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SB 440



Honorable Rep. Tony Vaska  
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Dear Rep. Vaska,

I am writing on behalf of this community and as a concerned citizen. Since I feel the subject that I am going to bring to your attention is the most important issue to this community.

During the United Villages meeting, which was held in Toksook Bay on February 5,6,&7, 1981 the resident of Toksook Bay proposed that the airport be moved to a better and safer site for the reasons listed below;

1. The present airport being close to the village is getting to be hazardous to this community. Especially to the B.I.A school and the High School. One of these days the plane might have a mechanical trouble and go down to residential area. Like one incident a few years back, a plane almost went down to this community but fortunately the plane got high enough to go over the village and went down to the other side. About 300-800 yards from the nearest house. Who's fault would it be if one of the planes go down to one of the houses?-- and who is to blame?

2. Bureau of Land Management will soon convey land to our corporation. Our corporation in turn would reconvey land to all those who are eligible under 14(c). Under 14(c)(4) our corporation will convey to federal, state or municipal gov't. the title to the surface estate for airport site. I would like to see the airport be moved to the new site before our corporation starts conveying lands to those who are eligible under 14(c).

I know there are funds available to work on our airport because there was an article in the Tundra Drums last summer, June 5, 1980, Volume VII, number 10. The article was in front page entitled "Multi-Millions for Area-Approved by Governor". Nearly 70 million dollars was approved for this area by Gov. Hammond in the passage of HB 60, the bill which set operating and

capital expenses of the state. Some of this package was to be used to improve airport runways in rural villages. About \$6,137,600 was approved for 22 villages to improve airport runways, runway lightings, airport terminal storage buildings. etc. \$4,719,000 for 33 villages for airport lighting projects, \$2,775,000 Navigation aids was funded for 37 villages, \$88,000 for air-to-ground radios for 22 villages to purchase two public frequency unicom radios, additional \$110,000 for 55 villages to get one public frequency unicom radios, \$1,950,000 for 26 villages and these villages would get \$75,000 each to build airport terminal storage buildings of approximately 900 sq. ft. These buildings were to be big enough to accomodate the installation of communication & weather reporting equipments, waiting rooms for passengers and storage & equipment bays, \$300,000 for 59 villages for airport weather reporting equipments-- each villages would get \$5,000 to get their equipments and last of all \$30,000 to get Emergency Medical Supplies for 25 villages. Each villages would get \$1,200. These figures were taken from the newspaper and the reason why I am bringing these to your attention is because I have never seen any airport weather reporting equipments, air-to-ground radios, navigation aids, medical emergency supplies, runway lightings, runway improvements and airport terminal storage buildings put out here in Nelson Island area. I am sure that the State still have enough money to provide this community to built a better and safer airport in another site, at least we would be very happy if some of this HB 60 is spent in this area.

Thank you for your time and we wish you best of luck in everything that you do.

Sincerely,



P.R. Julius

*letter listing various terminal projects...*