



March 13, 2009

Representative Scott Kawasaki
Room 428, State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Kawasaki:

I write to express the Downtown Association of Fairbanks' support for HB 173. Enabling the Alaska Railroad Corporation and Alaska DOTPF to proceed with this real estate transaction is the right thing to do.

Illinois Street re-construction is a long-overdue corrective to a host of shortcomings with circulation in downtown Fairbanks and environs. Long on the books, the Illinois Street improvements are a first step in revitalizing downtown Fairbanks. As you know the Vision Fairbanks revitalization plan awaits the Illinois Street projects for its own catalyst roadway improvements to proceed.

HB 173 ties-up a loose end of this long-overdue project. We commend you for it, and trust your colleagues will follow your lead for the good of Fairbanks.

Sincerely,

David van den Berg
Executive Director