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The Honorable Don Bennett
Senator
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RE: Steese Highway - Central to Circle

Dear Senator Bennett:

Per your request this date, following is the project description and need statement data for the subject project.

1. Project Description:

This project is for spot repairs along the 33.7 mile section of the Steese Highway between Central and Circle City. The rehabilitation of this route was originally requested as priority 81-21 in the 1981 Capital Budget, but was not funded.

2. Project Need Statement

This road is the highway access between Fairbanks and Circle City on the Yukon River. It is extensively used for recreational and mining access. Freight is hauled on this road for trans-shipment on the river system. The existing facility is substandard in width and alignment. In addition, the road base has seriously deteriorated becoming muddy and slick during wet weather and breakup. The road was last improved in 1953. The average daily traffic is 120 vehicles.

Sincerely,

R. D. Shumway 2/10/81
for Robert W. Ward
Commissioner