

SB

59

COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

FURTHER: FINANCE

March 29, 1979

Date: 4-5-79

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on STATE AFFAIRS has had CSSB 59

"An Act making a special appropriation for a feasibility study of a Portage to Whittier transportation system; eff. date."

under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee) reports it back with the following recommendations:

- do pass do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for _____ same title
 new title
- and recommends _____
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without recommendation
- referred to the _____ Committee

**MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS**

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**MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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PMS SEN WRAY BRADLEY

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RE SENATE BILL NO. 59

FROM ANCHORAGE YACHT CLUB

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED MEMBERS OF THE ANCHORAGE YACHT CLUB
EARNESTLY SOLICIT YOUR SUPPORT FOR S.B. 59. WE CONSIDER IT
VITAL TO THE ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL NEEDS OF SOUTHCENTRAL
ALASKA AND FEEL THAT THE FEASIBILITY STUDY WILL SUPPORT
OUR POSITION.

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Requested by: Assemblyman Don Smith
Meeting of: February 20, 1979

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

AR NO. 79-39 S

FILED

5-20-79

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 59 AND BUDGET PROPOSALS TO FUND A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON ACCESS OPTIONS BETWEEN PORTAGE AND PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND

WHEREAS, the Prince William Sound Region is one of the most magnificent and spectacular areas in Southcentral Alaska and has become a major tourist attraction and recreational area, and

WHEREAS, this area would be readily accessible to over one-half the population of Alaska if reasonable access were provided, and

WHEREAS, improved access is particularly important to the people of the Anchorage Municipality, inasmuch as 5,900 pleasure boats are registered in the Anchorage Area and the small boat harbor is being tripled in size, and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway has indicated an intention to increase the level of ferry service to Whittier from Southeast ports if ready access is provided to Anchorage, and

WHEREAS, there are currently proposals before the Legislature to appropriate funds to initiate studies of access options from Portage to Bear Valley including providing frequent shuttle service through the tunnel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anchorage Municipal Assembly supports committee substitute for SB 59.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to all members of the Legislature and to Governor Hammond.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 20th day of March, 1979.

Ernest W. Brannon

Chairman

ATTEST:

William Glen Bonds
Municipal Clerk *Acting*

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 7801

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW OR IMPROVED HIGHWAY CONNECTION BETWEEN PORTAGE AND WHITTIER

WHEREAS, the Prince William Sound has developed into a major tourist attraction and recreation area for Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William Sound area is one of the most magnificent and spectacular areas in Southcentral Alaska and further, that the construction of the Alyeska Marine Tanker Terminal has become an additional spectacular attraction drawing many thousands of additional visitors to Valdez, and

WHEREAS, rail service between Portage and Whittier is the only access via the Alaska Marine Highway from the Anchorage end; and

WHEREAS, an improved road access would make this area far more accessible and available for use by the major concentration of population in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, it is a prime concern of the City Council of the City of Valdez to see the level of ferry service into Valdez increased in order to serve a growing volume of travel and the Council feels that convenient land access would result in improved ferry service in the Prince William Sound; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to again stress that this additional ferry service is required to preclude the creation of great economic loss in Valdez and its neighboring cities in Prince William Sound and the entire tourist industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA that

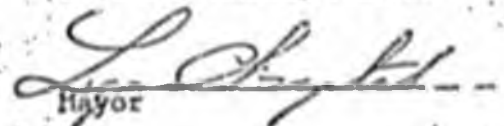
Section 1. The City Council supports and encourages the development of a new or improved highway connection between Portage and Whittier;

Section 2. The City Council again urges that immediate planning be reinstated in regard to the potential for opening a highway link to replace the rail connection into Whittier.

Section 3. Copies of this resolution be distributed to all members of the Alaska State Legislature, the Governor, the Alaska Congressional Delegation and the heads of appropriate agencies.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA this 3rd day of January, 1978.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA


Mayor


Deputy City Clerk

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER
HIGHWAY CONNECTION BETWEEN PORTAGE
AND WHITTIER: BERNARD L. MARSH
APPOINTED AS LOBBYIST AND
CONSULTANT

RESOLUTION NO. 11.2.77

WHEREAS, the Prince William Sound Region is the most magnificent and spectacular recreational area in Southcentral Alaska, and

WHEREAS, an improved road access would make this recreational area available for use by the major concentration of population in Alaska, and

WHEREAS, Whittier's commercial port capacity could be greatly expanded to the benefit of all Southcentral Alaska if access to Whittier were improved, and

