impacts to the INHT risk being assessed in isolation rather than as part of a larger, continuous development footprint affecting trail integrity, use patterns, and landscape setting.

Under-considered impacts to the Iditarod National Historic Trail system

The proposed alignment intersects multiple winter-use trail systems in the Knik–Susitna region, including historically documented and actively used mushing routes that contribute to functional loop systems used by recreational and subsistence users.

At least three crossings of the INHT easement are anticipated within the 22-mile DOT&PF segment. However, design details addressing safe interaction between trail users and road traffic—particularly between dogsleds and freight traffic—have not been made available for public review. In the absence of such designs, it is not possible to evaluate whether proposed crossings will adequately protect trail users or maintain functional trail continuity.

The mapped INHT easement represents only one component of a broader, interconnected trail network that currently distributes use across multiple routes. This system allows for informal separation of motorized and non-motorized users and supports a range of travel options including recreation loops of various lengths. Consolidating crossings to a limited number of locations risks concentrating users onto a single route, disrupting established travel patterns and affecting both recreational and subsistence use. Project design should

account for existing use patterns and ensure safe winter crossings, uninterrupted connectivity, and continued usability of the broader trail system.

More broadly, the INHT is designated as a historic trail system for its cultural landscape and wilderness travel character, not solely for discrete crossing points. Under the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306108), effects to historic properties include consideration of setting, feeling, and association—not only physical footprint. Evaluating crossings as isolated sites does not fully address cumulative and indirect impacts to the trail’s historic integrity and user experience. How will the State assess and mitigate the introduction of a permanent road corridor into previously roadless terrain, including the resulting loss of wilderness character, increased noise, expanded viewshed intrusion, and the overall reduction of remote trail experience that defines the INHT?

Lack of capacity for stated recreation purpose

Public materials describe recreation access as part of the project justification. However, long-term recreation functionality depends on sustained operational funding, enforcement, and maintenance capacity.

Comparable state-managed recreational corridors, remote highways, and park systems in Alaska experience constrained maintenance and staffing resources relative to demand, particularly for remote infrastructure. The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, for example, has repeatedly documented deferred maintenance and staffing limitations. The proposed Susitna River crossing would be approximately a two-hour drive from Anchorage; this level of accessibility underscores the need for clearly defined enforcement capacity and sustained infrastructure maintenance in both summer and winter.

Considering that recreation use is a stated project purpose, the Committee should consider whether ongoing operational funding, enforcement, and trail management resources are identified and secured, or whether those obligations will remain unfunded and shift over time to existing under-resourced agencies.

Closing

The Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance remains committed to engaging constructively in transportation planning and capital budgeting processes affecting the Iditarod National Historic Trail. The Alliance’s concern is that authorization of a major capital appropriation for a project still undergoing NEPA review and Section 106 consultation risks advancing funding ahead of finalized determinations regarding impacts to the historic trail system and the adequacy of mitigation measures.

The Alliance is also concerned that impacts to other resource areas have not yet been fully evaluated, including cultural and archaeological resources beyond the INHT, natural systems, subsistence uses, and socio-economic conditions in the region. In this context, the INHT should be understood as one component of a broader, still-developing environmental review record that has not yet fully assessed the project's cumulative and indirect effects.

We respectfully request that the Committee defer action on the \$94,972,680 appropriation until the federal Environmental Assessment is complete, the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement is finalized with fully developed treatment and mitigation appendices, and the public has had an opportunity to review the project under a complete and stable description of scope, impacts, and proposed mitigation.

The Alliance remains an interested party to the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement as a consulting party and an interested stakeholder in the ongoing NEPA process for the West Susitna Access Road project. Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Betsi Oliver

Executive Director

Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance

executivedirector@iditarodhistorictail.org

From: Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance <iditarodhta@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 1:53 PM
To: House Finance
Cc: Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Calvin Schrage; Rep. Alyse Galvin; Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Nellie Jimmie; Rep. Will Stapp; Rep. Frank Tomaszewski; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Elexie Moore; Rep. Jeremy Bynum
Subject: Comment for CSSB214(FIN) -- Impacts of West Susitna Access Road are not yet understood or addressed
Attachments: IHTA public comment SB214 4.28.2026.pdf

Dear Co-Chairs Foster, Josephson, and Schrage and Members of the Committee,

Please find attached the Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance's public comment on CSSB 214(FIN) regarding the proposed \$94,972,680 appropriation for West Susitna Access Road [Stage 2].

Our comment specifically highlights concerns about **unaddressed impacts to Iditarod Trail, both as a historic property of significance and as part of an active multi-use trail system.**

We respectfully request that the Committee **defer action on the \$94,972,680 appropriation** until the federal Environmental Assessment is complete, the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement is finalized with fully developed treatment and mitigation appendices, and the public has had an opportunity to review the project under a complete and stable description of scope, impacts, and proposed mitigation.

In brief:

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- NEPA Environmental Assessment has not yet been released for public comment
- Section 106 Programmatic Agreement remains incomplete, with key mitigation measures deferred to unfinished appendices
- The project's impact must be assessed inclusive of development beyond the initial DOT&PF segment
- Impacts to the Iditarod National Historic Trail remain unresolved
 - Multiple crossings without publicly available design details and
 - Incomplete assessment of effects to trail system integrity and character
- Concerns that proposed 'recreation access' lacks long-term enforcement and maintenance capacity

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would welcome the opportunity to provide any additional information.

Respectfully,

Betsi Oliver
Executive Director

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From: M. Lynn Crane <usafved@arctic.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 1:38 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please Restore Homeless Assistance Program funding in Capital Budget

Importance: High

Dear House Finance Committee Members:

For many years, Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence (USAFV) has received funding through the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Homeless Assistance Program (AHFC HAP) which has enabled us to support people in securing or retaining safe housing, and to provide emergency shelter at USAFV or elsewhere for those who have no safe place to go.

USAFV typically receives one of the smaller grants from AHFC – usually less than \$40,000 - but in the last eleven years, these HAP funds have enabled USAFV to assist 53 unique households, consisting of 62 adults and 53 children, in securing or retaining safe, affordable housing by assisting with past due rent or utilities, or with move-in costs such as security deposits or first month's rent.

In the same period, the HAP funds have also allowed USAFV to provide safe temporary shelter at facilities other than the USAFV shelter to people who were homeless or stranded to about 56 individuals.

Finally, these funds have helped to pay USAFV's Shelter Advocate and other Direct Service staff salaries and provide safe shelter here at USAFV, as well as other vital services, to women and children who have survived domestic or sexual violence or other crimes, or who are homeless for other reasons. The numbers I quoted above DO NOT INCLUDE all those we have housed at USAFV over the last eleven years using AHFC funding.

Receipt of these funds have helped to make our community and region safer for all of us, and the AHFC HAP funds save lives throughout the state of Alaska. HAP funds play critical role in keeping people safely housed. Without this support, many individuals and families face increased risk of eviction, displacement, and homelessness. At a time when housing costs remain high and many are still recovering financially, cutting or reducing these funds would have serious consequences for our communities.

Stable housing is the foundation for health, education and economic opportunity. When people have a safe place to live, communities are stronger, and public systems face less strain.

Governor Dunleavy's Capital budget proposes a 50% cut to this funding, but the House Finance Committee can and MUST restore it. Please do so!

~ Lynn (she/her/hers)

!!! TRUST WOMEN !!!

M. Lynn Crane, Executive Director

Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence (USAFV)

USAFV Mission Statement: Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence provides safety, education, and advocacy services to empower people and create a culture of nonviolence and respect. USAFV is located on the traditional land of the Unangan people, and we strive to honor our elders, both past and present.

If you need to talk with someone, you can call USAFV anytime at 907-581-1500. You can also text USAFV from 8 am to 11 pm daily at 359-1500 or 907-359-1500. You are not alone!

USAFV ~ PO Box 36 ~ Unalaska, AK 99685

Office 907-581-3310 ~ Fax 907-581-4568 ~ 24-Hour Crisis Line 907-581-1500

Toll-Free 24-Hour Crisis Line 1-800-478-7238 ~ Crisis Text Line (8 am to 11 pm daily) 907-359-1500

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Pamela Weaver
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 10:55 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I value the West Susitna region's public lands and pristine waters that support abundant fish and wildlife resources, fishing, hunting and recreational opportunities, and a robust existing tourism-based economy. The proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road threatens those values and is yet another ill-conceived project and a waste of state funds.

The \$95 million should not be spent on the beginnings of a road that supports foreign mining companies and destroys the livelihoods of hundreds if not thousands of local peoples. This proposed road would further put the state on the hook for millions more in the future. This is pure folly. Our state cannot afford this. The \$95 million would be better spent on our existing roads that are already crumbling and buckling due to melting permafrost. This proposed road crosses at least 85 salmon streams and would imperil this world renowned resource. All for the benefit of foreign companies!? NO!!! it would also jeopardize subsistence resources and hunting and guiding in the area. Please do not even begin to go down this road (pun intended!).

Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget

Sincerely,
Ms Pamela Weaver

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Mary Martin
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 10:38 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I value the West Susitna region's public lands and pristine waters that support abundant fish and wildlife resources, fishing, hunting and recreational opportunities, and a robust existing tourism-based economy. The proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road threatens those values and is yet another ill-conceived project and a waste of state funds.

Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget

Sincerely,
Ms. Mary Martin
Juneau, AK 99801-9137
[REDACTED]

From: Felicia Riedel [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 9:43 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Public Testimony on SB 214 — Remove West Susitna Access Road Funding

Dear House Finance Committee,

My name is Felicia Riedel and I live in Kenny Lake. I am writing to ask you to remove the \$94.97 million appropriation for West Susitna Access Road Stage 2 from SB 214.

We live in rural AK, in Kenny Lake, and have since we left my family's Fairbanks homestead in 1977. We count on fish, moose, a big garden, caribou, and sometimes sheep to fill our freezers and can empathize with W. Susitna folks who fear this encroachment will mess things up for them.

I also feel that we as a State have wasted too much money on Big Projects and not on what people need for day to day: the big one is health care, since we're from an area that lost its hospital/has no doctor and now have to drive 2 hours across the pass to Valdez or a minimum of 4 hours to Anchorage/5 hours to Fairbanks. We are lucky to have 2 clinics, but not having a doctor makes it rough.

My specific concerns include:

- The Department of Transportation has publicly acknowledged it does not have enough state match funding to draw down all the federal money Alaska is entitled to. Every dollar of state match committed to this project is a dollar that cannot be used to draw down federal funding for projects Alaskans use every day.
- At \$94.97 million, this single phase ranks as the fourth-largest line item in Alaska's entire \$1.17 billion Surface Transportation Program for FY27. It is 2.6 times larger than the Knik-Goose Bay Road Reconstruction project that Mat-Su residents have been requesting for over a decade, 5.2 times larger than the entire statewide Dalton Highway Preservation Program, and 20 times larger than the statewide bridge inspection program.
- The cost of this project has been adjusted multiple times since the public last had a formal opportunity to comment in early 2025. The Department of Transportation said it would open a new State Transportation Plan amendment for public comment on February 14, 2026 and that date passed more than two months ago without any public release. The public has not had a meaningful chance to comment on the current cost or scope.
- The State Transportation Improvement Plan currently programs \$89.59 million in total for the entire West Susitna Access Road project across both project numbers combined. The Stage 2 appropriation alone in SB 214, at \$94.97 million, exceeds that total. The Legislature is being asked to commit more public money to one phase than the federally-approved plan currently programs for the whole road.
- The federal Environmental Assessment for this project is not complete. The federal Section 404 wetlands permit from the Army Corps of Engineers has not been issued. The state is being asked to commit nearly \$100 million before federal environmental review is finished and before federal permits are in hand.
- The project has been described in many different ways since it first appeared in 2023, including as an industrial corridor, a public recreation road, a single project, and now as a parent-child split between two project numbers. The cost has been programmed at \$82.5 million for 15 miles, then \$76 million for 22

miles in two project numbers, then walked back up through multiple amendments and modifications. Following this project as a member of the public has been extraordinarily difficult.

Please vote to remove or hold this appropriation until the federal environmental review is complete and the public has had a meaningful chance to comment on the current cost and scope.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Felicia Riedel
Kenny Lake

From: Aubrey Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 9:29 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Public Testimony on SB 214 — Remove West Susitna Access Road Funding

Dear House Finance Committee,

My name is Aubrey Smith and I live in [your community]. I am writing to ask you to remove the \$94.97 million appropriation for West Susitna Access Road Stage 2 from SB 214.

My husband and I enjoy Hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, skiing in the Suzette Valley. We highly value this area and it's natural resources.

My specific concerns include:

- The Department of Transportation has publicly acknowledged it does not have enough state match funding to draw down all the federal money Alaska is entitled to. Every dollar of state match committed to this project is a dollar that cannot be used to draw down federal funding for projects Alaskans use every day.
- The federal Environmental Assessment for this project is not complete. The federal Section 404 wetlands permit from the Army Corps of Engineers has not been issued. The state is being asked to commit nearly \$100 million before federal environmental review is finished and before federal permits are in hand.
- This road would change the character of an area Alaskans have used for generations for hunting, fishing, subsistence, and traditional recreation. A funding decision of this scale should not be made before the public has had a meaningful opportunity to weigh in on what this project will actually do and what it will affect.

Please vote to remove or hold this appropriation until the federal environmental review is complete and the public has had a meaningful chance to comment on the current cost and scope.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Aubrey Smith

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Fred Rocks
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 9:20 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I value the West Susitna region's public lands and pristine waters that support abundant fish and wildlife resources, fishing, hunting and recreational opportunities, and a robust existing tourism-based economy. The proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road threatens those values and is yet another ill-conceived project and a waste of state funds.

I would rather see those millions of dollars used for a wildlife overpass on the Parks Highway! Down towards Anchorage where so many of the moose are killed!! That causes \$millions of dollars in all types of damage!

Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget

Sincerely,
Mr. Fred Rocks
Fairbanks, AK 99709
[REDACTED]

From: Ralph [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 9:11 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Public Testimony on SB 214 — Remove West Susitna Access Road Funding

Dear House Finance Committee,

I am a resident of Alaska for 47 years now and I live in Wasilla.

Please remove the \$94.97 million appropriation for West Susitna Access Road Stage 2 from SB 214.

