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The Honorable Kevin McCabe  
Chairman, House Transportation Committee

*Delivered via email to [House.Transportation@akleg.gov](mailto:House.Transportation@akleg.gov)*

Dear Chairman McCabe,

Thank you for the opportunity on February 2nd to present to the House Transportation Committee with our Aviation system overview. Please find attached follow-up responses to member questions from that presentation.

The committee asked about the timeline and status of the new Alaska Cargo & Cold (ACCS) Storage facility project coming to Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport. ACCS is currently in the permitting process primarily on the environmental assessment (EA) with the FAA and the Army Corps of Engineers permitting due for any wetland/bog impact. Forecasting construction timing is difficult until the permitting is completed, but initial dirt work is hoped for the fall of 2023. The lease terms require ACCS to achieve substantial completion of \$75M worth of construction by January of 2025. The current proposal includes cargo warehousing and eight parking hardstands.

Next the committee inquired about the approximate cost to DOT&PF due to rural airport vandalism. Incidents of vandalism vary by year but budget impacts average from \$150,000-\$300,000 annually. Depending upon location and the remoteness, type of lighting, severity of damage, and number of incidents, the cost can vary greatly by year. However, just due to travel expenses, the average minimum cost is approximately \$30,000 per vandalism incident to perform minor repairs.

Representative Vance then asked about the timeline on the Homer airport parking plan. An airport master plan update is underway that will address the overall parking needs and provide recommendations for additional parking areas and management. The department has been working on an advertisement to secure parking contractors to manage parking at rural airports and ferry terminals. The first request for proposal (RFP) is under review by our transportation team at the Department of Law and is expected to provide a solid model going forward. It is anticipated that the department will have this vital step completed in the next two months.

There was a request from Representative Stutes for an update on the Kodiak lease application involving building renovation and car cleanup? Utilizing the abandoned vehicle funds authorized last year by the legislature, DOT&PF has been able to remove a substantial number of abandoned vehicles from various Kodiak airport lease lots that have been previously unleaseable. In addition, CARES funds are being

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utilized to demolish structurally unsound buildings this spring. Work is expected to be complete by July of 2023 thus making the lease lots available for leasing through the competitive bid process. DOT&PF recognizes the demand for lease lots at Kodiak airport and is working closely with applicants to ensure complete applications and adherence to airport leasing regulations.

We look forward to working with your offices throughout the legislative session. Please let me know if there is anything more the department can provide your office ([andy.mills@alaska.gov](mailto:andy.mills@alaska.gov), 907-465-8124).

Kind regards,



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