WHEREAS, the current expansion of small boat harbor facilities offers new opportunities for better service that are difficult to exploit without adequate access, and

WHEREAS, lack of convenient land access between Whittier and Anchorage/Kenai Peninsula is a deterrent to the possible economic growth of Whittier,

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska:

1. That the Whittier City Council supports and encourages the development of a new or improved highway connection between Portage and Whittier, and
2. That the Whittier City Council urges the Alaska State Legislature, the State Administration, and the appropriate Federal agencies to plan and construct a project to accomplish this purpose, and
3. That the Whittier City Council hereby appoints and retains Bernard L. Marsh of Anchorage, Alaska, as its lobbyist and consultant, to develop feasibility for and to promote such a project, and
4. That copies of this resolution be distributed to all members of the Alaska State Legislature, the Governor, the Alaska Congressional Delegation and the heads of appropriate agencies.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of November, 1977.

Cecil F. Zeigler
Cecil F. Zeigler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Day Sanders
City Clerk/Treasurer

Funding Information
General Fund \$250,000
Other Funds -0-
\$250,000

Introduced: 1/17/79
Referred: State Affairs
and Finance

1 IN THE SENATE

BY BRADLEY

2 SENATE BILL NO. 59

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act appropriating \$250,000 for the state share of
7 the project cost of the Portage to Bear Valley Road;
8 and providing for an effective date."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 * Section 1. The sum of \$250,000 is appropriated from the general fund to
11 the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for the state contri-
12 bution to the federal aid highway project for construction of a highway from
13 Portage to Bear Valley Road.

14 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1979.

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21 See Dick Holden
22 for change to "engineering costs"

2136 Loussac Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

March 26, 1979

Senator W. E. Bradley
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Ref: SB 59

Dear Senator Bradley:

This letter is to request your support of SB 59 for improved highway access to Whittier, Alaska.

In these days when Alaska's industry development in many areas have a gloomy outlook due to federal restrictions of one kind or another, we Alaskans must look to encouraging industry development in all feasible areas immune from federal intervention and associated restrictions. One such area that the federal government has not yet effectively restricted is the observing and enjoying of scenic beauty. The Whittier area as a gateway to Prince William Sound offers such a commodity for sale to tourists, an industry that brings outside money to the state of Alaska and thereby is effective in reducing our balance of payments to the south 48 states.

Prince William Sound, from Whittier to Cordova is a vast area of inland-protected water that offers several activities for sale to the tourists, as well as Alaska residents, such as sailing, scuba diving, photography, sport fishing, clam digging, crab potting as well as the most scenic boating area in central and western Alaska. Since these activities are dependent upon renewable or inexpendable resources, once developed they will continue indefinitely. Such economic developments are the wisest type of investments which the state of Alaska can and should make from the income derived from their present depletable resources.

Whittier is the most logical gateway to Prince William Sound since it is the only location that allows access to the sound from the west end through protected inland waterways. Road access to Whittier is essential to promote development of the tourist potential this area has to offer. An approximate fifteen mile extension of the existing highway from Anchorage to Portage would provide such road access. The road to Bear Valley would significantly improve the access to Whittier and would be compatible to an eventual road all the way to Whittier.

As life-long Alaskans, we are interested in maintaining and improving our economic base in order to insure that we, as well as our children and their children may continue to enjoy living in Alaska.

In the interest of Alaska in its entirety, we urge your support of SB 59.

Most sincerely,
Mr. & Mrs. Bud Saltenreich
Mr. and Mrs. Bud Saltenreich

cc: Senator Ed Dankwerth
Senator Bill Ray
Bernard L. Marsh, Exec Sec't
Whittier Road Development Assoc

STATE OF ALASKA

JAY S. HAMMOND, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

POUCH 2 JUNEAU 99811
(TELEX 45328)

May 8, 1978
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Honorable John C. Sackett
Senator
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Sackett:

Following is the information you requested on SB 585, the Act which would appropriate \$250,000 for the State share of the project cost of the Portage to Bear Valley Road.

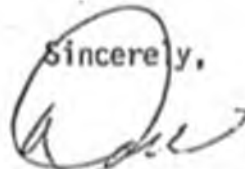
The right-of-way involved is National Park Service land.

The project has not been included in the proposed Capital Improvement Projects of our Department.

The 1972 study of this proposed road showed a cost of \$2,348,000 to build 7,650 feet of highway and 440 feet of bridges. The 1978 cost update would total \$4,250,000.