My specific concerns include:

- The federal Environmental Assessment for this project is not complete. The federal Section 404 wetlands permit from the Army Corps of Engineers has not been issued. The state is being asked to commit nearly \$100 million before federal environmental review is finished and before federal permits are in hand.
- This road would change the character of an area Alaskans have used for generations for hunting, fishing, subsistence, and traditional recreation. A funding decision of this scale should not be made before the public has had a meaningful opportunity to weigh in on what this project will actually do and what it will affect.
- The push to monetize resource extraction at the expense of unique natural and wild landscape highly valued by a vast majority of Alaskans is ill-conceived. Slow the roll, have more transparency and enable more public input.

Please vote to remove or hold this appropriation until the federal environmental review is complete and the public has had a meaningful chance to comment on the current cost and scope.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ralph Baldwin

From: Zach Blumner [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 8:21 AM
To: House Finance; Rep. Alyse Galvin; Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Elexie Moore; Rep. Nellie Jimmie
Subject: SB 214 public input

Dear House Finance Committee,

My name is Zach Blumner and I live in Talkeetna. I am writing to ask you to remove the \$94.97 million appropriation for West Susitna Access Road Stage 2 from SB 214.

It's time for Alaska to end the cycle of resource exploitation and destruction of our natural areas for outside interests. The West Susitna region should remain roadless for future generations of Alaskans. Let's be stewards of these pristine and majestic lands, not the enablers of the latest development scheme.

My specific concerns include:

Insufficient public input during the process.

- Major transportation projects programmed for FY27 in the federally-approved State Transportation Improvement Plan are not itemized in SB 214, including \$115 million for Ferry Service for Rural Communities Operating Assistance, \$69.4 million for Wasilla to Fishhook Main Street Reconstruction, and \$62.5 million for the Sterling Highway 82.5-94 Safety Corridor. Why is West Susitna being prioritized while other Alaska priorities are not itemized?
- This road would change the character of an area Alaskans have used for generations for hunting, fishing, subsistence, and traditional recreation. A funding decision of this scale should not be made before the public has had a meaningful opportunity to weigh in on what this project will actually do and what it will affect.

Please vote to remove or hold this appropriation until the federal environmental review is complete and the public has had a meaningful chance to comment on the current cost and scope.

Alaskans are sick and tired of these outside interest resource exploitation schemes.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Zach Blumner
Talkeetna

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Bruce Service [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 8:11 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

The West Susitna region's public lands and pristine waters that support abundant fish and wildlife resources are very important to me and many other Alaskans. The fishing, hunting and recreational opportunities, and a robust existing tourism-based economy are already what make this area special.

The proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road severely threatens those values and is yet another ill-conceived project and a waste of state funds.

Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget and apply those resources to other, more worthwhile projects.

Sincerely,
Mr. Bruce Service
Anchorage, AK 99507-6107
[REDACTED]

From: Dawson Matthews [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 7:01 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: West Susitna Access Road Stage 2 from SB 214 - Public Comment

Dear House Finance Committee,

My name is Dawson Matthews and I live in Talkeetna. I am writing to ask you to remove the \$94.97 million appropriation for West Susitna Access Road Stage 2 from SB 214.

I have grown up in this area, fishing and hunting in the Susitna Valley for almost 30 years. This project has the potential to ruin the pristine, isolated, and intact habitat that sustains our populations of wildlife and fish. This is my family's home, and I am pleading that you stop wasting money on resource extraction and start to address some of our actual problems in this state.

My specific concerns include:

- The federal Environmental Assessment for this project is not complete. The federal Section 404 wetlands permit from the Army Corps of Engineers has not been issued. The state is being asked to commit nearly \$100 million before federal environmental review is finished and before federal permits are in hand.
- This road would change the character of an area Alaskans have used for generations for hunting, fishing, subsistence, and traditional recreation. A funding decision of this scale should not be made before the public has had a meaningful opportunity to weigh in on what this project will actually do and what it will affect.

Please vote to remove or hold this appropriation until the federal environmental review is complete and the public has had a meaningful chance to comment on the current cost and scope.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warm regards,
Dawson Matthews
Talkeetna

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of David Wellman [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 9:06 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I value the West Susitna region's public lands and pristine waters that support abundant fish and wildlife resources, fishing, hunting and recreational opportunities, and a robust existing tourism-based economy. The proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road threatens those values and is yet another ill-conceived project and a waste of state funds.

Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget.

Sincerely,
Mr. David Wellman
Copper Center, AK 99573-9703
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of shirley morgan [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 8:22 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I value the West Susitna region's public lands and pristine waters that support abundant fish and wildlife resources, fishing, hunting and recreational opportunities, and a robust existing tourism-based economy. The proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road threatens those values and is yet another ill-conceived project and a waste of state funds.

Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget!!!!!!!!!!!!

Don't make another Kennicott mine/ghost town in AK! Alaskans deserve better!

REMEMBER ALASKA is BROKE -AK has NO MONEY! We can't even fund a full statutory PFD from our oil/gas reserves since 2016 to the people of the state.

Sincerely,
Ms. shirley morgan
Wasilla, AK 99623-4105
[REDACTED]

From: Timothy Kelley [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 7:53 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Funding the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road is a big mistake
Attachments: RoadToTok.png

The proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road is another ill-conceived project and a waste of state funds. This proposed Alaskan mega-project is being pushed forward by fantasy economics, and lies and deceit from Governor Dunleavy, DOT and AIDEA. This money can be much better spent on maintaining our existing decrepit transportation infrastructure. Throwing nearly \$100 million into a speculative road that goes nowhere is an insanely irresponsible waste of public money.

Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, the capital budget.

Regards,

Tim Kelley
Anchorage, AK

From: Cathy Wright [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 7:58 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Testimony on SB 214 - Please remove W. Susitna Access Road funding!

Dear House Finance Committee,

My name is Catherine Wright and I live in Anchorage. I am writing to ask you to remove the \$94.97 million appropriation for West Susitna Access Road Stage 2 from SB 214.

This is a ridiculous amount of money to be spending on a road that the public DOES NOT WANT. The state should be spending this money on projects that have direct benefits to Alaskans, not a questionable project that will only benefit a foreign mining company.

My specific concerns include:

- The Department of Transportation has publicly acknowledged it does not have enough state match funding to draw down all the federal money Alaska is entitled to. Every dollar of state match committed to this project is a dollar that cannot be used to draw down federal funding for projects Alaskans use every day.
- Major transportation projects programmed for FY27 in the federally-approved State Transportation Improvement Plan are not itemized in SB 214, including \$115 million for Ferry Service for Rural Communities Operating Assistance, \$69.4 million for Wasilla to Fishhook Main Street Reconstruction, and \$62.5 million for the Sterling Highway 82.5-94 Safety Corridor. Why is West Susitna being prioritized while other Alaska priorities are not itemized?
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- This road would change the character of an area Alaskans have used for generations for hunting, fishing, subsistence, and traditional recreation. A funding decision of this scale should not be made before the public has had a meaningful opportunity to weigh in on what this project will actually do and what it will affect.

Please vote to remove or hold this appropriation until the federal environmental review is complete and the public has had a meaningful chance to comment on the current cost and scope.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Catherine Wright

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99508

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jennifer Woods
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 7:50 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I value the West Susitna region's public lands and pristine waters that support abundant fish and wildlife resources, fishing, hunting and recreational opportunities, and a robust existing tourism-based economy. The proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road threatens those values and is yet another ill-conceived project and a waste of state funds.

This is an area filled with wetlands, wildlife and history. That will be permanently changed by this road and the mines the road is intended to support. If the mines need the road they should fund it themselves. Once you build the road with taxpayer dollars, how will it be maintained? Will more troopers be added to patrol the area now opened up to thieves? Is there money on the budget for that?

Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget

Sincerely Jennifer Woods

Sincerely,
Ms Jennifer Woods
Wasilla, AK 99623
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Angela Ferrari
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 7:01 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

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Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget

Sincerely,
Ms. Angela Ferrari
Anchorage, AK 99517-1549
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Patricia Delate
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 6:37 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I value the West Susitna region's public lands and pristine waters that support abundant fish and wildlife resources, fishing, hunting and recreational opportunities, and a robust existing tourism-based economy. The proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road threatens those values and is yet another ill-conceived project and a waste of state funds.

Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget

Sincerely,
Ms Patricia Delate
Homer, AK 99603-3351
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of jeffrey pentek <jfp1054
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 6:36 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I value the West Susitna region's public lands and pristine waters that support abundant fish and wildlife resources, fishing, hunting and recreational opportunities, and a robust existing tourism-based economy. The proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road threatens those values and is yet another ill-conceived project and a waste of state funds.

Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget.

if the "prospects" are actually economically feasible then the mining companies can pay for the road, like the pogo road. i'm tired of the pfd being wasted on questionable projects.

defund aida and fix some highways.

Sincerely,
Mr. jeffrey pentek
Fairbanks, AK 99712-2137
[REDACTED]

From: Mary Hilcoske [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 5:48 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Public Testimony on SB 214 — Remove West Susitna Access Road Funding

Dear House Finance Committee,

My name is Mary Hilcoske and I live in Anchorage. I am writing to ask you to remove the \$94.97 million appropriation for West Susitna Access Road Stage 2 from SB 214.

My specific concerns include:

- The Department of Transportation has publicly acknowledged it does not have enough state match funding to draw down all the federal money Alaska is entitled to. Every dollar of state match committed to this project is a dollar that cannot be used to draw down federal funding for projects Alaskans use every day.
- At \$94.97 million, this single phase ranks as the fourth-largest line item in Alaska's entire \$1.17 billion Surface Transportation Program for FY27. It is 2.6 times larger than the Knik-Goose Bay Road Reconstruction project that Mat-Su residents have been requesting for over a decade, 5.2 times larger than the entire statewide Dalton Highway Preservation Program, and 20 times larger than the statewide bridge inspection program.
- The State Transportation Improvement Plan currently programs \$89.59 million in total for the entire West Susitna Access Road project across both project numbers combined. The Stage 2 appropriation alone in SB 214, at \$94.97 million, exceeds that total. The Legislature is being asked to commit more public money to one phase than the federally-approved plan currently programs for the whole road.
- The federal Environmental Assessment for this project is not complete. The federal Section 404 wetlands permit from the Army Corps of Engineers has not been issued. The state is being asked to commit nearly \$100 million before federal environmental review is finished and before federal permits are in hand.
- This road would change the character of an area Alaskans have used for generations for hunting, fishing, subsistence, and traditional recreation. A funding decision of this scale should not be made before the public has had a meaningful opportunity to weigh in on what this project will actually do and what it will affect.
- The project has been described in many different ways since it first appeared in 2023, including as an industrial corridor, a public recreation road, a single project, and now as a parent-child split between two project numbers. The cost has been programmed at \$82.5 million for 15 miles, then \$76 million for 22 miles in two project numbers, then walked back up through multiple amendments and modifications. Following this project as a member of the public has been extraordinarily difficult.

Please vote to remove or hold this appropriation until the federal environmental review is complete and the public has had a meaningful chance to comment on the current cost and scope.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Mary Hilcoske
Anchorage

From: T S [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 5:21 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Remove Appropriation: Susitna Access Road Stage 2 from SB 214

Dear House Finance Committee,

My name is Suntrana Smyth and I live 13 miles west of Big Lake. I write to ask you to remove the \$94.97 million appropriation for West Susitna Access Road Stage 2 from SB 214.

I cannot believe that this insane effort to fund the Susitna access road is ongoing. I note that none of you folks on the committee live anywhere near my district, and I know you to be, by and large, men and women of good character and common sense, so let me clue you in on a few things: The local people-- whether red, blue, purple, or yellow-and-gray-striped-- including myself, do not want, and have never wanted, this road or any part of it; the State of Alaska cannot afford it; and, speaking as an energy expert, regardless of what the whining coal scheisters and the well-bribed fraudulent university "researchers" say, there is absolutely no way this project will pay for itself-- not in a hundred years, not in a thousand.

Please vote to remove or hold this appropriation until the federal environmental review is complete and the public has had a meaningful chance to comment on the current cost and scope, or, if possible, just get rid of it indefinitely!

Sincerely,
Suntrana Smyth
Big Lake
[REDACTED]

From: Richard W [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 5:18 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Public Testimony on SB 214 — Remove West Susitna Access Road Funding

Dear House Finance Committee,

My name is Dr. Richard Weiss and I live in NW Washington. I am writing to ask you to remove the \$94.97 million appropriation for West Susitna Access Road Stage 2 from SB 214.

My specific concerns include:

- The Department of Transportation has publicly acknowledged it does not have enough state match funding to draw down all the federal money Alaska is entitled to. Every dollar of state match committed to this project is a dollar that cannot be used to draw down federal funding for projects Alaskans use every day.
- Major transportation projects programmed for FY27 in the federally-approved State Transportation Improvement Plan are not itemized in SB 214, including \$115 million for Ferry Service for Rural Communities Operating Assistance, \$69.4 million for Wasilla to Fishhook Main Street Reconstruction, and \$62.5 million for the Sterling Highway 82.5-94 Safety Corridor. Why is West Susitna being prioritized while other Alaska priorities are not itemized?
- The federal Environmental Assessment for this project is not complete. The federal Section 404 wetlands permit from the Army Corps of Engineers has not been issued. The state is being asked to commit nearly \$100 million before federal environmental review is finished and before federal permits are in hand.
- The project has been described in many different ways since it first appeared in 2023, including as an industrial corridor, a public recreation road, a single project, and now as a parent-child split between two project numbers. The cost has been programmed at \$82.5 million for 15 miles, then \$76 million for 22 miles in two project numbers, then walked back up through multiple amendments and modifications. Following this project as a member of the public has been extraordinarily difficult.

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Dr. Richard Weiss, PhD
NW Washington
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jennifer Derks-Andersen
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 5:13 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I value the West Susitna region's public lands. The West-Su Access Road threatens those values and is yet another ill-conceived project and a waste of state funds.

Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget

Sincerely,
Miss Jennifer Derks-Andersen
Kenai, AK 99611-8367
[REDACTED]

From: Melis Coady <melis@susitnarivercoalition.org>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 5:03 PM
To: Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Calvin Schrage
Cc: House Finance; Rep. Alyse Galvin; Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Nellie Jimmie; Rep. Will Stapp;
Rep. Frank Tomaszewski; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Elexie Moore; Rep. Jeremy Bynum
Subject: West Susitna Funding Raises STIP and Budget Alignment Questions (SB 214)
Attachments: SRC Comments SB214.pdf

Dear Co-Chairs Foster, Josephson, and Schrage and Members of the Committee,

Please find attached the Susitna River Coalition's public comment on CSSB 214(FIN) regarding the proposed \$94,972,680 appropriation for West Susitna Access Road [Stage 2].

We recognize the Committee is likely receiving a high volume of public input on this controversial project. Our comment is intended to supplement that record with focused procedural and budget-alignment concerns that warrant particular attention.

In brief:

The \$94.97M appropriation for Stage 2 alone exceeds the currently programmed cost for the entire project in the federally approved STIP.

The appropriation represents 8.1% of Alaska's FY27 Surface Transportation Program, raising proportionality concerns within a constrained state match environment.

The project's pathway to federal obligation has not been publicly reconciled with the current STIP. Since the public last had a formal opportunity to comment, the programmed amount increased through FHWA approval and subsequent administrative modifications from \$61.46M to \$71.37M. CSSB 214(FIN) now proposes \$94.97M for Stage 2, approximately \$23.6M above the currently programmed parent project line.

DOT&PF also publicly committed in legislative testimony that STIP Amendment #3 would open for public comment on February 14, 2026. That date has passed without public release, leaving the public without a formal opportunity to comment on the current cost and scope.

We respectfully request that the Committee review the attached analysis and consider whether this appropriation should move forward before these issues are resolved.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would welcome the opportunity to provide any additional information.

Respectfully,

Melis Coady
Executive Director
Susitna River Coalition



From: Stephanie Richardson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 5:04 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Public Testimony on SB 214 — Remove West Susitna Access Road Funding

Dear House Finance Committee,

My name is Stephanie Richardson and I live in Garden Grove, Ca. I am writing to ask you to remove the \$94.97 million appropriation for West Susitna Access Road Stage 2 from SB 214.

I've cherish the salmon runs that sustain all life in the region and I'm frightened at the implications of the affects of road to this ecosystem.

My specific concerns include:

- At \$94.97 million, this single phase ranks as the fourth-largest line item in Alaska's entire \$1.17 billion Surface Transportation Program for FY27. It is 2.6 times larger than the Knik-Goose Bay Road Reconstruction project that Mat-Su residents have been requesting for over a decade, 5.2 times larger than the entire statewide Dalton Highway Preservation Program, and 20 times larger than the statewide bridge inspection program.
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Please vote to remove or hold this appropriation until the federal environmental review is complete and the public has had a meaningful chance to comment on the current cost and scope.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Richardson
Garden Grove, Ca

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Audrey Elicerio [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 5:04 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I value the West Susitna region's public lands and pristine waters that support abundant fish and wildlife resources, fishing, hunting and recreational opportunities, and a robust existing tourism-based economy. The proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road threatens those values and is yet another ill-conceived project and a waste of state funds.

Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget

Sincerely,
Ms Audrey Elicerio
Fairbanks, AK 99710-0528
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Anthony Marchini
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 5:01 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Sincerely,
Mr. Anthony Marchini
Wasilla, AK 99623-0054
[REDACTED]

From: Krystal Vermeire <kvermeire@abettertommorowak.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 5:00 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Public Testimony on HB193: Mandatory paid parental leave

OPPOSE

I would like to strongly urge you do not pass this.

While paid parental leave would be an amazing feature, it is just not a fiscal reality for many small businesses. To mandate this would be crippling for businesses. Many small businesses, including our own, simply cannot afford to offer paid maternity leave particularly in today's unstable economic conditions. Business owners are up against the reality of people expecting higher and higher pay, more and more costly benefits, and less revenue to sustain these demands. We own a small therapy practice in Anchorage. In our position, therapists are expecting astronomical pay because we are in Alaska, and the cost of living is higher than other places. However, we are faced with increasing delays in insurance reimbursement, incredibly high health care premiums with limited options for offering our own employees' coverage, and some insurances even reimbursing at decreasing rates. Business is hard to sustain as it is and adding this would greatly impact our ability to continue to serve the children and families of Anchorage and the surrounding areas.

Many small businesses simple do not have the overhead to add on this expense. Alaska's push for increasing paid leave is a noble cause but is not a fiscal reality for the small business that keeps things competitive and avoids large monopolies across industries.

Krystal Vermeire, PhD, OTR/L, CLC

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Keils Kitchen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 4:54 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

As an Anchorage resident and outdoor lover, I value the West Susitna region's public lands and pristine waters that support abundant fish and wildlife resources, fishing, hunting and recreational opportunities, and a robust existing tourism-based economy. The proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road threatens those values and is yet another ill-conceived project and a waste of state funds. With the budget crisis our state is facing, we should not be spending state funds to build a road through this treasured area to subsidize foreign mining companies.

Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget

Sincerely,
Mr. Keils Kitchen
Anchorage, AK 99518-1238
[REDACTED]

From: Cheryl & Mark Lovegreen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 4:50 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Alaska Library Network in capital budget

Dear House Finance Committee,

I appreciate all the work you do to craft the capital budget. Please consider including \$217,500 for immediate needs for the Alaska Library Network. These funds help Alaskans all over the state access SLED databases for homework and personal research, reduce wait times for ebooks and audiobooks, and help public libraries in other ways as well. It is a small expenditure that makes a big difference to families. Please support this request.

Thanks for your time,

Cheryl Lovegreen
Anchorage

From: Dave Musgrave [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 4:38 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Public Testimony on SB 214 — Remove West Susitna Access Road Funding

Dear House Finance Committee,

My name is Dave Musgrave and I live in Fishhook (Palmer). I am writing to ask you to remove the \$94.97 million appropriation for West Susitna Access Road Stage 2 from SB 214.

I am really upset that this funding would take away from other higher priority projects in the Mat-Su and across Alaska. Let the projects that would profit from this foot the bill; not Alaskans.

My specific concerns include:

- At \$94.97 million, this single phase ranks as the fourth-largest line item in Alaska's entire \$1.17 billion Surface Transportation Program for FY27. It is 2.6 times larger than the Knik-Goose Bay Road Reconstruction project that Mat-Su residents have been requesting for over a decade, 5.2 times larger than the entire statewide Dalton Highway Preservation Program, and 20 times larger than the statewide bridge inspection program.
- The cost of this project has been adjusted multiple times since the public last had a formal opportunity to comment in early 2025. The Department of Transportation said it would open a new State Transportation Plan amendment for public comment on February 14, 2026 and that date passed more than two months ago without any public release. The public has not had a meaningful chance to comment on the current cost or scope.

Please vote to remove or hold this appropriation until the federal environmental review is complete and the public has had a meaningful chance to comment on the current cost and scope.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Dave Musgrave
Fishhook (Palmer)

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Emily Capjohn [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 4:37 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

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Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget

Please say no to the West Susitna road project. We depend on that side of the Susitna for our moose and we do not want to see a road through it.

The State is facing hard financial times but digging up our state is not the answer for our futures. We must have projects that are sustainable from the start, we should not have to pay for infrastructure that undermines our way of life. Salmon, moose, and ways of life are not good trade offs for our future.

If the State Legislature truly feels like this is a good road to go down, start by over hauling mining taxes and require upfront bonding for all clean up and mitigation prior top implementing any of these projects. Alaskans have to learn from the dig and dash or dig and bankruptcy ways of the past. Transparency and a full understanding of what we are getting versus what we are giving up prior to investment is critical. The public should see cost versus return. Better yet private industry should be able to build the infrastructure on their own to support the project they are trying to build. Alaska should prioritize permitting and whether or not it meets the requirements.

Lacking this at this point do not invest in a 95 million, 22 mile road that i'm unsure of who that benefits? 95 million can and should be invested in existing infrastructure or how about failing schools.

Emily Jean Capjohn Kodiak, Alaska

Sincerely,
Ms. Emily Capjohn
Kodiak, AK 99615-6011
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of April Woods
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 4:27 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

Who cares about foreign miners who want us to pay for their road so they can rape Alaska easier. Screw them. But our lousy federal gov't only does corruption, they never put Alaska or Alaskan's first, it is always their biggest bribes that determine how they vote. So once again we are screwed. I value the West Susitna region's public lands and pristine waters that support abundant fish and wildlife resources, fishing, hunting and recreational opportunities, and a robust existing tourism-based economy. The proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road threatens those values and is yet another ill-conceived project and a waste of state funds.

Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget.

Sincerely,
Ms. April Woods
Anchorage, AK 99504-3724
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Alexis Kwachka
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 4:16 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

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Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget

This is a total waste of State money that will provides us with all most nothing. Tax revenue of a State funded road will not equal a return for any alaskans for that matter. Providing a road for foreign or domestic mining companies REALLY. We will pay the unlimited price, loss of fish and game and a big fat clean up when they are done. No thank you. Just say NO

Alexis Kwachka

Sincerely,
Mr. Alexis Kwachka
Kodiak, AK 99615-6011
[REDACTED]

From: Ziegner [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 4:08 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Public Testimony on SB 214 — Remove West Susitna Access Road Funding

Dear House Finance Committee,

My name is Diane Ziegner and I live in Talkeetna. I am writing to ask you to remove the \$94.97 million appropriation for West Susitna Access Road Stage 2 from SB 214.

My specific concerns include:

- The Department of Transportation has publicly acknowledged it does not have enough state match funding to draw down all the federal money Alaska is entitled to. Every dollar of state match committed to this project is a dollar that cannot be used to draw down federal funding for projects Alaskans use every day.
- The Federal Environmental Assessment for this project is not complete. The federal Section 404 wetlands permit from the Army Corps of Engineers has not been issued. The state is being asked to commit nearly \$100 million before federal environmental review is finished and before federal permits are in hand.
- This road would change the character of an area Alaskans have used for generations for hunting, fishing, subsistence, and traditional recreation. A funding decision of this scale should not be made before the public has had a meaningful opportunity to weigh in on what this project will actually do and what it will affect.

Please vote to remove or hold this appropriation until the federal environmental review is complete and the public has had a meaningful chance to comment on the current cost and scope.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Diane Ziegner
Talkeetna

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Protect all things Wild and wonderful
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 4:03 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I value the West Susitna region's public lands and pristine waters that support abundant fish and wildlife resources, fishing, hunting and recreational opportunities, and a robust existing tourism-based economy. The proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road threatens those values and is yet another ill-conceived project and a waste of state funds.

Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget

Sincerely,

Ms. Protect all things Wild and wonderful San Diego, CA 92117 [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Les Dunbar [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 4:07 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

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Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget

Sincerely,
Ms. Les Dunbar
Palmer, AK 99645-2391
[REDACTED]

From: Tyler Boyes [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 3:59 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Public Testimony on SB 214 — Remove West Susitna Access Road Funding

Dear House Finance Committee,

My name is Tyler Boyes and I live in Anchorage. I am writing to ask you to remove the \$94.97 million appropriation for West Susitna Access Road Stage 2 from SB 214.

Please focus on maintenance of our current state roads rather than building new ones

My specific concerns include:

- The Department of Transportation has publicly acknowledged it does not have enough state match funding to draw down all the federal money Alaska is entitled to. Every dollar of state match committed to this project is a dollar that cannot be used to draw down federal funding for projects Alaskans use every day.
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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Tyler Boyes
Anchorage

Tyler Boyes
[REDACTED]

From: Lou Brown [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 3:54 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Public Testimony on SB 214 — Remove West Susitna Access Road Funding

Dear House Finance Committee,

My name is Lou Brown and I live in Fairbanks. I am writing to ask you to remove the \$94.97 million appropriation for West Susitna Access Road Stage 2 from SB 214.

My specific concerns include the fact that:

- Mining brings in less than 1/2 of 1% of all revenues into state coffers. Therefore, I object to any state investment in foreign owned mining corporations before a major overhaul of our mining tax laws has been accomplished. Expenses like this do not benefit everyday Alaskans and there is no upside for the state in spending millions of scarce dollars so that mining corporations can profit more handsomely than they already do.

Furthermore, the Department of Transportation has publicly acknowledged it does not have enough state match funding to draw down all the federal money Alaska is entitled to. Every dollar of state match committed to this project is a dollar that cannot be used to draw down federal funding for projects Alaskans use every day.

Thank you for considering my thoughts on this important matter.

Lou Brown
[REDACTED]

(Pronouns: She, her, hers)

"If you need someone else to change so you can be OK, you are really in trouble."-- Michael Singer from *Untethered Soul*

Everyone thinks about changing the world, but no one thinks about changing themselves.

- Leo Tolstoy

From: Dan Cannon [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 3:36 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Public Comment: SB 214 - Remove Appropriation for West Susitna Access Road Stage 2

Dear House Finance Committee, My name is Dan Cannon and I live in Juneau. Unfortunately, I will not be able to call in and provide public testimony during the upcoming hearing this Wednesday, April 29 at 4:30 PM. I am instead writing to ask you to remove the \$94.97 million appropriation for West Susitna Access Road Stage 2 from SB 214. I'm not from this region of Alaska, but I have been following the project closely. In my opinion, this should not be a funding priority considering the state's fiscal situation and existing infrastructure needs.

Although my concerns (below) focus on other issues in more detail, I want to be clear that, in my opinion, government handouts to essentially subsidize international mining (Australian Nova Minerals, Estelle gold project) interests is an awful way to prioritize \$94.97 million. Again, I strongly urge you to remove the request for \$94.97 million for the West Susitna Access Road Stage 2 from the capital budget, SB 214. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Dan Cannon Juneau, Alaska

PS: Representative Hannan - keep up the great work, thanks for all that you do! **Other Concerns Include:**

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jamie Parkhurst
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 3:34 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I value the West Susitna region's public lands and pristine waters that support abundant fish and wildlife resources, fishing, hunting and recreational opportunities, and a robust existing tourism-based economy. The proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road threatens those values and is yet another ill-conceived project and a waste of state funds.

Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget

We have property in the area west of Parks highway and find lack of upkeep and repairs of our current roads that WE use. I am against funding this for for foreign investors.

Already we pay more for less. Time to fund what we have now instead of this boondoggle.

Sincerely,
Ms. Jamie Parkhurst
Anchorage, AK 99504-4668
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Michael McLean [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 3:31 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

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Alaska's crumbling roads and existing infrastructure needs should be prioritized over a new industrial road in the West Susitna.

