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SENATOR TIM KELLY

MEMORANDUM

TO: SENATOR BILL RAY, CHAIRMAN  
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
SENATOR SACKETT  
SENATOR DANKWORTH  
SENATOR KERTTULA  
SENATOR GILMAN

FROM: SENATOR TIM KELLY

DATE: MARCH 30, 1981

RE: SENATE BILL 229, APPROPRIATION FOR A PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS IN EAGLE RIVER

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A pedestrian Overpass is needed in downtown Eagle River due to the new five-lane Highway which is scheduled to be started this year. The five-lane Highway thru downtown Eagle River, which is referred to as the Eagle River Urban Project, was approved last year.

The people in the community have expressed concern over the new five-lane highway because of the close proximity of a residential area with many children. The overpass would alleviate some of these fears by providing access to and from the residential areas to the shopping centers.

The Department of Transportation estimated the cost of the overpass, which would have ramps to be used by the handicapped in addition to stairs, to be \$600,000. We would like the appropriation to go to the Municipality of Anchorage for planning and bidding procedures.

I urge you to support this bill. The overpass will protect the many pedestrians in the community and provide safety for the children in the area.



*Chugiak-Eagle River*  
*Chamber of Commerce*

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"PLACE OF MANY PLACES"

March 17, 1981

Mr. Rowe E. Redick  
Chief Central Engineer District  
Alaska Dept. of Transportation  
Pouch 6900  
Anchorage, AK 99502

Dear Mr. Redick:

The purpose of this letter is to reaffirm support by this organization for the Eagle River Urban Project. At our regular Board of Directors meeting on March 2, 1981, a motion was made and carried unanimously to send a message to all District 8 Legislators (Senators Bradley & Kelley, and Representatives Cotton, Martin, Phillips and Halford) to take no action which would delay the project. This was done on or about March 4. We have received back written support for our position from Senator Kelly and Representatives Martin and Halford. The remaining legislators apparently prefer not to take a definite position regarding the project at this time.


This project has been in the planning stages for many years and has experienced one delay after another. Numerous public hearings were held here in the community over the past 3 years and to my knowledge there was absolutely no opposition to the project. To the contrary many members of the community were angered over the numerous delays which the project has experienced.

Over the years, as this community has grown, the traffic has increased proportionately along the Old Glenn Highway, which is the route of the Eagle River Urban Project. At the present time, this traffic is almost unbearable during rush hours. I sincerely believe that the only solution to this problem is completion of the project as currently envisioned, that is five lanes from Artillery Road to the North Eagle River exit. I base this belief on the statements of

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Mr. Rowe E. Redick

highway and traffic engineers who have stated to me that a three lane street is not sufficient now, let alone 5 or 10 years from now. In order to provide for the safety of our citizens and the orderly growth of this community I urge you to use the power and influence of your office to insure that the Eagle River Urban Project proceeds on schedule.

Sincerely,

  
Henry M. Warren.  
Vice President  
Chugiak-Eagle River  
Chamber of Commerce

cc Mr. Gene Hanna  
Federal Hwy Dept, Juneau  
Each legislator, District 8  
Governor Hammond

March 18, 1981

Eagle River Community Council  
Eagle River, Alaska 99577

Mr. Rowe D. Redick  
Chief, Highway Engineering  
Central Region, D O T  
Pouch 6900  
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Dear Mr. Redick:

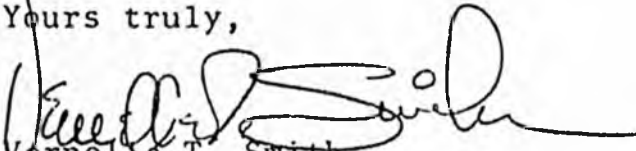
The Eagle River Community Council whole heartedly supports the construction of the Eagle River Urban Project scheduled to begin this summer.

The Council held a general meeting for members and concerned citizens within our council area and heard both the "pros and cons" for the project. Considering the facts that this project has been carefully studied and public hearings previously conducted, the Eagle River Community Council feels this project should not be delayed any further.

We are forwarding copies of this letter to the District 8 legislators and the Federal Highway Administration Offices for their reference.

If I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

  
Vernelle T. Smith  
President, ERCC

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March 17, 1981

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Federal Highway Administration  
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Juneau, AK 99802

ATTENTION: Gene Hanna

Dear Sir:

I am very disgusted and concerned that the Eagle River Urban Highway Project might be delayed.

This project is very important to my community. It will correct the crowded and unsafe road conditions currently present here. Also the annual flooding of the business parking lots along the Old Glenn Highway will be corrected. The continuation of this highway project is important in maintaining the quality of life in Eagle River.

Sincerely,

*Jonathan Bettridge D.V.M.*  
Jonathan Bettridge, D.V.M.

cc. Rep. Rick Halford  
cc. Sen. W.E. (Brad) Bradley  
cc. Rep. Sam Cotten  
cc. Sen. Tim Kelly  
cc. Rep. Terry Martin  
cc. Rep. Randy Phillips

*Tim*  
*I appreciate the time you have spent on this project especially the pedestrian bridge. Thanks!*  
*Jon*