Construction should be to state standards for secondary highways using six inches of select material, six inches of crushed aggregate base course, and three inches of hot bituminous pavement. There would be two driving lanes of 12-foot width with 2-foot shoulders. The two bridges would be (1) approximately 280 feet long across Portage Creek, and (2) 160 feet long across Placer Creek.

Sincerely,



Donald Harris
Commissioner

ALASKA PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

Consulting Service

Bernard L. Marsh, President

505 W. Northern Lights Blvd.
Suite 120
Anchorage, Alaska 99503
Tel. (907) 279-3195

MARCH 12, 1979

MEMORANDUM

TO: REP. RAY METCALFE, HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS
SEN. BOB MULCAHY, CHAIRMAN SENATE STATE AFFAIRS
SEN. BRAD BRADLEY, SPONSOR SB 59 (BEAR VALLEY ROAD)
SEN. ED DANKWORTH, SENATE FINANCE
SAM COXSON, CITY MANAGER, WHITTIER
PERRY LOVETT, CITY MANAGER, CORDOVA

FROM: BEN MARSH

SUBJECT: SB 59, HB 160, HB 161

I have been asked for my opinion on combining the above bills. HB 160 would provide ferry service to the Alaska Peninsula and the Aleutian Chain at least once a month, HB 161 would appropriate \$20,000,000 to acquire two passenger ferries, and SB 59 would fund the initial studies to construct a road from Portage to Bear Valley. The Senate Finance Committee is considering a budget item to provide increased rail shuttle service between Bear Valley and Whittier.

It would seem that these bills could be combined, or at least SB 59 and HB 161 could be combined, if there is substantial support for both. If HB 161 does not stand a chance of passage this year, then they should not be combined. If HB 161 has heavy support from bush legislators, and the projects can be part of the same system, the idea is good.

If HB 161 and SB 59 are combined, then HB 161 should be amended to include increased level of ferry service to Prince William Sound. The technical question of whether this can be done with the new ferries to be acquired, must be answered by the Marine Highway Division. Input will be needed from the Prince William Sound communities as to the level of service desired.

The road to Bear Valley and improved rail service through the tunnel are vital links to improved access to Prince William Sound, and according to Bill Hudson, former Director of the Marine Highway, will justify better ferry service to all Prince William Sound communities. Also, there will be enormous recreational benefits to the Anchorage and Kenai populations.

cc: City Manager, Seward
City Manager, Valdez
City Manager, Kenai

City Manager, Homer
All Anchorage Legislators

TELEGRAM

SCA ALASKA COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

PHONE: 583-8440

JUNEAU, ALASKA 99801

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PMS SEN W E BRAD BRADLEY

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I HOPE YOU WILL VOTE APPROVAL ON ~~SENATE BILL 59~~ BECAUSE
THESE BILLS ARE OF SUCH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO A LARGE PART
OF THE POPULATION OF THE STATE OF ALASKA.

KAY SHEPHERD, PRESIDENT

WHITTIER HISTORICAL AND FINE ARTS MUSEUM INC

MEMBER BORAD OF DIRECTORS ALASKA STATE MINI TV ASSOC INC

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TELEGRAM

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02213 NL TDA WHITTIER ALASKA 50 06-05 1140P ADT

PMS SEN W E BRAD BRADLEY

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IT IS OF UTMOST IMORTANCE THAT THE SENATE VOTES APPROVAL ON
~~SENATE BILL 59~~ I BELIEVE THIS IS A PROGRESSIVE LINK TOWARD
THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK SO BADLY NEEDED IN THE STATE OF
ALASKA.

MEL WOOTEN COUNCILMAN

CITY OF WHITTIER

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TELEGRAM

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PHONE: 526-8440

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PMS SEN W E BRADLEY

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YOUR APPROVAL OF ~~SPENARD RD~~ WILL MAKE POSSIBLE 4.3 MILES
OF HIGHWAY, THE MISSING LINK BETWEEN THE STATE HIGHWAY AT
PORTAGE GLACIER TOURIST CENTER AND PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND MARINE
HIGHWAY SYSTEM. THIS CONNECTION WILL NOT ONLY SERVE THE
POPULATION OF INTERIOR ALASKA BUT GIVE ANOTHER MODE OF
TRANSPORTATION INTO JUNEAU. IT WILL ALSO HELP MAKE THE STATE
FERRY SYSTEM PROFITABLE.