The West Su Industrial Access Road has never been about recreation - it is an industrial access road subsidized by the state for the benefit of foreign mining companies.

The West Su region already has remote access and provides world class fishing, hunting and recreational opportunities for Alaskans.

Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget

Sincerely,
Michael McLean

Sincerely,
Mr. Michael McLean
Fairbanks, AK 99710-0403
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of K. Murphy
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 3:15 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I value the West Susitna region's public lands and pristine waters that support abundant fish and wildlife resources, fishing, hunting and recreational opportunities, and a robust existing tourism-based economy. The proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road threatens those values and is yet another ill-conceived project and a waste of state funds.

Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget

Sincerely,
Mr K. Murphy
Juneau, AK 99801-8109
[REDACTED]

From: Shenee Williams <shenee.williams@shilohhousing.org>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 3:02 PM
To: House Finance
Cc: Sen. Forrest Dunbar
Subject: Restore Homeless Assistance Program in Capital Budget
Attachments: LIFE HAP impacts Legislator.pdf

Greetings State of Alaska Legislator,

The Governor's proposed budget includes an approximate 50% reduction in Housing Assistance Program (HAP) funding, decreasing it from \$10.15 million to \$5 million. **Shiloh Community Housing, Inc. (SCHI), through its Living Independent Forever (LIFE) program, is currently a recipient of HAP funding.**

The program's unique partnership with the Office of Children's Services has enabled young adults from across Alaska to access and participate in the LIFE program, which operates out of Anchorage. SCHI's LIFE program is also one of the longest-standing transitional housing programs in the state.

A reduction in HAP funding would necessitate a scaling back of LIFE program services and support, directly impacting the level of assistance available to participating young adults. Cuts to the LIFE program would have immediate and far-reaching consequences not just for participants, but for the broader community.

Please see the attached for more details on the impacts of a funding decrease.

With Kind Regards,

Delmonica D. Williams (Sheneé)
SCHI, President/CEO

"The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don't wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope."
Barack Obama

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Bruce White
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 3:06 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Sincerely,
Mr. Bruce White
Sitka, AK 99835-9552
[REDACTED]

From: Patricia Kennish [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 3:02 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Restore Homeless Assistance

Good afternoon,
I'm a resident of Anchorage and have been following the efforts of the Municipality to reduce homelessness and its impact on those lacking a stable place to live. As we see the cost of food, health, and housing rise, I fear there will be more people displaced. This is no time to cut back on support. There is a greater cost in the loss of human resources than any dollar numbers suggest.

Thank you,
Patricia Kennish
[REDACTED].
Anchorage, AK 99516
[REDACTED]

From: David Cuddy [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 2:54 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Homelessness funding

House.Finance@akleg.gov

4.27.26

Re: Restore Homeless Assistance Program in capital budget hearing

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to testify regarding funding of Homeless Assistance Program in the capital budget. I understand that it was reduced. I have no idea what the proper level of funding should be, and I'm afraid neither does your committee.

Six years ago Nick Begich II and I spent the summer researching the issue. We wrote the paper on the subject (Intervention 2020). This covered root causes and long term solutions, and it covered the immediate needs of safety, housing, job training, and substance abuse. We spent the summer on talk radio and visiting community councils. We received strong support from the community, and tepid opposition from the funders...non profits, private grants, and public money. They correctly knew they could out wait us and we would "go away." Citizens cannot out wait bureaucrats. As a result of inaction by policy makers, Mr. Begich left public service in frustration.

One thing caught my attention from six years ago, and another from this year. Six years ago we interviewed the Executive Director of the Coalition to End Homelessness, and we asked her what her plan was to actually end homelessness. She said she had none. She said the "money" prefers to fund programs to address current symptoms. I was surprised at her honesty.

The second attention grabber is the amount of waste, inefficiency, and corruption within programs like these. We watched as Minneapolis burned through \$9 billion in waste and fraud in various local community welfare/service programs. Boston and Maine followed suit. L A may have corruption and waste in the hundreds of billions...we don't know yet. Audit to follow.

I can't address the current Anchorage Committee to End Homelessness program. I don't know if the philosophy has changed, if they are gathering data to understand the root causes and long term cures for homelessness, and if they are efficiently working with the current homeless to get them off public assistance, off the public streets, and into productive work. I just don't know. What I do know, is that the highest and best use of public dollars would be to hire one of these folks who uncovered waste and corruption in Minneapolis, to explore our Anchorage operation. An outside audit is indicated...just to make sure that we are not following the practices of other cities. We don't want to be called "useful idiots," as taxpayers and donors in the other cities are called.

Sincerely,

David Cuddy [REDACTED]
(I served on the House Finance Committee in 1982)

My family business The First National Bank Alaska is a donor to this cause. We want to help.

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of WILLIAM COX
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 2:49 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I value the West Susitna region's public lands and pristine waters that support abundant fish and wildlife resources, fishing, hunting, and recreational opportunities, and a robust existing tourism-based economy. The proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road threatens those values and is yet another ill-conceived project and a waste of state funds. This project favors foreign mining companies and has nothing to do with recreation. There are far too many higher priorities, like education, infrastructure, healthcare, and public safety, in need of Alaska's limited funds

Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget

Sincerely,
Dr. WILLIAM COX
Anchorage, AK 99507-2883
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of SANTA CLAUS
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 2:41 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I value the West Susitna region's public lands and pristine waters that support abundant fish and wildlife resources, fishing, hunting and recreational opportunities, and a robust existing tourism-based economy.

Roads that crosscut salmon-bearing rivers have long-term impacts to streams, wetlands and flood plains that eventually destroy salmon habitat and lead to reduced salmon populations.

The proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road threatens those values and is yet another ill-conceived project and a waste of \$95 million of state funds.

The West Su Industrial Access Road has never been about recreation - it is an industrial access road subsidized by the state for the benefit of foreign mining companies.

Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget

Sincerely,
REV SANTA CLAUS
North Pole, AK 99705-7757
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Douglas Moody
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 2:45 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget

Sincerely,
Mr. Douglas Moody
Anchorage, AK 99507-6812
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Darlene Holmberg
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 2:31 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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I value the West Susitna region's public lands and pristine waters that support abundant fish and wildlife resources, fishing, hunting and recreational opportunities, and a robust existing tourism-based economy. The proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road threatens those values and is yet another ill-conceived project that benefits few, enriches fewer, and is a waste of state funds for almost-no-public good.

Please start representing Alaska - the clean and good, and not the bad and ugly - and not some industry or private profiteer, and remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget.

Sincerely,
Mrs Darlene Holmberg
Aniak, AK 99557-0171
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Joyanne Bloom
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 2:30 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

Please remove all funding associated with the West Susitna Access Road in the budget. We are short of funds for so many other projects. We can't afford to start an enormous one to benefit private interests.

Sincerely,
Ms. Joyanne Bloom
Juneau, AK 99801-1036
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Emily Donaldson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 2:24 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget

Sincerely,
Ms. Emily Donaldson
Fairbanks, AK 99709-4408
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kathy Howse
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 2:22 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, the capital budget.

Sincerely,
Ms. Kathy Howse
Anchorage, AK 99504-4738
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Bonnie Dupree
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 2:22 PM
To: House Finance
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Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget

Sincerely,
Ms Bonnie Dupree
Homer, AK 99603-9264
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of China Kantner
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 2:22 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I am writing today to ask that you please remove all funding associated with the West Susitna Industrial Access Road in SB 214, capital budget. It is absurd to spend \$95 million on a road that then needs to be maintained for more money every year when our schools are falling apart and students are failing. What's more, building this road and industrializing the area puts other industries in jeopardy.

Sincerely,
Ms. China Kantner
Kotzebue, AK 99752-1204
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kate Sandberg
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 2:17 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Kate Sandberg
Girdwood, AK 99587-1025
[REDACTED]

From: Beverly Dubie [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 2:05 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Restore Homeless Assistance Perks (HAP) in Capital Budget

PLEASE! I am an aging mother of an aging homeless son with a challenging mental condition who has needed help for many years. We are trying to find stable housing for him in Anchorage and that's so hard! Costs, few options, no support to help him adjust to living on his own. It is so easy to cut funds when you, Governor, and many legislators have no direct experience trying to help people you love live safely and receive the help that their family, like me, cannot give them.

Please balance the budget but NOT on the backs of people who need help. Thank you for hearing me and my son!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Emily Cohen
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 1:10 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214.

Sincerely,
Ms. Emily Cohen
Anchorage, AK 99501-3912
[REDACTED]

From: Ryan Domstead [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 12:51 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Public Testimony on SB 214 — Remove West Susitna Access Road Funding

Dear House Finance Committee,

My name is Ryan Domstead and I live in Wasilla raising a young family of 3 children with my wife. I am writing to ask you to remove the \$94.97 million appropriation for West Susitna Access Road Stage 2 from SB 214.

My specific concerns include:

- The Department of Transportation has publicly acknowledged it does not have enough state match funding to draw down all the federal money Alaska is entitled to. Every dollar of state match committed to this project is a dollar that cannot be used to draw down federal funding for projects Alaskans use every day.
- At \$94.97 million, this single phase ranks as the fourth-largest line item in Alaska's entire \$1.17 billion Surface Transportation Program for FY27. It is 2.6 times larger than the Knik-Goose Bay Road Reconstruction project that Mat-Su residents have been requesting for over a decade, 5.2 times larger than the entire statewide Dalton Highway Preservation Program, and 20 times larger than the statewide bridge inspection program.
- Major transportation projects programmed for FY27 in the federally-approved State Transportation Improvement Plan are not itemized in SB 214, including \$115 million for Ferry Service for Rural Communities Operating Assistance, \$69.4 million for Wasilla to Fishhook Main Street Reconstruction, and \$62.5 million for the Sterling Highway 82.5-94 Safety Corridor. Why is West Susitna being prioritized while other Alaska priorities are not itemized?
- The cost of this project has been adjusted multiple times since the public last had a formal opportunity to comment in early 2025. The Department of Transportation said it would open a new State Transportation Plan amendment for public comment on February 14, 2026 and that date passed more than two months ago without any public release. The public has not had a meaningful chance to comment on the current cost or scope.
- The State Transportation Improvement Plan currently programs \$89.59 million in total for the entire West Susitna Access Road project across both project numbers combined. The Stage 2 appropriation alone in SB 214, at \$94.97 million, exceeds that total. The Legislature is being asked to commit more public money to one phase than the federally-approved plan currently programs for the whole road.
- The federal Environmental Assessment for this project is not complete. The federal Section 404 wetlands permit from the Army Corps of Engineers has not been issued. The state is being asked to commit nearly \$100 million before federal environmental review is finished and before federal permits are in hand.
- This road would change the character of an area Alaskans have used for generations for hunting, fishing, subsistence, and traditional recreation. A funding decision of this scale should not be made before the public has had a meaningful opportunity to weigh in on what this project will actually do and what it will affect.
- The project has been described in many different ways since it first appeared in 2023, including as an industrial corridor, a public recreation road, a single project, and now as a parent-child split between two

project numbers. The cost has been programmed at \$82.5 million for 15 miles, then \$76 million for 22 miles in two project numbers, then walked back up through multiple amendments and modifications. Following this project as a member of the public has been extraordinarily difficult.

Please vote to remove or hold this appropriation until the federal environmental review is complete and the public has had a meaningful chance to comment on the current cost and scope.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ryan Domstead
Wasilla

From: Lynne Atkin <Lynne@daybreakmhsc.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 12:49 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Restore Homeless Assistance Program

Hello

My name is Lynne Atkin and I am a long time resident of Palmer Alaska in the Matanuska Susitna Borough.

I am a BHAP case manager for the Palmer area, and I am VERY concerned about the proposed cut to the HAP budget. We have so many seniors and domestic violence victims among others who are just plain struggling to make ends meet with all the higher costs of living that rely on the BHAP program to help them! The BHAP program provides a great many services that improve the quality of living for a lot of individuals! Your proposed cut would hurt people a lot and that is unacceptable. We struggle as it is to provide for those in need, and the proposed cuts would dramatically impact the amount of assistance we could provide.

Please consider not cutting funding in the Capitol Budget for the Homeless Assistance Program as it would have a serious impact on our community residents' health and security.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Lynne Atkin

*Daybreak, Inc.
550 S. Alaska Street Suite #202
Palmer, Alaska 99645
Ph. 907-746-6019*



"Wherever there is a Human in need, there is an opportunity for kindness and to make a difference." Kevin Heath

From: Sam Longacre <Slongacre@ak.org>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 12:04 PM
To: House Finance
Cc: Eric Billingsley
Subject: Capital budget - HAP funding
Attachments: United Way of Anchorage 2026 HAP Funding_4-27-2026.pdf

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

Our team at the United Way of Anchorage urges you to restore the Homeless Assistance Program (HAP) to its FY26 funding level of \$10.15 million.

The proposed reduction to \$5 million would significantly weaken a system that Alaskans rely on every day. Through Alaska 211, we received over 30,000 requests for help last year—a 15% increase—with housing and shelter representing the largest share of needs across every region of the state. When Alaskans are in crisis, housing is what they are calling about, and HAP is a core part of the response.

This investment delivers real, measurable outcomes. In FY2025 alone, our eviction diversion efforts helped 302 Anchorage households remain housed, stabilizing families and preventing deeper, more costly crises. Restoring HAP funding will ensure this critical infrastructure remains in place to support Alaska families and communities.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sam Longacre (she/they)
Housing Director, United Way of Anchorage
907-263-3857



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From: Leslie Ridle <lridle@akguest.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 12:15 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Support of HAP Funds

Hello House Finance Committee Members:

MASH runs two homeless shelters in Anchorage—Linda's Place and The Alex—and we manage three affordable living "first homes" for people coming out of homeless for the Anchorage Affordable Housing and Land Trust. We write today to support funding the HAP program fully.

We have seen first-hand the important role HAP funds play in keeping people housed in Anchorage. We need the support so many individuals and families facing eviction can seek help. As you know, housing costs are high across the state and people are still recovering from Covid and the current increased cost of living. Reducing the HAP funds would hurt Alaskans.

We know stable housing is critical for health, education, and economic opportunity. We help support people with a safe place to live and because of this, our communities are stronger and our support systems are better.

