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The Honorable Jesse Bjorkman Chair, Senate Transportation Committee Alaska State Capitol, Room 427 Juneau, AK, 99801

Dear Chair Bjorkman:

Thank you for allowing the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) the opportunity to respond to questions raised during the Senate Transportation Committee hearing on February 18, 2025. Below, we address the inquiries submitted by committee members, and supporting documentation is enclosed for further reference.

Pandemic Preparedness & Use of North Terminal for Quarantine

Senator Shower raised questions about DOT&PF's plan for future pandemics, specifically the feasibility of using the North Terminal at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (ANC) as a quarantine holding area.

While the North Terminal currently houses a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) quarantine office, its existing capacity is designed for isolated cases rather than large-scale quarantine efforts. However, Annex 15 of the Anchorage Quarantine Station Communicable Disease Response Plan (CDRP) provides a structured approach for utilizing the North Terminal in repatriation flights and broader quarantine operations. This plan details screening protocols, isolation procedures, and inter-agency coordination strategies to effectively manage large groups of passengers if necessary.

DOT&PF remains committed to collaborating with CDC, the Alaska Division of Public Health, and other agencies to strengthen emergency response capabilities at ANC.

Airplane Fuel Usage at Alaska International Airport System (AIAS)

Senator Kiehl inquired about airplane fuel usage at AIAS and whether fuel consumption data is tracked.

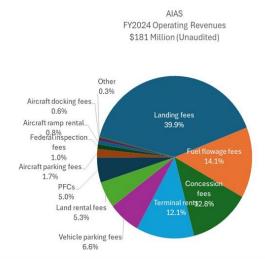
While AIAS does not sell fuel directly, it does monitor fuel flow volumes through Fuel Flowage Fees, which are assessed based on the amount of fuel dispensed to aircraft.

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• In Fiscal Year 2024, AIAS generated \$25,531,267.54 in Fuel Flowage Fees, representing 14.1 percent of total operating revenue.

Revenues	2024
Landing fees	72,357,712.59
Fuel flowage fees	25,531,267.54
Concession fees	23,274,463.21
Terminal rents	21,938,349.58
Vehicle parking fees	12,031,915.56
Land rental fees	9,610,485.46
PFCs	9,052,615.00
Aircraft parking fees	3,009,678.11
Federal inspection fees	1,729,490.16
Aircraft ramp rental	1,388,645.26
Aircraft docking fees	1,005,003.79
Other	498,218.48
	181,427,844.74



Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment 2

Senator Bjorkman requested clarification on whether STIP Amendment 2 identifies all projects necessary to capture the \$126.1 million available through August Redistribution, and further asked about DOT&PF's strategy to maximize fund obligations for contractors.

STIP Amendment 2 includes projects that align with federal eligibility requirements and funding priorities, ensuring that available funds are fully utilized. As of February 16, 2025, DOT&PF has obligated \$125.1 million in funds subject to limitation, positioning the State for full participation in the August Redistribution process. The August Redistribution Plan currently includes 375 projects.

For detailed information on the projects included in STIP Amendment 2 please refer to the following link:

2024-2027 STIP Amendment #2 Documents: <u>https://dot.alaska.gov/stwdplng/cip/stip/</u>

To ensure maximum fund obligation and timely execution of projects, DOT&PF has implemented a strategic, multi-pronged approach:

- Prioritizing shovel-ready projects that meet federal obligation deadlines.
- Streamlining procurement and contracting processes to mitigate bid delays.
- Reallocating funds dynamically to ensure every available dollar is obligated.
- Engaging with industry stakeholders to manage contractor capacity and project timelines.
- Leveraging the Agile Project Management Office (PMO) to enhance oversight, accelerate decision-making, and minimize risks.

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We appreciate the Senate Transportation Committee's continued oversight and partnership in advancing Alaska's transportation initiatives.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

Annex 15 – Anchorage Quarantine Station Repatriation Plan Ted Stevens International Airport Multiagency Airport Communicable Disease Response Plan

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