ED R SHEPHERD

3407 SPENARD RD

ANCHORAGE ALASKA 99503

TELEGRAM

HCA ALASKA COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

PHONE: 293-8448

JUNEAU, ALASKA 99801

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PMS SENATOR W E BRADLEY

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URGE YOUR SUPPORT FOR ~~SENATE BILL~~ ⁵⁹ SB586 TO AUTHORIZE RIGHT-OF-
WAY PORTAGE TO PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND, AND 5 PERCENT STATE
SHARE OF ROAD PORTAGE TO BEAR VALLEY. THESE MEASURES
WILL START LENGTHY PROCESS TO BUILD ROAD AND SURVEY
BALANCE OF ROUTE TO CHOOSE BEST OPTION. THIS PROJECT
IMPORTANT TO WHITTIER VALDEZ RAILBELT POPULATION TOURIST
INDUSTRY AND MARINE HIGHWAY.

BEN MARSH EXECUTIVE SECTY

ALASKA PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT INC

WHITTIER ROAD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

STATE OF ALASKA

JAY S. HAMMOND, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER - FACILITIES PLANNING AND RESEARCH

POUCH Z
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811

March 23, 1979

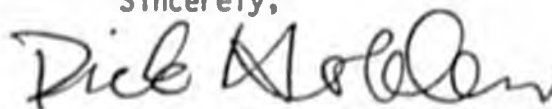
Honorable W. E. Brad Bradley
Alaska State Senate
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Bradley:

Re: Committee Substitute on SB 59, concerning access to Whittier

[Section 142, Title I of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1978, passed by Congress, allows for federal funds to be used for the operations or improvements of the access between Whittier and Portage.] The main reason for the substitute language is that all FY 79 and FY 80 federal receipts for the Department of Transportation are appropriated for projects by Chapters 138 and 113 of SLA 78. [By providing state funds for the feasibility study of Whittier to Portage access, the Department will be able to initiate a study of the options for access and recommend a program to the Legislature for the FY 81 and 82 Capital Improvements Program.]

Sincerely,



Richard A. Holden
Deputy Commissioner

cc: Robert W. Ward
Keith Specking
Warren Sparks

Saturday, February 3, 1979, The Anchorage Times 3

Bear Valley Road Plan 'Is Put On Back Burner

Times Juneau Bureau

JUNEAU — A bill to pay for the state's share of construction into Bear Valley, from Portage toward Whittier, was put on hold in the Senate State Affairs Committee Friday.

Construction of the project, if it ever begins, is probably at least five years away.

The bill is intended to match funds with federal funds to allow construction of a 2.2-mile stretch of road from the Portage Glacier visitors' center into the valley, where it could connect with the Alaska Railroad and a summer-use-only trail around a mountain, both leading to Whittier on the Prince William Sound.

The committee heard testimony Wednesday from Whittier and Anchorage residents who own property and use the city's harbor for boating, fishing and other recreation.

Representatives of the state Department of Transportation told the committee Friday that it must be decided which form of federal funding the road would qualify for before the state could appropriate the proper amount of money.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Brad Bradley, R-Eagle River, authorizes spending \$250,000 and is the same bill that missed passage in the Senate last year.

Transportation officials said the

state money needed would probably be at least \$248,000, based on a 12 percent share of the \$7.9 million road.

The road, which is being sought by Whittier and Valdez residents because it would beef up tourism traffic to those communities, also would be a better way to evacuate residents in case of medical emergency than the Alaska Railroad is now, a lobbyist for the two towns said Wednesday.

But Friday's hearing pointed out that many political problems face the road before it becomes reality.

Opposition from legislators in other parts of the Kenai Peninsula is based on the supposition that a Whittier Road would divert tourism traffic from the ports of Seward and Homer.

Additionally, in this year of a tight budget, the threat of a line item veto by Gov. Jay Hammond is strong, even if the bill were passed.

Further, any use of federal money requires a number of public hearings, and Dennis Dooley, director of transportation planning for the state Department of Transportation, said some kind of "flak" from environmentalists might be expected.

The question, "How soon can I put my boat in the water?" asked by Eagle River Sen. Tim Kelly was greeted with laughter by the officials testifying.

Whereas the Federal Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1978, Section 142.(a) RAIL OPERATION PROJECTS IN NONHIGHWAY AREAS provides for assistance for that portion of the Alaska Railroad from Whittier to Portage for the purpose of linking up highways or other transportation modes on the system, allowing the expenditure of not more than 5 percent of the funds apportioned for the Primary System, and any project being subject to all provisions of Title 23, United States Code;

Whereas, it is prudent that the feasibility of the various options that provide such improvements be determined prior to the commitment of any portion of the highway funds now apportioned to the State;

Therefore, the sum of \$200,000 is apportioned to the DOT/PF for the purpose of determining the feasibility of the Whittier link-up and the degree of utilization of the estimated \$2.5 million available each year as provided by the Act.