We ask that you prioritize restoring HAP funding to ensure people can remain in their homes and our community can thrive.

Thank you,
Leslie Ridle

Leslie Ridle
VP Strategy
MASH
Management Shelter Housing
445 E. 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501
907-240-2088
lridle@akguest.com

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Pam Brocius
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 10:54 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Pam Brocius
New York, NY 10128-5552
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Stacey Cannon
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 8:07 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Sincerely,
Ms. Stacey Cannon
Salisbury, NC 28146-7244
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Shannon Milhaupt
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 6:21 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Ms. Shannon Milhaupt
Egg Harbor, WI 54209-9059
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Lisa Rauck [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 6:06 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Lisa Rauck
Jacksonville, FL 32202-4201
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Mary Johnson
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 4:37 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Mary Johnson
Edgewater, FL 32132-2805
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of ernest mellon [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 2:01 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Sincerely,
Mr. ernest mellon
Southampton, NJ 08088-8829
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Daniela Rossi
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 12:00 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Daniela Rossi
Aberdeen, ID 83210-3200
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] of Till Meier [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2026 8:59 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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I value the West Susitna region's public lands and pristine waters that support abundant fish and wildlife resources, fishing, hunting and recreational opportunities, and a robust existing tourism-based economy. The proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road threatens those values and is yet another ill-conceived project and a waste of state funds.

Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget

Sincerely,
Mr. Till Meier
Ingelheim, CA 55218
[REDACTED]

From: Denis Ransy [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2026 7:34 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB 214 Capital Budget

To: The Alaska House Finance Committee
Re: SB 214, the Capital Budget

I oppose the further appropriation of \$94 million to the Department of Transportation for the pie-in-the-sky West Susitna Road. No permits have been issued which means a lack of official public comment periods.

The cost is ridiculous in this time of financial uncertainty. The money could be better spent for existing highway maintenance and improvements, creation of affordable housing, and our crumbling education system. The alleged "recreational use" road is in reality part of a gift to foreign mining corporations who are just waiting for their government subsidy.

The area is full of wetlands, which is critical habitat for substantial fish and game populations. There will be 70 to 80 river and stream crossings in the initial phase of the mining road which is the 22 mile DOT project. I seriously doubt whether all will be done with no creek bank destruction, erosion and sedimentation. The Susitna river bridge alone could cost tens of millions. Save our money for what truly is needed.

Denis Ransy, Talkeetna
4/26/26

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Princess Johnson
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2026 3:47 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget

Sincerely,
Mrs. Princess Johnson
Fairbanks, AK 99709-4118
[REDACTED]

From: Bee Long [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2026 3:01 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB 214 Capital Budget-Eliminate ADOT line item \$94 million West Su Access
Attachments: SB 214 State Capital Budget House Finance Committee Comments.docx

SB 214 State Capital Budget House Finance Committee Comments

4/25/26

Dear Co-Chairs Representative Foster, Representative Josephson, and Representative Schrage and members of the House Finance Committee,

I object to the \$94.97 million line item Alaska Department of Transportation request for the controversial 22 mile West Susitna Access Road, which is the first part of the West Susitna Industrial Corridor to connect with AIDEA's 78.5 mile portion. I testified before this same committee against a similar line item amount about 3 years ago. Here we go again. Since then the cost has changed by 60%. That is significant.

This expenditure is premature. No permits exist for this road. No draft Environmental Assessment has been done as part of the NEPA federal process. No US Army Corps of Engineers wetland 404 permit has been applied for and received. This route is difficult and expensive to build because it crosses a lot of moving water.

I can't find an update on these permit processes. I have not been able to receive fisheries data on the 76 water body crossings of ADOT's route. I can't get engineering specs on the 2160 foot Susitna Bridge needed which will be longer than the 1500 foot Glenn Highway bridge over the Knik River. Not to mention the information for the bridges over the Little Susitna River and Fish Creek.

The project does not pencil out economically. We don't know the full cost of this gravel road and the ancillary infrastructure. The state does not have the money for matching funds with the federal highway funds nor to maintain this road. It is a direct subsidy to the mining companies that are only in an exploration stage.

Please take this into consideration. This money could be put to a better use.

Becky Long
Talkeetna

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Joyanne Bloom
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2026 11:46 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I have been there and I value the West Susitna region's public lands and pristine waters that support abundant fish and wildlife resources, fishing, hunting and recreational opportunities, and a robust existing tourism-based economy. The proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road threatens those values and is yet another ill-conceived project and a waste of state funds.

Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget

Sincerely,
Ms. Joyanne Bloom
Juneau, AK 99801-1036
[REDACTED]

From: Bee Long [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2026 11:12 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Re: SB124 eliminate \$94 million for West Su

I meant to say SB 214 Capital Budget. That is the topic. Please correct.

On Sat, Apr 25, 2026, 7:21 PM Bee Long [REDACTED] > wrote:
SB 124 State Capital Budget House Finance Committee Comments

4/25/26

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Please take this into consideration. This money could be put to a better use.

Becky Long
Talkeetna

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Daniel Grassi
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2026 8:19 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I appreciate and respect the West Susitna region's public lands and pristine waters that support abundant fish and wildlife resources, fishing, hunting and recreational opportunities, and a robust existing tourism-based economy. I am one of those tourists. The proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road threatens those values with utter destruction, and is yet another ill-conceived waste of state funds.

Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget

Sincerely,
Mr. Daniel Grassi
Binghamton, NY 13904-1139
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Brenda Johnson
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2026 7:52 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I value the West Susitna region's public lands and pristine waters that support abundant fish and wildlife resources, fishing, hunting and recreational opportunities, and a robust existing tourism-based economy. The proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road threatens those values and is yet another ill-conceived project and a waste of state funds.

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Sincerely,
Ms. Brenda Johnson
Juneau, AK 99801-7219
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Lori Stephenson
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2026 7:08 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget

Sincerely,
Ms. Lori Stephenson
Homer, AK 99603-7755
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of heidi ahlstrand
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2026 6:00 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Sincerely,
Mx. heidi ahlstrand
Owatonna, MN 55060-5688
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Michael McMahan [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2026 5:32 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Sincerely,
Mr. Michael McMahan
Huntington Beach, CA 92649-2363
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Mary Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2026 5:22 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Mary Johnson
Edgewater, FL 32132-2805
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of ROBERT BERGAN [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2026 3:36 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Sincerely,
Mr. ROBERT BERGAN
Pottsville, PA 17901-9058
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ken Sanford
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 10:42 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

The founding of this road is not in the interest of the U. S. or its' citizens. This would constitute a give away to a Canadian business interest and perhaps a few U. S. citizen stock holders. We need to preserve our natural resources not destroy them in the name of financial gain for a few individuals.

I value the West Susitna region's public lands and pristine waters that support abundant fish and wildlife resources, fishing, hunting and recreational opportunities, and a robust existing tourism-based economy. The proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road threatens those values and is yet another ill-conceived project and a waste of state funds.

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Sincerely,
Mr. Ken Sanford
Escondido, CA 92029-4307
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Clyde Vicary
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 10:28 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Sincerely,
Mr. Clyde Vicary
Anchorage, AK 99508-3256
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Barry Santana
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:58 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

The West Su access road is not an expense and a road Alaska can afford. This road has many engineering and environmental challenges. It is not a prudent way to spend limited ADOT funding. It has shape shifted many times since conceived by the State and foreign mining companies to get to mining prospects in the Alaska range. One day it is a public road for sportsman access, the next day it is a private road for hauling supplies and equipment to the exploration effort and ultimately to haul out ore if the mine proves economical. We should not be funding these prospects with public money. The State of Alaska cannot maintain the roads we have now. I have never seen such a degraded highway system. Let the mine companies build bridges and roads to nowhere. As sportsman we can access the Susitna Valley just fine with Super Cubs.

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Sincerely,
Dr. Barry Santana
Wasilla, AK 99623-9348
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Linda Fielder
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:53 PM
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Sincerely,
Dr. Linda Fielder
Carrollton, TX 75006-2801
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Virgene Link-New
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:41 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Sincerely,
Dr. Virgene Link-New
Anacortes, WA 98221-1422
[REDACTED]

From: Bee Long [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 7:21 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB124 eliminate \$94 million for West Su
Attachments: SB 124 State Capital Budget House Finance Committee Comments.docx

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Talkeetna

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Santa Claus
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 8:27 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Sincerely,
Rev Santa Claus
North Pole, AK 99705-7757
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of AJ cho
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 7:39 PM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
mx AJ cho
San Leandro, CA 94579-1963
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Howard Cohen
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 6:29 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Sincerely,
Dr. Howard Cohen
Palo Alto, CA 94306-3004
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jamie Le [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 6:06 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Sincerely,
Mr. Jamie Le
Alameda, CA 94501-2341
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Roy Ferguson
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 6:03 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Sincerely,
Mr. Roy Ferguson
Aurora, CO 80014-5683
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Scott Korman [REDACTED]
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Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 5:48 PM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Mr. Scott Korman
Floral Park, NY 11005-1228
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Trigg Wright [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 5:35 PM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Mr. Trigg Wright
Spring, TX 77379-8027
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Karen Kawszan
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 5:30 PM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Karen Kawszan
Klein, TX 77379-8027
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Anna Pratt
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 4:47 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Sincerely,
Ms. Anna Pratt
Palmer, AK 99645-8698
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Angela Ferrari
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 4:34 PM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Ms. Angela Ferrari
Anchorage, AK 99517-1549
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jennifer Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 4:29 PM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Ms. Jennifer Smith
Chicago, IL 60660-4917
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Catherine Rich
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 3:30 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I have visited Alaska and enjoyed the wildlife and nature with the unique environment and landscape without oil wells and pollution. Our United States does not need additional oil and gas exploration. I live in Colorado and there is more than enough of that type of environmental impact.

I value the West Susitna region's public lands and pristine waters that support abundant fish and wildlife resources, fishing, hunting and recreational opportunities, and your robust existing tourism-based economy. The proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road threatens those values and is yet another ill-conceived project and a waste of state funds.

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Sincerely,
Ms. Catherine Rich
Woodland Park, CO 80863-9330
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Andy Lupenko
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 3:19 PM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Mr. Andy Lupenko
Lemon Grove, CA 91945-2615
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of John Wondzell
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 3:04 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Sincerely,
Mr. John Wondzell
Laramie, WY 82070-8145
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Stefan Taylor [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 3:02 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Sincerely,
Mr. Stefan Taylor
Tampa, FL 33604-4514
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Donald Lawhead
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 2:53 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Sincerely,
Mr. Donald Lawhead
Wasilla, AK 99654-4544
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jane Wiley [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 2:40 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Jane Wiley
Tampa, FL 33624-1074
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Alexis Kwachka
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 2:21 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget

Please strip the 95 million out of the budget for the West Susitna road project. I have been hunting moose on the other side of the Susitna for most of my life. moose provide food for my daughter and her four kids.

The State is facing major financial challenges and building a road for any company is a bad idea (build it and they will come) should not be the mantra. I am not against resource development but I would like to think that by looking in the rear view mirror we can and should do better. (95 million for 22 miles, look at our schools, look at Western Alaska, not only the devastation of last years storms, the devastation of current economic policies and fuel prices. we are in an economic crisis within this State and investing 95 million in a road that almost leads nowhere to helping our fiscal situation is not good judgement at this time. And frankly if this is an economic boom then the proposers of this project should be funding it and Alaskans should be reaping the benefits of these projects.

Stop and listen to your constituents, I hear a resounding no. The resource development of the future should not lie on the backs of deregulation and should have profound benefit for all Alaskans and be supported by them. We have prime examples of the demise of environment from projects in the lower 48. Repeating them and expecting a different result is insanity. Profit over environment is not Alaskan at all.

Alexis Kwachka

Sincerely,
Mr. Alexis Kwachka
Kodiak, AK 99615-6011
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Alan Bedard [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 1:40 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Sincerely,
Mr Alan Bedard
Buzzards Bay, MA 02532-4715
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ron Howard [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 1:21 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

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Sincerely,
Mr. Ron Howard
Delton, MI 49046-9664
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Mike OConnor
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 1:17 PM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Mr Mike OConnor
Fairbanks, AK 99712-1636
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Barbara Schwartz
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 1:13 PM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Dr. Barbara Schwartz
Ocala, FL 34470-3399
[REDACTED]

From: Mark Miller <mark@talaheimlodge.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 1:09 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: access road

I live in Willow during the off summer months, and at our Talaheim Lodge (going on 50 years) during the summer months. Talaheim Lodge is located on the upper Talachulitna River in the west Susitna Valley.

I am against allotting \$94 million to fund the West Susita Access road. AIDEA is pushing through this road and spreading so many lies to the public through radio advertising (I don't have a TV). If you visit the access road website, you will see that the Access Road is only 22 miles long, which is the DOT portion. AIDEA handles the rest. From there, the road, approximately 75 miles west to the two foreign exploratory mines is only 24 feet wide, serving as an industrial road for the mines.

These two mines are currently the only reason the road is being built. The mines are both owned by foreign companies: NZ and AU. AIDEA has told the public this road will open up timber resources (all the spruce trees are beetle killed), recreation (the valley and Anchorage already have so much recreation and this land is semi wilderness to 500,000 people), access to cabins (access to cabins already exists; how were the cabins get built) and oil exploration (oil exploration and drilling have occurred in the West Susitna Valley for years and oil companies don't need roads. AIDEA has a long history of failed projects that have cost Alaskans millions, approaching a billion dollars.

I do not know anything about the Ambler Road, but here is a short note from the internet regarding some potential costs for this road..

"The 211-mile Ambler Mining Road in Alaska is projected to cost over \$2 billion (including construction, maintenance, and financing), with recent estimates suggesting up to \$3.5 billion over its lifetime. The project is primarily financed by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) via bonds, intended for repayment through mining company tolls, though opponents argue the state takes on high risks."

The state of Alaska has no cost and maintenance estimates for the Susitna Access road. So the Ambler Road project might cost \$3.5 billion over 30 years. Using these estimates, the Ambler road, Susitna Access Road, which is over half the length of the Ambler Road might cost \$1.5 billion. But the Susitna Access Road spans about 70 miles over wetlands, whereas the Ambler Road does not have so much of the wetlands. There have been no truthful estimates on how this road will generate the money to pay for itself, lacking proven resources like the Ambler mines have. The Ambler mines will truck their ore to the Fort Knox mine outside Fairbanks, both in winter and summer. Where will the mines ship their ore to by boat? Why not refine it here? Why Alaskans should risk two large debts simultaneously. Let the Ambler mines start paying for the Ambler road and let the two mines at the end of the Skwentna figure out their ore quantity; then maybe they can work out a bond.

