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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 Thursday, February 3, 2022, the following information is provided:

1. Was Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) compensated by the security company when the Malaspina flooded a few years ago?

There was 1-2" of water found in one stateroom. AMHS was not compensated.

2. Who paid for the electric heaters that are used on the Malaspina?

AMHS paid for the heaters. The heaters are still being utilized on the vessel during the winter months.

3. How long has the Malaspina been tied up in Ward Cove?

The Malaspina went into long-term layup in Ward Cove Dec. 1, 2019.

4. What year was the Tustumena Replacement Vessel project appropriation made?

\$10M was appropriated in FY14 in SB18, and \$22M UGF | \$22M FED was appropriated in FY18 in SB23.

SB18: https://omb.alaska.gov/ombfiles/14_budget/Trans/Enacted/2014proj57329.pdf

SB23: https://omb.alaska.gov/ombfiles/18_budget/Trans/Enacted/2018proj57329.pdf

5. When was the state match portion put into the Vessel Replacement Fund?

The state match portion of \$22M was put into the Vessel Replacement Fund in FY18 in SB23.

6. Are capital appropriations good for five years?

An appropriation made for a capital project is valid for the life of the project, and the unexpended balance shall be carried forward to subsequent fiscal years if substantial, ongoing work on the project has begun within five years after the effective date of the appropriation. AS 37.25.020

7. Was the Inter-Island Ferry Authority (IFA) removed from the statistics once it was sold off?

The IFA began operations in 2002. The traffic data for AMHS on this run is still included in the traffic data prior to 2002. The elimination of this run by AMHS reflects part of the decline in traffic since it was not removed from the pre-2002 data.

8. What was the ridership and vehicle loss?

The IFA averages 45,000 passengers and 10,000 vehicles per year.

9. How much has been spent on the Tustumena replacement design?

Approximately \$8.2M has been spent to date.

10. Are the capital funds for construction encumbered?

Funds have not yet been encumbered for construction.

11. Do we need to have a completed design before we can spend capital money?

No. Capital funds are being used at this time for design and will also be used for construction.

12. Is the Tustumena replacement ready to build?

No. The Department is working through the Construction Manager / General Contractor (CMGC) process and finding a shipyard to build the ship.

13. Please provide an overall update on the project.

Updates will regularly be posted on the Alaska Marine Highway Operations Board's website. <https://dot.alaska.gov/amhob/>, under the engineering department

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

Sincerely,



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