NOTE:

Hick Holden will
Put this in a committee
substitute early Monday -

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 100

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the Federal Aid Highway Sys-
6 tem.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 WHEREAS Prince William Sound has developed into a major tourist attrac-
9 tion and recreation area for Alaska; and

10 WHEREAS Prince William Sound is one of the most magnificent and specta-
11 cular areas in Southcentral Alaska; and

12 WHEREAS an improved road access between Portage and Whittier would make
13 this area much more accessible and available to the major concentration of
14 population in Alaska; and

15 WHEREAS an improved road access between Portage and Whittier would
16 justify an improved level of ferry service on the Marine Highway between the
17 Prince William Sound communities of Whittier, Valdez, and Cordova; and

18 WHEREAS there is presently no designated route for the construction of
19 a future link between Portage and Whittier on the Federal Aid Highway Sys-
20 tem; and

21 WHEREAS the commissioner of the Department of Transportation and Public
22 Facilities has authority to designate such a route and request its inclusion
23 in the Federal Aid Highway System;

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is
25 respectfully requested to direct the commissioner of transportation and pub-
26 lic facilities to designate a route for construction of a highway and tunnel
27 link from the end of the federal aid highway at Portage Glacier Visitors
28 Center to the Port of Whittier, and to request its inclusion in the Federal
29 Aid Highway System; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct
2 the commissioner of transportation and public facilities to consult with the
3 U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, to obtain necessary right-
4 of-way for the designated federal aid highway route.

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and reports it back as follows: Senator Hackney, Chairman, 53
and Senator Bradley signed "do pass". Senator Willis 9
signed "no recommendation".

SENATE BILL NO. 9 was referred to the Finance Committee.

The State Affairs Committee has had SENATE BILL NO. 421 53
(special appropriation to the Alaska Court System) and 421
a majority of the committee reports it back without recom-
mendation. The report was signed by Senator Willis, Co-
Chairman, and concurred in by Senators Bradley, Eubar and
Ray. Senator Kortzilia signed "do pass".

SENATE BILL NO. 421 was referred to the Finance Committee.

The ~~Community Committee~~ has had SENATE BILL NO. 385 (approx- 53
imating \$250,000 for the state share of the project cost 385
of the Portage to Bear Valley Road) under consideration
and recommends it do pass. The report was signed by
Senator Bradley, Chairman, and concurred in by Senators
Summer and Hackney.

At the request of Senator Willis, Co-Chairman, State Affairs
Committee, the President waived the State Affairs Committee
referral on SENATE BILL NO. 385 and it was referred to
the Finance Committee.

The Community and Regional Affairs Committee has had SENATE 53
BILL NO. 399 (regulation of the sale of alcoholic beverages 399
by municipalities) under consideration and recommends it
be replaced with ~~COMMUNITY SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO.~~
399 and reports it back as follows: Senator Orsini, Chair-
man, and Senator Hackney signed "do pass". Senators Willis
and Summer signed "no recommendation".

SENATE BILL NO. 399 was referred to the Rules Committee.

The State Affairs Committee has had HOUSE BILL N. 621 53
(unemployment insurance coverage for employees of the 621
state and its political subdivisions) under consideration and
reports it back with the following amendment:

Page 1, line 10: Delete all material and insert:

*Sec. 1. Sections 22 and 33, ch. 122, SLA
1977 are repealed and re-enacted to read:

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES - testimony by
Vern Metcalfe relating to SCR 100 (Relating to the Federal Aid Highway System),

The stand of the Department on this is that to date there has not been sufficient evidence to indicate that such a highway can receive a priority when considered with other projects within the state. As you know, the Alaska Railroad currently serves the community of Whittier with service that allows the carrying of recreational equipment etc.

Our Design and Construction Division has, when it was the Department of Highways, surveyed the area on several occasions studying the feasibility of such a project. There are two alternatives. One is the "tunnel alternative" which bears an estimated cost of \$130 million and would include the tunnel and the necessary bridges, lighting, ventilation etc. The Design and Construction Division has also conducted helicopter surveys of an alternative known as the Portage Pass road. They were unable, using helicopters, to determine if the rock base would support such a road. If it would, the cost of such a highway is estimated at \$35 million. To determine the feasibility of this possible route would take a surface survey and various testing of the surfaces involved.