Better yet, put a train to the mines (they can pay for it through bonds, and the tracks would tie into the existing railroad and into McKinzie port. Our Alaskan Railroad could charge the mine for hauling ore and help pay for the bond to build the tracks. One ore train could haul as much as 75 trucks or more and avoid driving through Big Lake. Where are the ore trucks driving? Nobody knows? Even AIDEA, whom I

talked to didn't know. Whatever the case, these two mines will not pay for roads or railroad tracks. For Alaskans to pay for this road which hasn't finished its permitting system and studies. (I see on the Access road website that the fish studies were done last September). Having lived there for 50 years I realize that most of the salmon are dead and gone. Last September, the rivers were flooding and muddy due to all the rain. A great time to count salmon. This area is the spawning ground for possibly over a million salmon. No to spending Alaskans' money to build a road to almost nowhere.

Mark Miller
Lodge Owner
PO Box 1072
Willow, Alaska 99688
talaheimlodge.com
(907) 440-0614



From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Barbara Rosenkotter
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 12:58 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I value the West Susitna region's public lands and pristine waters that support abundant fish and wildlife resources, fishing, hunting and recreational opportunities, and a robust existing tourism-based economy. The proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road threatens those values and is yet another ill-conceived project and a waste of state funds.

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Sincerely,
Ms Barbara Rosenkotter
Deer Harbor, WA 98243-0149
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Janet Romine
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 12:51 PM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Ms Janet Romine
Des Moines, IA 50315-2121
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Cynthia Liss [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 12:38 PM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Ms. Cynthia Liss
Brooklyn, NY 11228-2643
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Paul Kalka
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 12:25 PM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Mr. Paul Kalka
Binghamton, NY 13903-6336
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Beth Darlington
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 12:15 PM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Dr. Beth Darlington
Poughkeepsie, NY 12604-0001
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Adam Cuthriell
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 12:02 PM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Mr. Adam Cuthriell
Girdwood, AK 99587-0568
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Shirley McCarthy
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 12:01 PM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Dr. Shirley McCarthy
Branford, CT 06405-4778
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Cheryl Dzubak
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 11:59 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Cheryl Dzubak
Trenton, NJ 08620-1531
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of I. Engle
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 11:46 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Mr. I. Engle
Tularosa, NM 88352-2228
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Dogan ozkan
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 11:45 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Mr. Dogan ozkan
Fairbanks, AK 99701
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Leslie Burpo [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 11:41 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Mr. Leslie Burpo
Eugene, OR 97405-9740
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Abigail Fanestil
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 11:39 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Ms. Abigail Fanestil
Wood Dale, IL 60191-2075
[REDACTED]

From: S [REDACTED] on behalf of Santa Claus
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 11:27 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Reverend Santa Claus
North Pole, AK 99705-7757
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of David Smigas
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 11:26 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Mr. David Smigas
Homestead, PA 15120-2861
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Steve Green
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 11:25 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Mr. Steve Green
Burlington, WA 98233-3824
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Santa Claus
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 11:25 AM
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Sincerely,
Reverend Santa Claus
North Pole, AK 99705-7757
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Katharine Walker
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 11:08 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Katharine Walker
Lincolnville, ME 04849-0030
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ernest Mellon [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 10:55 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Mr. Ernest Mellon
Southampton, NJ 08088-8829
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Betty Winholtz
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 10:52 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Ms. Betty Winholtz
Morro Bay, CA 93442-2703
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Lisa Ann Kelly and Family
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 10:50 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Ms. Lisa Ann Kelly and Family
Santa Barbara, CA 93101-1021
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Harry Knapp
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 10:42 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Mr. Harry Knapp
Riverside, CA 92507-2744
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Marilyn Harper [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 10:30 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Ms. Marilyn Harper
Media, PA 19063-2920
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Brenan Hornseth [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 10:16 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I do not support spending on project in SB 214. In a time of tightening our budget this is the wrong type of spending to be focusing on. The long-term consequences and liabilities of this spending does not set up our state for future success. I oppose the West Susitna Industrial Access Road.

I value the West Susitna region's public lands and pristine waters that support abundant fish and wildlife resources, fishing, hunting and recreational opportunities, and a robust existing tourism-based economy. The proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road threatens those values and is yet another ill-conceived project and a waste of state funds.

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Sincerely,
Mr. Brenan Hornseth
Seward, AK 99664-1668
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Marlene Goldsmith [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 10:10 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Dr. Marlene Goldsmith
Pittsburgh, PA 15238-1207
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jamie Greer
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 10:08 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Jamie Greer
Lake Hill, NY 12448
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Lynn Wilbur
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:57 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Ms. Lynn Wilbur
Juneau, AK 99801-9092
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Donna Smith
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:55 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Donna Smith
Havertown, PA 19083-2028
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Barbara Burton
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:50 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Dr. Barbara Burton
Kerrville, TX 78028-5101
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Marc Dumas
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:45 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Dr. Marc Dumas
Fairbanks, AK 99712-1309
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jenifer Brandon
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:40 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Jenifer Brandon
Lexington, NC 27295-8851
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Claudia Anderson
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:34 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

Our State budget is too lean to be financing a new road (or part of a new road) that will primarily serve foreign mining interests.

Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget

Sincerely,
Ms. Claudia Anderson
Kodiak, AK 99615
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Patricia Luck [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:33 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Miss Patricia Luck
Johns Island, SC 29455-3252
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Rosalind Ivens [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:32 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Ms Rosalind Ivens
Bucksport, ME 04416-4821
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Larry Rundquist
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:29 AM
To: House Finance
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Please remove all funding associated with this project in SB 214, capital budget and abolish AIDEA and their ill-conceived projects that waste State funding.

Sincerely,
Mr. Larry Rundquist
Anchorage, AK 99508-3200
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Steven Minerich
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:27 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Mr. Steven Minerich
Sultan, WA 98294-7748
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Gerry Milliken
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:24 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Mr. Gerry Milliken
Cottonwood, AZ 86326-5991
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kate Persons
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:21 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Ms Kate Persons
Nome, AK 99762
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ian Shelley
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:21 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Mr Ian Shelley
Portland, OR 97225-6902
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Mark Caso
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:21 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Mr. Mark Caso
Gulfport, MS 39501-5313
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Margaret McNeil
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:11 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Ms Margaret McNeil
Anchorage, AK 99518-2839
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Meryl Pinque
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:09 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Ms. Meryl Pinque
Bangor, ME 04401-6732
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Brooks Robinson
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:05 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,

Brooks Robinson

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Mr. Brooks Robinson
Powell, WY 82435-8541
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Manfred Zanger
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:02 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Mr. Manfred Zanger
Roscoe, NY 12776-3001
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Cynthia Hicks [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 8:54 AM
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Sincerely,
Ms. Cynthia Hicks
Portland, OR 97230-8292
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Susan Vogt [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Susan Vogt
Fairbanks, AK 99712-2530
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of D S [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,
Mr. D S
Muscle Shoals, AL 35661
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kathy Rusch
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 8:53 AM
To: House Finance
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My family and I value the West Susitna region's public lands and pristine waters that support abundant fish and wildlife resources, fishing, hunting and recreational opportunities, and a robust existing tourism-based economy. The proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road threatens those values and is yet another ill-conceived project and a waste of state funds.

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Sincerely,
Mrs Kathy Rusch
Schenectady, NY 12303-2409
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Darla Kravetz
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 8:52 AM
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Sincerely,
Ms. Darla Kravetz
Leighton, PA 18235-4318
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Sandra Dal Cais
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 8:50 AM
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Sincerely,
Mrs Sandra Dal Cais
Woodside, NY 11377-5337
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Claudia Jacobson [REDACTED]
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Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 8:49 AM
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Sincerely,
Ms. Claudia Jacobson
Soldotna, AK 99669-0297
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Mark Jacobson [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 8:48 AM
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Mr. Mark Jacobson
Soldotna, AK 99669-0297
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of K. Murphy
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Sincerely,
Mr. K. Murphy
Juneau, AK 99801-8109
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Nezka Pfeifer
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 8:45 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Ms. Nezka Pfeifer
Saint Louis, MO 63110-3700
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Vicki Wheeler [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 8:44 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Vicki Wheeler
Deshler, OH 43516-9798
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Carrie Swank [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Carrie Swank
Reading, PA 19608-1361
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kate Bernardo
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 8:40 AM
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Kate Bernardo
Ashland, WI 54806-5664
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Judy Brewer
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 8:40 AM
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Judy Brewer
Hampden, MA 01036-9716
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of James Fernandes
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 8:40 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please do not fund the proposed West Susitna Industrial Access Road

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

Here is an easy and wise way to save the state money.

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Sincerely,
Mr. James Fernandes
Asheville, NC 28804-1765
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Barb Morrison [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 8:39 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Ms. Barb Morrison
Clearwater, FL 33764-4102
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Michele LaPorte [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,
Ms. Michele LaPorte
Lakeland, FL 33803-6901
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of janna piper
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Sincerely,
mistress janna piper
Portland, OR 97293-5072
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Stephen Owen
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 8:36 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Mr. Stephen Owen
West Chester, OH 45241-1054
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of John Curotto
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2026 8:34 AM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,
Mr. John Curotto
Quinebaug, CT 06262-7719
[REDACTED]

From: Randi Breager <Randi_B@awaic.org>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2026 2:04 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: HAP- Capital Budget
Attachments: HAP Capital Budget 3.26.pdf

Good afternoon, House Finance Committee Members,

I am writing to ask for your support in maintaining level funding from FY26 for the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) Homeless Assistance Program (HAP).

The Governor's proposed \$5 million reduction reflected in the current budget would have devastating impacts on programs statewide. HAP funds are a critical backbone of Alaska's shelter and housing response system, and reductions of this magnitude would immediately translate into fewer beds, reduced services, and increased instability for individuals and families already in crisis.

For our program specifically, this cut would result in the loss of two shelter staff positions and reduce our ability to cover basic operating costs such as utilities, expenses that have very limited alternative funding sources due to restrictions on most grant funding. Anytime there is a reduction in staff, we then need to consider if we can operate safely and effectively at the shelter's 67 bed capacity. With 67 beds, we are still turning away survivors due to lack of available space. Reducing bed space would result in even more survivors being turned away.

We are already navigating reductions and uncertainty in federal funding streams. A decrease at the state level would compound these challenges and further erode the safety net for Alaskans experiencing homelessness and domestic violence.

I respectfully urge you consider putting forward an amendment to support restoring HAP funding to the \$10.15 million as the budget moves forward. Stable, predictable funding is essential to sustaining the services that communities across Alaska depend on.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to our state.

Randi Breager (she/her) | Executive Director
100 W 13th Avenue | Anchorage, AK 99501 | www.awaic.org
Main Office 907.279.9581 | **Direct Line** 907.743.5726 | **24-Hour Crisis Line** 907.272.0100



Dena'inaq etnen'aq' gheshtnu ch'q'u yeshdu. (Dena'ina)
I live and work on the land of the Dena'ina. (English)

From: hopeprevention@aptalaska.net
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2026 12:10 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: AHFC Homeless Assistance Program (HAP) Budget

Good Afternoon,

I am the Executive Director of Helping Ourselves Prevent Emergencies (HOPE) on Prince of Wales. Our primary purpose is to serve victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Homelessness and domestic violence occur together in many situations. HOPE receives HAP funding through AHFC. This funding helps us to assist survivors in moving forward with their lives safely.

HOPE requests that the Committee amend the budget to include \$5 million to the HAP line item in the Department of Revenue's budget. The addition of the \$5 million will merely keep the program funded at the FY26 level, not increase the program funding.

Please consider this request to help all of those survivors who deserve to live freely without violence.

Respectfully,

Tiffany Mills

Executive Director, HOPE
Helping Ourselves Prevent Emergencies
hopeprevention@aptalaska.net
907-826-2581



From: Eileen Arnold <eileen_arnold@twcpeace.org>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2026 9:00 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Restore \$5 million to the Homeless Assistance Program (HAP) line item

Greetings,

Please restore the \$5 million to the Homeless Assistance program (HAP) line item in the Department of Revenue's budget. This doesn't add new funds, it maintains current FY26 funding.

Across the nation, Alaska, and especially rural Alaska, affordable housing is the predominant, persisting issue that keeps Alaskan's from thriving. HAP funds are part of the safety net for when people become especially desperate either for economic reasons or for violence in the home reasons.

My agency--Tundra Women's Coalition is a shelter for adults and children escaping domestic and sexual violence. We get HAP funds to primarily do two things:

1. Help pay for utilities--which is no small feat with the rising cost of heating fuel and the increases in electricity in Rural Alaska.
2. Stop people from becoming homeless if things get tight for them economically. I point again to the enormous cost of living hikes as a driver of more housing insecurity this year. Fuel has increased; electricity has increased; and this has been a very long and cold winter for Western Alaska. Food, which has always been expensive in rural Alaska, has also increased. People are going to become desperate if these HAP resources become unavailable.

--

Eileen Arnold
She, Her, Hers
Executive Director
Tundra Women's Coalition
907-543-3444



NOTICE-

Tundra Women's Coalition, Box 2029, Bethel, AK (907)543-3444

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From: Zachary Crabtree [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2026 11:25 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please Support Denali Family Services' Wonderland Project in the FY27 Capital Budget

Dear House Finance Committee ,

My name is Zachary Crabtree, and I am a clinical intern with Denali Family Services (DFS). I am writing to respectfully ask for your support in including DFS' *Wonderland Project* in the FY27 capital budget.

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Thank you for your time, your service to Alaska, and your commitment to supporting youth and families.

Sincerely,

Zac

From: Alexa Dobson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2026 10:55 AM
To: House Finance
Cc: Rep. Ky Holland
Subject: Seward Highway Project Funding at risk for non-participation ruling

Hello House Finance members -

I'm reaching out to let you know about a serious financial risk relating to a DOT&PF project that appears in the capital budget.

