

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
JOINT MEETING  
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE  
SENATE TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE**

March 13, 2003

1:29 p.m.

**TAPE(S) 03-9, 10 (HOUSE TAPES)**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

Representative Jim Holm, Co-Chair  
Representative Beverly Masek, Co-Chair  
Representative Hugh Fate  
Representative Cheryll Heinze  
Representative Mary Kapsner  
Representative Vic Kohring  
Representative Albert Kookesh

SENATE TRANSPORTATION

Senator John Cowdery, Chair  
Senator Donny Olson  
Senator Gene Therriault  
Senator Tom Wagoner

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

All members present

SENATE TRANSPORTATION

Senator Georgianna Lincoln

**OTHER LEGISLATORS PRESENT**

Representative Norman Rokeberg

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

^OVERVIEW: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
TED STEVENS ANCHORAGE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT REDEVELOPMENT  
PROJECT

## **TAPES**

03-9, SIDE(S) A & B [HOUSE TRA TAPES]

03-10, SIDE(S) A & B

**CHAIR JOHN COWDERY** convened the joint meeting of the House Transportation Standing Committee and the Senate Transportation Standing Committee at 1:29 p.m. Present at the call to order from the House Transportation Standing Committee were Representatives Masek, Holm, Fate, Kapsner, Kookesh, and Kohring. Representative Heinze arrived as the meeting was in progress. Present at the call to order from the Senate Transportation Standing Committee were Senators Cowdery and Wagoner. Senators Therriault and Olson arrived as the meeting was in progress.

## **SUMMARY OF INFORMATION**

MIKE BARTON, Commissioner, Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF), gave a brief introduction of key personnel involved with the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Redevelopment Project.

DAVID EBERLE, Regional Director, Central Region, Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, gave a synopsis of the project from inception to the current date. He described the process that evolved which had caused initial delays in getting the project underway, how this impacted the timelines for the project, and where the project was in terms of completion.

KIP KNUDSON, Deputy Commissioner of Aviation, Office of the Commissioner, Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, provided an overview of the status of the airlines in relation to this project and how the department and the airlines were working together to determine which capital projects didn't pertain to the terminal redevelopment project and could therefore be delayed or canceled so as to minimize the overall impact on the redevelopment project. Mr. Knudson stated that DOT&PF would seek increased bonding authority from the legislature in order to finish this project.

MORTON V. PLUMB JR., Director, Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, gave an update on the damage caused to the airport as a result of the previous night's severe storm in Anchorage. He said that damage was extensive, primarily affecting the old

"A" concourse; however, he did not have an estimate of the damage at this time.

CLIFFORD T. ARGUE, Staff Vice President, Properties and Facilities, Alaska Airlines; Chairman, Anchorage/Fairbanks Airlines Airport Affairs Committee, gave an overview of the status of the airlines with respect to the current aviation slump. Mr. Argue commented that the airlines were intending to work with airport personnel to delay about \$57 million in capital projects at the airport. He stated that the airlines and the airport personnel were working together to complete the redevelopment project while being aware of revenue shortfalls.

FELIX MAGUIRE, President, Alaska Airmen's Association, spoke about the relationship between the airport and the general aviation users and the need to include them in the discussions.

PAUL LANDIS, ERA Aviation, Inc., commented via teleconference that the redevelopment was taking shape and that a collaborative relationship existed between affected personnel that would help resolve construction difficulties.

KAREN CASANOVAS, Executive Director, Alaska Air Carriers Association, spoke via teleconference, saying DOT&PF personnel were not listening to general aviation personnel regarding the redevelopment project. Ms. Casanovas stated that the significant impact of the terminal redevelopment project places an undue burden on carriers that utilize the system. She said the air carriers recommend that the capital projects be deferred or delayed. In summary, she said that the mandated costs for the airlines are becoming quite burdensome and that as the industry continues to suffer shortfalls, DOT&PF needs to examine all options for funding sources prior to placing additional unwarranted costs on the users.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

The committee took no action.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the committees, the joint meeting of the House Transportation Standing Committee and the

Senate Transportation Standing Committee was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

NOTE: The meeting was recorded and handwritten log notes were taken. A copy of the tape(s) and log notes may be obtained by contacting the House Records Office at State Capitol, Room 3, Juneau, Alaska 99801 (mailing address), (907) 465-2214, and after adjournment of the second session of the Twenty-Third Alaska State Legislature this information may be obtained by contacting the Legislative Reference Library at (907) 465-3808.