To: Sens. U.R. Bradley
Mike Colletto
H.B. Danksworth
Patrick Rodey
John C. Sackett
Terry Stiosen
Artias Sturgulenski
Bill Sumner
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Bob Mulcahy
Bill Kay
Clem V. Tillon
Robert H. Ziegler, Sr.

The undersigned officers of the Whittier Boat Owners Association, in behalf of our members, urge your support of SB59, to provide a feasibility study of a transportation system to Whittier.

Improvement of transportation to Whittier, even up to standards considered minimum elsewhere--for residents and recreational users alike--is long overdue.

We would be pleased to learn, by communication from you, your position on this bill and others providing improved transportation to Whittier.

Thank you.

Signed: J.F. Katterman, President
A.W. Kohn, Vice President
Ann Pittenger, Secretary
Dorlene A. Kelly, Treasurer
D.C. Martin, Board Member

For the Whittier Boat Owners Association, Box 3051, Anchorage, AK 99510

The State Affairs Committee has had SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 111 (requesting Alaska Airlines to reduce fares between communities in Alaska) under consideration and recommends it do pass. The report was signed by Senator Karttula, Co-Chairman, and concurred in by Senators Willis and Huber.

SCR 111

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 111 was referred to the Rules Committee.

The Community and Regional Affairs Committee has had SENATE BILL NO. 454 (volunteer service in state and municipal government) under consideration and recommends it be replaced with COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 454 (CSRA), entitled:

SB 454

"An Act relating to volunteer service in state government."

and reports it back as follows: Senator Orain, Chairman, and Senator Sinner signed "no recommendation". Senator Mackey signed "do pass".

SENATE BILL NO. 454 was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee has had SENATE BILL NO. 585 (appropriating \$250,000 for state share of project cost of Portage to Bear Valley Road) under consideration and reports it back as follows: Senator Holman, Vice-Chairman, and Senators Croft and Orain signed "do pass". Senators Heland and ~~Barry~~ signed "no recommendation". Senator Hillen signed "do not pass".

SB 585

*See there for
yes vote*

SENATE BILL NO. 585 was referred to the Rules Committee.

The State Affairs Committee has had HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 117 amended (Alaska State Office in Tokyo) under consideration and reports it back as follows: Senator Willis, Co-Chairman, signed "do pass". Senators Karttula and Huber signed "no recommendation".

SCR 117

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 117 amended was referred to the Rules Committee.

The State Affairs Committee has had HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 76 (requesting financial assistance from the federal government to restore state highway damage occasioned by the construction of the trans-Alaska pipeline) under consideration and the committee recommends it do pass. The report was signed by Senator Karttula, Co-Chairman, and concurred in by Senators Willis and Huber.

HJR 76

COMMITTEE REPORT

SENATE

Wained referral 5-3-78

FURTHER: State Affairs and Finance

4/11/78

Date: May 1, 1978

Mr. President:

The Committee on COMMERCE has had SS 585 appropriating \$250,000 for state share of project cost of Portage to Bear Valley Road

under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee reports it back as follows)

- recommends it do pass () recommends it do not pass
- () recommends it do pass with attached amendment(s)
- () recommends it be replaced with CS for _____

and _____ () new title () same title

- () AND attaches a Letter of Intent () New Fiscal Note
- () reports it back without recommendation
- () and recommends it be referred to the _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS:

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]
Chairman

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 7801

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW OR IMPROVED HIGHWAY CONNECTION BETWEEN PORTAGE AND WHITTIER

WHEREAS, the Prince William Sound has developed into a major tourist attraction and recreation area for Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William Sound area is one of the most magnificent and spectacular areas in Southcentral Alaska and further, that the construction of the Alyeska Marine Tanker Terminal has become an additional spectacular attraction drawing many thousands of additional visitors to Valdez, and

WHEREAS, rail service between Portage and Whittier is the only access via the Alaska Marine Highway from the Anchorage end; and

WHEREAS, an improved road access would make this area far more accessible and available for use by the major concentration of population in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, it is a prime concern of the City Council of the City of Valdez to see the level of ferry service into Valdez increased in order to serve a growing volume of travel and the Council feels that convenient land access would result in improved ferry service in the Prince William Sound; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to again stress that this additional ferry service is required to preclude the creation of great economic loss in Valdez and its neighboring cities in Prince William Sound and the entire tourist industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA that

Section 1. The City Council supports and encourages the development of a new or improved highway connection between Portage and Whittier;

Section 2. The City Council again urges that immediate planning be reinstated in regard to the potential for opening a highway-link to replace the rail connection into Whittier.