The super short version: The Seward Highway MP 98.5-118 highway widening project ("Safer Seward Highway") is at risk of being disqualified for federal funding. If this happens, the State of Alaska will be required to pay back all federal funds that have already been allocated for the project, even those that were already spent. As of right now, I see [the capital budget lists \\$116 million in federal receipts](#) (pg 26) for [Phase 2 of this project](#).

The longer version:

At the April 2026 AMATS Policy Committee meeting, DOT&PF Deputy Commissioner [Katherine Keith](#) [stated](#): "...NHS Projects we are struggling with: **The Safer Seward Highway corridor where we are at risk for a non-participation ruling which would require the State to pay back FHWA once we have a federal project initiated.** It's a process challenge but...while we are continuing to navigate that we have to move forward with how we program our TIPs and STIPs..."

I have requested more information on this situation from Ms. Keith but have not yet received a reply.

An FHWA non-participation ruling would be the result of not following federal guidelines, and would claw back federal funding already spent on the project. While I don't have specifics on the issues that FHWA identified, I can say that my organization and others have called out extensive and severe problems including biased assumptions, manipulated data and unjustified decisions that have so far gone unaddressed--if you'd like more info on that, [short version here](#), and [long version here](#).

I don't know exactly what recourse is available to your Committee, but I hope that at least as a first step, that you can get more information from DOT&PF on the status of this project and the risk it poses to the State of Alaska if these federal funds are retroactively revoked. Thank you for your time.

Alexa Dobson (she/her)
Executive Director, Bike Anchorage
[REDACTED]

From: Chris Gunderson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2026 10:21 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please Support Denali Family Services' Wonderland Project in the FY27 Capital Budget

Dear House Finance Committee

My name is Chris Gunderson and I am the Chair of the Board at Denali Family Services (DFS). I am writing to respectfully ask for your support in including DFS' *Wonderland Project* in the FY27 capital budget.

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Sincerely,
Chris Gunderson

From: Aaron Clements [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2026 4:00 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please Support Denali Family Services' Wonderland Project in the FY27 Capital Budget

My name is Aaron Clements and I am a Mat-Su Board Member with Denali Family Services (DFS). I am writing to respectfully ask for your support in including DFS' *Wonderland Project* in the FY27 capital budget.

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Sincerely,

Aaron Clements

From: Kirsten McCart <kmccart@denalifs.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2026 1:06 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please Support Denali Family Services' Wonderland Project in the FY27 Capital Budget

Dear House Finance Committee,

My name is Kirsten McCart and I am a Case Management Director with Denali Family Services (DFS). I am writing to respectfully ask for your support in including DFS' Wonderland Project in the FY27 capital budget.

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Sincerely,
Kirsten McCart, MS

Kirsten McCart, MS
Case Management Director
(907)222-2371
1251 Muldoon Rd, Suite 116
Anchorage, AK 99504



Supporting the wellness of Alaska's youth and families through community-based behavioral health services.

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From: Rosanna Brandon <rBrandon@denalifs.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 3:10 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please Support Denali Family Services' Wonderland Project in the FY27 Capital budget

April 21, 2026

Dear House Finance Committee,

My name is Rosanna Brandon, and I am a Mental Health Clinician with Denali Family Services (DFS). I am writing to respectfully ask for your support in including DFS' *Wonderland Project* in the FY27 capital budget.

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Sincerely,
Rosanna Brandon

Rosanna Brandon, MS, LPC, NCC
Clinician
Denali Family Services

291 E. Swanson Ave.
Wasilla, AK 99654
Office Phone: (907) 330-2486
Cell: (907)-715-9368
Wasilla Main office: (907) 376-3275
Email: rbrandon@denalifs.org



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From: Jack Amon [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 8:07 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Support for Denali Family Services

Dear House Finance Committee members

My name is Jack Amon, and my Daughter Katrina Eggers is the Director of Training & Development with Denali Family Services (DFS). I am writing to respectfully ask for your support in including DFS' *Wonderland Project* in the FY27 capital budget.

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As a resident of the MatSu Valley I believe that this investment is not only important for Mat-Su families—it is a statewide solution that helps reduce strain on Alaska's behavioral health system, lowers long-term costs, and keeps youth connected to their support networks.

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Sincerely,

Jack Amon
[REDACTED]

Big Lake, AK 99623

email: [REDACTED]

Jack Amon
[REDACTED]

From: Virginia Rose <VRose@denalifs.org>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2026 10:14 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please Support Denali Family Services' Wonderland Project in the FY27 Capital Budget

Importance: High

Dear House Finance Committee,

My name is Virginia Rose, and I am a Foster Care Supervisor with Denali Family Services (DFS). I am writing to respectfully ask for your support in including DFS' *Wonderland Project* in the FY27 capital budget.

This project will fund the construction of a new outpatient behavioral health facility in Wasilla, expanding access to critical services for youth and families across the Mat-Su Valley and beyond. Currently, DFS is at capacity and has had to turn away youth in need due to limited space and capacity constraints.

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This investment is not only important for Mat-Su families—it is a statewide solution that helps reduce strain on Alaska's behavioral health system, lowers long-term costs, and keeps youth connected to their support networks.

I respectfully ask that you include the \$2.8 million CAPSIS request for the Wonderland Project in the FY27 capital budget.

Thank you for your time, your service to Alaska, and your commitment to supporting youth and families.

Sincerely,

Virginia Rose, HS-BCP

Foster Care Supervisor

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From: David Moxley [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2026 9:36 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Letter of support for Denali Family Services Wonderland Project
Attachments: Letter of Support Alaska House Finance Committee.pdf

Please see attached letter of support.

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David P. Moxley, Ph.D.
Professor
College of Health
University of Alaska Anchorage

From: Dan Bigley <dbigley@denalifs.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2026 5:11 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please Support Denali Family Services' Wonderland Project in the FY27 Capital Budget

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

My name is Dan Bigley and I serve as the President/CEO of Denali Family services, a community behavioral health organization that's been serving Alaska's youth and families for over 30-years.

The youth we serve are frequently at risk of psychiatric hospitalization or being placed in residential treatment settings either in, or outside of Alaska. DFS provides intensive behavioral health services in community settings so that youth can stabilize and increase their level of functioning while attending community schools, maintain connections with friends and family members, maintain access to sports and other community-based activities, and continue developing the skills necessary to transition into adulthood with stable housing, employment, and healthy relationships to support ongoing resiliency.

Although we are based out of Anchorage and Wasilla, we serve youth from all over Alaska through our therapeutic foster care program. As the largest program of our kind in the State, we serve about 150 youth at any given time and serve about 70 youth each day in our therapeutic foster care program. About 70% of the youth we serve are identified by the courts as "children in need of aid" and are in the custody of the State-of Alaska.

Sadly, there are just not enough homes or services to go around. DFS has operated out of the same rental space in Wasilla since 2007, and although our program has grown considerably we have no further space for expansion. In the past 6-months, we have had to deny services for 46 youth in our Wasilla location alone due to capacity constraints.

This is why I am writing to respectfully ask for your support in including DFS' *Wonderland Project* in the FY27 capital budget.

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Thank you for your time, your service to Alaska, and your commitment to supporting youth and families.

Respectfully,

Dan Bigley

Dan Bigley LCSW
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From: Jackie Elliott <jElliott@denalifs.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2026 11:56 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please Support Denali Family Services' Wonderland Project in the FY27 Capital Budget

Greetins Commitee Members,

My name is **Jackie**, and I am a Behavioral Health Supervisor with Denali Family Services (DFS). I am writing to respectfully ask for your support in including DFS' *Wonderland Project* in the FY27 capital budget.

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Thank you for your time, your service to Alaska, and your commitment to supporting youth and families.

Sincerely,

Jacalyn Elliott

BHA Supervisor / Scheduler

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From: Cameron Adams <CAdams@denalifs.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2026 9:16 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please Support Denali Family Services' Wonderland Project in the FY27 Capital Budget

Dear House Finance Committee,

My name is Cameron Adams, and I am the Assistant Clinical Director with Denali Family Services (DFS). I am writing to respectfully ask for your support in including DFS' *Wonderland Project* in the FY27 capital budget.

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I respectfully ask that you include the \$2.8 million CAPSIS request for the Wonderland Project in the FY27 capital budget.

Thank you for your time, your service to Alaska, and your commitment to supporting youth and families.

Sincerely,

Cameron Adams, LCSW, LPC-S (she/her)

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From: Katrina Eggers <keggers@denalifs.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2026 8:57 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please Support Denali Family Services' Wonderland Project in the FY27 Capital Budget

Dear House Finance Committee members,

My name is Katrina Eggers, and I am the Director of Training & Development with Denali Family Services (DFS). I am writing to respectfully ask for your support in including DFS' *Wonderland Project* in the FY27 capital budget.

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Thank you for your time, your service to Alaska, and your commitment to supporting youth and families.

Sincerely,

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From: Austin Ahmasuk [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2026 1:44 PM
To: House Resources; House Finance; Senate Resources; Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Oil production has risen but the public has lost because the legislature has built in too many incentives

My name is Austin Ahmasuk from Nome, AK.

Credible analyses support the idea that Alaska's oil and gas tax system has repeatedly given up substantial revenue through legislative concessions. The legislature has repeated long standing claims that companies would leave Alaska if taxes were higher but that is weakly supported by the evidence.

<https://alaskalandmine.com/landmines/brad-keithleys-chart-of-the-week-heres-whats-going-on-with-oil-production-taxes/>

By design, Alaska has forgone billions in potential revenue. Legislative and Department of Revenue materials show that since 2014, Alaska has lost billions in revenue due to per barrel credits, with more billions projected over the next eight years if the structure remains unchanged.

Department of Revenue forecasts (Spring 2025) showed: Production projected to increase ~44% over ten years; Production tax revenue projected to decline ~56%

Department of Revenue forecasts (Spring 2026) showed nearly the same with production tax revenue declining in the early forecast years. Of the FY26 increase in revenue DOR noted that it was due to price increase and only a small portion reflects structural improvement in the tax system. DOR emphasized that this may be a temporary windfall tied to geopolitical uncertainty (Iran conflict), not a durable fix. Alaska is extracting more oil but capturing a smaller share of its value!

The Legislature has made repeated concessions to oil and gas producers and often with limited supporting analysis and consequently failed the public. Alaska no longer captures the appropriate share during high price periods.

<https://legalclarity.org/alaska-sb21-the-oil-and-gas-production-tax-explained/>

Legislative records show the \$8 credit was added at the very end of session, with no clear origin and little public explanation.

<https://www.dermotcole.com/reportingfromalaska/2023/3/30/wa7f9f2g7ue2edrpx7cmzz9a27h6b9>

The legislature has routinely expressed fears about companies "leaving Alaska, but that does not hold water. Those fears are overstated. Major producers have expanded or consolidated their Alaska presence:

- ConocoPhillips acquired Chevron assets
- Hilcorp bought BP's North Slope assets
- New large projects (Willow, Pikka) continue under SB 21

<https://www.akbizmag.com/industry/government/tenyearsrb21/>

No credible case study shows a company exiting Alaska because production taxes were moderately higher. Analysts widely recognize that oil companies threaten exit far more often than they actually follow through.

The Alaska Legislature has erred on the side of industry concessions and failed to represent Alaskans effectively, sacrificing billions in revenue, without strong evidence that those concessions were necessary to retain investment or production.

Because Alaska has lost substantial revenue through its oil tax structure and legislative concessions (especially per barrel credits) changes must be made. Alaskans were told that lower taxes would result in more oil and more revenue. We got more oil but the revenue went missing. That's not bad luck it's bad structure. A smarter tax system would still reward

investment, but it would also guarantee that when Alaska's resources perform, Alaskans share in that upside. The state needs a tax code that actually works when it succeeds. Please consider changing the system to benefit Alaskans

Thank you for your time and consideration.

From: JJ Harrier <jharrier@denalifs.org>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2026 2:44 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Request to Include Denali Family Services' Wonderland Project in FY27 Capital Budget

Dear House Finance Committee Members,

I am writing on behalf of Denali Family Services (DFS) to respectfully request your consideration to include our **\$2.8 million CAPSIS request for the Wonderland Project** in the FY27 Capital Budget.

We understand and appreciate the Legislature's current focus on deferred maintenance and state-owned infrastructure. As reflected in the Senate Finance Committee's working draft of SB214, Version G, much of the capital budget is appropriately directed toward critical statewide repair and maintenance needs.

However, we ask that you also consider targeted investments like Wonderland that directly address one of Alaska's fastest-growing crises: **youth behavioral health access**.

The Wonderland Project is not simply a new building—it is a **statewide behavioral health solution** that will:

- **Expand access to care for Alaska youth**
Our current Mat-Su facility is at capacity, forcing us to turn away youth in need. Wonderland will allow us to serve **150+ youth annually**, many of whom would otherwise go without care or be placed outside their home communities.
- **Reduce strain on higher-cost state systems**
Without access to community-based services, youth often escalate into **hospitalization, residential treatment, or juvenile justice involvement**—all significantly more expensive to the State of Alaska.
- **Keep youth in their home communities**
Nearly half of the youth we serve in the Mat-Su enter care through therapeutic foster placement. Wonderland will strengthen local capacity and reduce out-of-region placements, keeping families connected and improving outcomes.
- **Address a rapidly growing regional need**
The Mat-Su is one of the fastest-growing regions in Alaska, yet behavioral health infrastructure has not kept pace. Recent data shows a sharp increase in youth behavioral health concerns, with families struggling to find timely services.
- **Leverage significant non-state investment**
This project is part of a broader funding strategy that includes federal appropriations and major foundation partners. State investment is the **critical catalyst** needed to unlock these additional dollars and move construction forward.

While deferred maintenance ensures we preserve what we have, the Wonderland Project represents a **forward-looking investment**—one that prevents future costs, strengthens families, and builds long-term system capacity.

We respectfully ask the Committee to consider including this project as a **targeted, high-impact investment** within the capital budget. Alaska's youth and families cannot afford to wait.

Thank you for your time, leadership, and continued commitment to the well-being of Alaskans.

Sincerely,

JJ Harrier

Director of Development & Communications

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From: Eileen Arnold <eileen_arnold@twcpeace.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2026 4:42 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Capital budget--HAP

Greetings,

HAP funds are really important to the state. They've been flat funded for years and finally in SFY26 we got a tiny increase. Only for the budget to be halved for FY27.

