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The Honorable Dan Ortiz
Chair, House Finance Subcommittee
State Capitol, Room 513
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Ortiz:

In response to questions posed by the House Finance Subcommittee on Saturday, March 20, 2021, the following information is provided:

1. Asked for the list of rural airport capital projects that are not currently funded through the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) that could be funded through federal CARES Act funding.

DOT&PF does not start any significant aviation capital projects that are not AIP eligible. For significant construction projects the primary challenge is funding availability and project preconstruction requirements, such as design, environmental document approval, and right-of-way acquisition. Any aviation projects could be fully or partially funded by CARES Act money. However, projects funded with CARES still must have all the preconstruction requirements completed. It should also be noted that any federally funded project, regardless of the project's size, creates an administrative burden that needs to be considered. The types of projects available that could be funded with CARES Act money are:

- A. AIP Significant Construction Contingency Projects
- B. AIP Surface Maintenance and Equipment Contingency Projects
- C. General Fund Deferred Maintenance Projects

A. AIP Significant Construction Contingency Projects:

Completing the preconstruction requirements for a significant construction project generally requires several years. DOT&PF develops contingency projects for each federal fiscal year (FFY) of AIP funding. There is a limited supply of contingency projects for each FFY in our AIP Spending Plan. It is necessary to have contingency projects if delays develop in the delivery of the expected projects in each respective FFY. Funding these contingency projects with CARES Act money could accelerate them, but it may also result in not having the contingency projects available, if problems create delays in delivery of our expected projects in any given FFY.

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The following are currently the expected significant construction projects that are ready to be advertised in the next several years. These projects could potentially be accelerated by funding them with 100% CARES Act money. Under the earliest FFY, we expect the preconstruction requirement be completed and the project bid ready by:

FFY21

Adak Runway and Taxiway Rehab -- \$19,220.0

Sleetmute Airport Runway Rehab -- \$15,100.0

FFY22

Chefornak Airport Surfacing and Lighting Replacement -- \$16,550.0

B. AIP Surface Maintenance and Equipment Contingency Projects

DOT&PF has a list of relatively low-cost maintenance and equipment projects in our contingency list for each FFY that could be delivered relatively quickly, if funded by CARES Act money.

C. General Fund Deferred Maintenance Projects

DOT&PF does have a list of deferred maintenance items (attached) that would normally be state funded and are generally not AIP eligible. However, if these projects are funded with CARES Act funding, they would still require environmental document development and FAA approval, if they are deemed to be capital projects by FAA.

2. Requested the deferred maintenance list.

Please see the attached "DOTPF Master Deferred Maintenance Backlog 9.17.20 – Final"

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at 465-2956.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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