Section 3. Copies of this resolution be distributed to all members of the Alaska State Legislature, the Governor, the Alaska Congressional Delegation and the heads of appropriate agencies.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA this 3rd day of January, 1978

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA


Mayor


ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER
HIGHWAY CONNECTION BETWEEN PORTAGE
AND WHITTIER; BERNARD L. MARSH
APPOINTED AS LOBBYIST AND
CONSULTANT

RESOLUTION NO. 11.2.77

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PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of November, 1977.

Cecil F. Zeigler
Cecil F. Zeigler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Fay Sanders
City Clerk/treasurer

COMMITTEE REPORT

SENATE

5/3/78

FURTHER: _____

Date: June 2, 1978

Mr. President:

The Committee on FINANCE has had SR 505 appropriating \$250,000 for state share of project cost of Porrage to Bear Valley Road

under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee reports it back as follows)

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MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS:

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

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AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE SENATE:

By: SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

To: AMEND SENATE BILL No. SCR 100

HOUSE BILL No. _____

PAGE: _____

LINE: _____

PAGE ONE, LINES 12, 15 AND 19:

DELETE THE WORD "WHITTIER" AND ADD THE WORDS "PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND".

PAGE ONE, LINE 28:

DELETE THE WORDS "PORT OF WHITTIER" AND ADD THE WORDS "PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND"

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 59

For an Act entitled: "An Act appropriating \$200,000 for a feasibility study for a Portage to Whittier transportation system ~~including the Bear Valley Road option~~ and providing for an effective date."

~~*Section 1. The Federal Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1978, Section 142.(a) RAIL OPERATION PROJECTS IN NON-HIGHWAY AREAS provides for assistance for that portion of the Alaska Railroad from Whittier to Portage for the purpose of linking up highways or other transportation modes on the system, allowing the expenditure of not more than 5 percent of the funds apportioned for the Primary System, and any project being subject to all provisions of Title 23, United States Code. It is prudent that the feasibility of the various options that provide such improvements be determined prior to the commitment of any portion of the highway funds now apportioned to the State.~~

*Section 2. The sum of \$200,000. is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for the purpose of determining the economic and environmental feasibility of the various options for developing ^athe transportation system from Portage to Whittier, including the Bear Valley Road. ←

The Department will present its findings to the Legislature no later than 10 days from the beginning of the second session of the eleventh Alaska Legislature.

Sec. 2. This act takes effect July 1, 1979

WHITTIER ROAD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
505 W. Northern Lights Blvd., Suite 120
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Ben Marsh
Executive Director

Phone:
277-0558

March 21, 1979

TO ALL SENATORS
ALASKA STATE SENATE

Dear Senator:

Attached hereto is a copy of Anchorage Assembly Resolution AR NO. 79-39 which endorses and urges passage of CS for SB 59, the Whittier Access Project. CS for SB 59 is scheduled for action by the Senate on Wednesday, March 28.

I am writing on behalf of Whittier Road Development Association, for which I am Executive Secretary. WRDA membership includes condo owners in Whittier, persons who moor their boats in Whittier, Anchorage people who recreate in Prince William Sound, and people interested in encouraging commercial and recreational development in this area. WRDA strongly supports CS for SB 59, and asks for your vote on the bill.

If you have any questions about the possible options for improvement, the potential for benefits, or other aspects of the proposed project, please contact me or Sam Coxson, City Manager of Whittier.

Sincerely,



Bernard L. Marsh, Executive Secretary
Whittier Road Development Association

BLM/nc

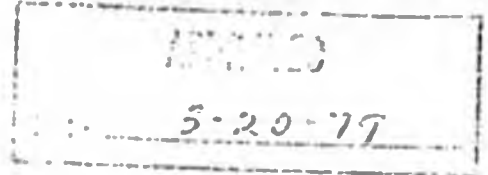
Enclosure
cc: Sam Coxson

Requested by: Assemblyman Don Smith
Meeting of: February 20, 1979

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

AR NO. 79-39 S



A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 59 AND BUDGET PROPOSALS TO FUND A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON ACCESS OPTIONS BETWEEN PORTAGE AND PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND

WHEREAS, the Prince William Sound Region is one of the most magnificent and spectacular areas in Southcentral Alaska and has become a major tourist attraction and recreational area, and

WHEREAS, this area would be readily accessible to over one-half the population of Alaska if reasonable access were provided, and

WHEREAS, improved access is particularly important to the people of the Anchorage Municipality, inasmuch as 5,900 pleasure boats are registered in the Anchorage Area and the small boat harbor is being tripled in size, and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway has indicated an intention to increase the level of ferry service to Whittier from Southeast ports if ready access is provided to Anchorage, and

WHEREAS, there are currently proposals before the Legislature to appropriate funds to initiate studies of access options from Portage to Bear Valley including providing frequent shuttle service through the tunnel.