HAP funds are used to help pay utilities for Tundra Women's Coalition shelter--the only year round shelter, which houses adult and child survivors of violence. With the cost of fuel and electricity increasing we cannot afford any cuts to the utility budget.

This money also stops people from becoming homeless. If people are behind on their bills (which is happening more frequently with the increase in fuel, electricity and food), this money pays people's bills so that they stay housed. Once a person or family becomes homeless it is so difficult to turn that around. It's much more efficient to pay a couple hundred dollars to prevent them from becoming homeless.

Please fully fund this budget at the same level of FY26.

Thank you for hearing me out!

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Eileen Arnold
She, Her, Hers
Executive Director
Tundra Women's Coalition
907-543-3444



NOTICE-

Tundra Women's Coalition, Box 2029, Bethel, AK (907)543-3444

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From: Nicki McTrusty <nmctrusty@leeshoreak.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2026 12:55 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: HAP Funding-The LeeShore Center

The LeeShore Center

Services for Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual

Assault

Support for the Central Peninsula's Families

The Housing Assistance Program (HAP) funding is instrumental in facilitating a range of essential operational functions at The LeeShore Center. This funding is not merely a financial resource; it represents a vital component in ensuring the well-being and safety of individuals who rely on the Center's services. One of the most critical aspects of HAP funding is its contribution to the maintenance of a comprehensive security system. This system is paramount for safeguarding both the survivors who access the Center's services and the employees who dedicate their efforts to support these vulnerable populations. The presence of a robust security infrastructure is essential in fostering an environment of safety and trust.

In addition to enhancing safety protocols, HAP funding is allocated to support the position of a Direct Service Advocate. This role is crucial as it provides personalized assistance and advocacy for individuals navigating the often complex social, legal, and emotional challenges associated with their circumstances.

Furthermore, HAP funding plays a significant role in covering operating utilities, which are fundamental to the day-to-day functioning of the Center. Without adequate utility resources, the Center would face substantial challenges in providing a safe and welcoming environment for its clients.

The implications of a decrease in HAP funding are severe and far-reaching. A 50% reduction would not only jeopardize the security measures in place but would also threaten the availability of critical support personnel and compromise the overall operational capacity of The LeeShore Center. Ultimately, diminished funding could result in catastrophic consequences for the populations served, undermining the Center's capacity to deliver essential services and fulfill its mission of providing safety, advocacy, and support for survivors. Therefore, maintaining and not decreasing HAP funding is imperative for the ongoing success and effectiveness of The LeeShore Center's operations

Thank you for the consideration,
The LeeShore Center

From: JJ Harrier <jharrier@denalifs.org>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2026 11:24 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Support for Denali Family Services' Wonderland Project – FY27 Capital Budget Request
Attachments: FY27 Wonderland Project - Capital Prospectus.pdf

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

I hope you are doing well as you begin your work on the FY27 capital budget.

On behalf of [Denali Family Services \(DFS\)](#), I respectfully ask for your support of our **\$2.8 million CAPSIS request** to advance the **Wonderland Project**—a new two-story outpatient behavioral health facility in Wasilla near Wonderland Park.

This investment is a critical first step toward construction and will significantly expand access to care for youth and families in the Mat-Su Valley. Once complete, the facility will allow DFS to **serve up to 150 youth and teens annually** who are experiencing behavioral health challenges, providing comprehensive, wraparound services that keep young people connected to their families, schools, and communities.

DFS has a long-standing commitment to Alaska's youth and families. Since our founding in Anchorage in 1995, and the opening of our Mat-Su facility in 2002, we have worked to meet the growing behavioral health needs across the region. Today, demand continues to outpace capacity, and this project is essential to closing that gap.

The Wonderland Project has strong community support. Letters of support are included in the attached prospectus from:

- the Mat-Su Health Foundation
- the Mat-Su Borough
- Alaska Behavioral Health Association, and
- Senate District N delegation—Representative Jubilee Underwood, Representative Elexie Moore, Representative Garret Nelson, and Senator Rob Yundt.

Our President/CEO Dan Bigley and myself will be in Juneau meeting with many of you tomorrow and Tuesday to talk about this project.

We appreciate your leadership and consideration of projects that strengthen Alaska's behavioral health system and support our most vulnerable youth. Thank you for your support this week as capital budget discussions continue.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you would like additional information (cell: 907-775-2886).

Sincerely,

JJ Harrier
Director of Development & Communications

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From: Melis Coady <melis@susitnarivercoalition.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 7:39 PM
To: Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Sen. Gary Stevens
Cc: House Finance
Subject: Transmittal: letter regarding Susitna-Watana
Attachments: SRC_SusitnaWatana_LegislativeLetter_Feb2026.pdf

Dear Senate President Stevens and Speaker Edgmon,

Please find attached a letter from the Susitna River Coalition (SRC) regarding the proposed Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project. SRC is a nonpartisan 501(c)(3) organization; this transmittal is provided to support an informed public record should the Legislature consider any future actions connected to the project.

We recognize that members may hold a wide range of views on Alaska's long-term energy strategy. Our goal here is narrower: to ensure that any discussion of Susitna-Watana is grounded in current documentation, clear risk allocation, and transparent assumptions.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully,
Melis Coady

Executive Director
Susitna River Coalition



From: K, E, & E Martin [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 11:20 AM
To: boardpubliccomment@apfc.org; dmitchell@apfc.org; jloesch@apfc.org
Cc: House Finance; Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Request to Present Industrial Infrastructure Capital Proposal – February 23–24 Meeting
Attachments: The Alaska Industrial Infrastructure & Energy Capital Strategy.docx; Executive Summary APFC 2026.docx; Presentataion Asset Allocation .docx; Memorandum of Risk Asset Allocation APFC 2026.docx; Legal Authority Analysis APFC 2026 .docx; Comparative Analysis Asset Allocation Proforma 2-18-26.docx

Jennifer, please see that all Trustees get this letter , attachments & please respond to my request before the Feb. 23 meeting.

Sincerely, Ed Martin Jr [REDACTED]

To the CEO and Trustees of the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation,

I respectfully submit for your consideration a comprehensive 12-year Industrial Infrastructure & Energy Capital Strategy proposing the disciplined deployment of up to \$10 billion in APFC-aligned capital, structured to preserve fiduciary standards while leveraging eligible federal cost-share programs.

This proposal is not a stimulus concept. It is a phased, revenue-backed infrastructure investment framework designed to:

- Maintain strict adherence to APFC return thresholds
- Generate contractual income through bond-structured deployment
- Leverage federal participation across transportation, transmission, port, and industrial backbone programs
- Strengthen Alaska’s freight, energy, and industrial corridors
- Support long-duration workforce stability
- Reduce long-term infrastructure lifecycle liabilities

The modeling provided in the attached white paper outlines:

- Conservative and stress-tested federal leverage scenarios
- Project-class capital absorption capacity
- Corridor-specific infrastructure priorities
- APFC income projections at a 5% bond yield structure
- Economic output ranges using conservative industrial multipliers
- Risk disclosures and fiduciary safeguards

The proposal emphasizes measurable, accomplished infrastructure outcomes—transmission capacity added, freight reliability increased, port throughput expanded, outage hours reduced—rather than speculative projections.

Given the strategic scale of this framework and its alignment with both long-term fund performance and statewide economic resilience, I respectfully request the opportunity to present this proposal during the February 23–24 Board meeting.

My intent is to provide:

1. A concise overview of the capital structure
2. Federal leverage stacking pathways
3. Risk controls and phased deployment safeguards
4. Return modeling under conservative assumptions
5. Opportunity for trustee questions and clarification

I understand the Board's responsibility to protect the Permanent Fund with prudence and discipline. This proposal has been structured with that duty foremost in mind.

I appreciate your consideration and stand ready to provide any supporting documentation in advance of the meeting.

Respectfully,

Edward D. Martin Jr.

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Kenai, Alaska 99669

KEE Construction, LLC

From: Karen K [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 1:51 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Comment - Homeless Assistance Program in Capital Budget

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee:

My name is Karen Kresh, and I'm a board member for Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence (USAFV) in Unalaska, AK. I would like to strongly urge you to restore funding for the Homeless Assistance Program in the capital budget.

HAP funds play a critical role in keeping people safely housed. In Unalaska over the past 11 years, HAP funds have enabled our organization to assist 62 adults and 53 children in securing or retaining safe, affordable housing by assisting with past due rent or utilities, or with move-in costs such as security deposits or first month's rent. HAP funds have also helped USAFV to provide safe temporary shelter to countless people, many of whom are children and/or survivors of domestic or sexual violence or other crimes. Without this support, many individuals and families face increased risk of eviction, displacement, and homelessness, which affects the entire community.

With fuel and utility costs on the rise, this funding is even more crucial in the coming year to prevent homelessness and make communities and families safer.

I respectfully ask that you prioritize restoring HAP funding to ensure that people can remain in their homes and our communities can thrive.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Karen Kresh, Unalaska

From: Amanda Greaves [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 2:14 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Restore Homeless Assistance Program in Capital Budget

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

My name is Amanda and I am a resident of a very small community in Alaska. I am writing to you to strongly urge you to restore the funding for the Homeless Assistance Program in the capitol budget.

As someone who has benefited from the help of our local non-profit who receives grants from AHFC I know first hand how crucial these funds are. Without them I would not have been able to secure safe housing for my children and me. It is awful that someone would have to stay in a hurtful, demeaning or dangerous situation only because they cannot afford to leave.

With the large increase in the housing market over the last five years this is not the place to cut the budget. Every person deserves a place to call home and feel safe. When people have homes, communities have roots, strength and a future.

I respectfully ask that you prioritize restoring HAP funding to ensure that people can remain in their homes and our communities can thrive.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Amanda

From: Kimberly Hanisch <khanisch@ucsd.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 2:15 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Restore Homeless Assistance Program in Capital Budget

House Finance Committee,

My name is Kim Hanisch, Superintendent with Unalaska City School District, as well as an advocate from the city of Unalaska. **I'm writing to strongly urge you to restore funding for the Homeless Assistance Program (HAP) in the capital budget.**

HAP funds play a critical role in keeping people safely housed. Without this support, many individuals and families face increased risk of eviction, displacement and homelessness. At a time when housing costs remain high and many are still recovering financially, cutting or reducing these funds would have serious consequences for our communities and our students in need.

Stable housing is the foundation for health, education and economic opportunity. When people have a safe place to live, communities are stronger, students come to school ready to learn and public systems face less strain.

I respectfully ask that you prioritize restoring HAP funding to ensure that people can remain in their homes and our communities can thrive.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kim Hanisch
Superintendent
Unalaska City School District
O: (907)581-7706
C: (907)940-0008

"Our dynamic community will ensure a caring environment which exposes, educates and supports learners through joyful challenges while thriving together."

From: Marie Schomer [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 2:16 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Support for Restoring Homeless Assistance Program Funding

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

My name is Marie Schomer, and I am a resident of Unalaska, a Board Member of Unalaska Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence, and also an individual in the past who has used these services for myself and children. I am writing to respectfully request that you reinstate funding for the Homeless Assistance Program (HAP) in the capital budget.

HAP provides essential support that helps individuals and families maintain stable housing. Without it, many Alaskans could face eviction, housing instability, or homelessness—especially as living costs remain high and financial recovery continues for many households.

Access to stable housing is fundamental to well-being. It supports better health outcomes, educational stability, and economic participation, while also reducing strain on emergency and public services.

I urge you to make restoration of HAP funding a priority so that Alaskans can remain securely housed and our communities can remain resilient.

Thank you for your consideration and service.

Sincerely,
Marie Schomer

Unalaska, Alaska

From: nancynkevin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 2:36 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Public Testimony on SB 214 — Remove West Susitna Access Road Funding

Dear House Finance Committee,

My name is Nancy Racek and I live in Wasilla. I am writing to ask you to remove the \$94.97 million appropriation for West Susitna Access Road Stage 2 from SB 214.

We have to look at the bigger picture to recognize and appreciate the long term destruction vs. the maybe of short term gains that might be achieved by sinking \$95M into building the West Susitna Access Rd. Mining companies will rape the land, leaving behind irreparable damage to fish, wildlife and cultural sites. Our ecosystems are fragile and being decimated every day! Using the \$95M to rebuild our infrastructure, help secure federal funding or addressing the needs (of which there are many!) of Alaskans and Alaskans communities is a wiser use of those dollars. Maybe using some of those funds to figure out how to keep young people from leaving would be a sound choice!

Please vote to remove or hold this appropriation until the federal environmental review is complete and the public has had a meaningful chance to comment on the current cost and scope.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Nancy Racek
Wasilla

From: Lindsey Cizek [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 2:47 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB214

Dear House Finance Committee,

My name is Lindsey Hong slo and I live in Point Mackenzie. I am writing to ask you to remove the \$94.97 million appropriation for West Susitna Access Road Stage 2 from SB 214.

I have many memories of hunting, fishing and recreating in the Susitna Valley growing up. To have a road cut through the pristine wilderness that the general public does not want makes no sense. The area is accessible to those who wish to access it. If this road is built the land will never be the same again.

My specific concerns include:

- The Department of Transportation has publicly acknowledged it does not have enough state match funding to draw down all the federal money Alaska is entitled to. Every dollar of state match committed to this project is a dollar that cannot be used to draw down federal funding for projects Alaskans use every day.
- The federal Environmental Assessment for this project is not complete. The federal Section 404 wetlands permit from the Army Corps of Engineers has not been issued. The state is being asked to commit nearly \$100 million before federal environmental review is finished and before federal permits are in hand.
- This road would change the character of an area Alaskans have used for generations for hunting, fishing, subsistence, and traditional recreation. A funding decision of this scale should not be made before the public has had a meaningful opportunity to weigh in on what this project will actually do and what it will affect.
- The project has been described in many different ways since it first appeared in 2023, including as an industrial corridor, a public recreation road, a single project, and now as a parent-child split between two project numbers. The cost has been programmed at \$82.5 million for 15 miles, then \$76 million for 22 miles in two project numbers, then walked back up through multiple amendments and modifications. Following this project as a member of the public has been extraordinarily difficult.

Please vote to remove or hold this appropriation until the federal environmental review is complete and the public has had a meaningful chance to comment on the current cost and scope.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Lindsey Hong slo
Point Mackenzie