



THE STATE
of **ALASKA**
GOVERNOR MIKE DUNLEAVY

Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

PO Box 112500
Juneau, Alaska 99811-2500
Main: 907.465.3900
dot.alaska.gov

April 28, 2025

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

Dear Chair Bjorkman:

This letter provides follow-up responses to questions raised during the Senate Transportation Committee hearing held on April 15, 2025. The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) has reviewed the discussion and offers the following clarifications.

Differences Between Bridge and Road Divisions

Senator Bjorkman asked whether successful practices from DOT&PF's bridge division could be applied to improve road infrastructure performance, referencing the 2021 ASCE Alaska Infrastructure Report Card, which gave bridges a B+ and roads a C grade. While the question is understandable, road and bridge performance is measured independently. Our performance metrics on our highways, and information regarding our pavement performance metrics can be found in our Transportation Asset Management Plan, which can be found on our website.

Management of a Multimodal (Rail + Road) Bridge

Senator Shower asked how DOT&PF would manage a future multimodal bridge that accommodates both rail and highway traffic, such as a potential Port Mackenzie crossing. DOT&PF anticipates this would require a joint use agreement, similar to the arrangement in place for the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel in Whittier. Under such a framework, responsibilities for operations, maintenance, and inspections would be shared or clearly delineated between DOT&PF and the Alaska Railroad Corporation. While the bridge office does not currently oversee railroad-only structures, it does inspect railroad bridges over state roadways.

If a multimodal bridge moves forward, its governance would be addressed by the Commissioner's Office or relevant regional leadership in coordination with federal partners, including the Federal Railroad Administration.

"Keep Alaska Moving"

Chair Bjorkman

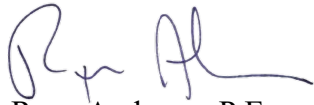
DOT&PF Response to April 15, Senate Transportation Committee Hearing

April 28, 2025

Page 2 of 2

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information. Please let us know if additional clarification is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ryan Anderson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ryan Anderson P.E.
Commissioner

cc: Andy Mills, Legislative Liaison
Jordan Shilling, Director, Governor's Legislative Office