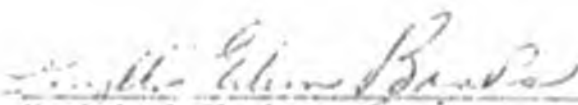
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anchorage Municipal Assembly supports committee substitute for SB 59.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to all members of the Legislature and to Governor Hammond.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 20th day of March, 1979.


Chairman

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk *Acting*

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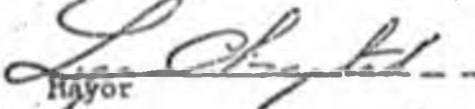
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PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of November, 1977.

Cecil F. Zeigler
Cecil F. Zeigler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Fay Sanders
City Clerk/Treasurer

MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

TO: Vern Metcalfe,
Special Assistant
Legislative Liaison
Commissioner's Office
Juneau

DATE: May 4, 1978

FILE NO:

TELEPHONE NO:

FROM: Maurice Wilson *MW*
Manager, Central Region
Transportation Planning

SUBJECT: Portage to Bear Valley
Roadway Cost Estimate
S.R. 585

The 1972 study indicated a cost of \$2,348,000 to build 7,650 feet of highway and 440 feet of bridges from Portage to Bear Valley. The 1978 cost update is \$4,250,000.

The road to Bear Valley would be of little use without the rail shuttle portion of the proposal.

Project scope is as follows:

The new roadway construction for this project would begin on the Portage Glacier Road approximately 1700 feet east of the Portage Glacier Observatory. The alignment curves to the east away from the observatory area to cross Portage Creek approximately 200 feet downstream from the Portage Lake outlet. From this point the alignment curves around the base of the mountain at the northwest end of the lake and crosses Placer Creek with a structure about 400-feet north of the inlet into Portage Lake. The roadway alignment then parallels the mainline tracks of the Alaska Railroad and would terminate at a parking lot 1300 feet west of tunnel door number two.

Construction of the new roadway should be to State Standards for Secondary Highways using six inches of select material, six inches of crushed aggregate base course and three inches of hot bituminous pavement. There would be two driving lanes 12-feet wide with two-foot shoulders and 4:1 side slopes. The first 2000 feet of construction would consist of building a new fill eight to ten feet high to raise the elevation of the proposed roadway to the level of the existing roadway at the beginning of the project. After crossing Portage Creek 3250 feet of rock excavation will be necessary to construct the road into Bear Valley. From this point, an additional 2400 feet of fill, 10 to 12 feet high, will be necessary for constructing the roadway to its termination point at the proposed parking lot.

Two bridges would be required on this project. The first one would be approximately 280 feet long across Portage Creek while the second one crossing Placer Creek would be about 160 feet.

Judy — this road requires an Environmental Impact Statement \approx a 4F statement because it adjoins a Federal park. The 4F statement would take 15-18 months.

Dick Holden
6/1/78

May 8, 1978
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SB 585

Honorable John C. Sackett
Senator
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Sackett:

Following is the information you requested on SB 505, the Act which would appropriate \$250,000 for the State share of the project cost of the Portage to Bear Valley Road.

The right-of-way involved is National Park Service land.

The project has not been included in the proposed Capital Improvement Projects of our Department.

The 1972 study of this proposed road showed a cost of \$2,348,000 to build 7,650 feet of highway and 440 feet of bridges. The 1978 cost update would total \$4,250,000.

Construction should be to state standards for secondary highways using six inches of select material, six inches of crushed aggregate base course, and three inches of hot bituminous pavement. There would be two driving lanes of 12-foot width with 2-foot shoulders. The two bridges would be (1) approximately 200 feet long across Portage Creek, and (2) 160 feet long across Placer Creek.

Sincerely,



Donald Harris
Commissioner

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DH:PPR:172

State Share : 5% share.

TELEGRAM

BCA ALASKA COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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PMS SEN W E BRAD BRADLEY

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I HOPE YOU WILL VOTE APPROVAL ON S9585 AND SCR100 BECAUSE
THESE BILLS ARE OF SUCH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO A LARGE PART
OF THE POPULATION OF THE STATE OF ALASKA.

KAY SHEPHERD, PRESIDENT

WHITTIER HISTORICAL AND FINE ARTS MUSEUM INC

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