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Senator Dennis Egan  
Chair, Senate Transportation Committee  
Alaska State Capitol, Room 9  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Representative Peggy Wilson  
Chair, House Transportation Committee  
Alaska State Capitol, Room 406  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: Questions at hearing on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Dear Senator Egan and Representative Wilson:

In response to questions posed by the Joint Transportation Standing Committee members on March 6, 2014, the following information is provided:

- How will the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities handle staffing at the Katzahin terminal?

The Katzahin terminal will not require staff; it will provide shelter from the elements and restrooms. The vessels will be staffed from the home ports, Haines and Skagway, and will be responsible for keeping the vessels secure at those ports at night. Similar to our terminal in Metlakata, the terminal at Katzahin will be automated, allowing the crews to operate the ramps from the vessel and eliminate the need for shore side staff.

- How much money is currently available for the Juneau Access project?

The total money available for this project to date is \$185 million. The project has \$142 million of Federal Legislative Authority, \$34 million of State General Funds (GF) and has \$9 million in materials on hand (culverts and bridge pile) that were purchased with GF.

- What happens if a ferry gets to Katzahin and the road between Katzahin and Juneau is closed?

In most circumstances the ferry would continue on to Auke Bay if the road to Katzahin terminal is closed. However, if the closure occurs late in the day and the captain determines that continuing on to Auke Bay would violate work/rest rules implemented by the U.S. Coast Guard, the ferry would return to Haines.

Sincerely,

  
Jeff Ottesen