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## THE CITY OF WHITTIER

Shotgun Cove Road Development Office

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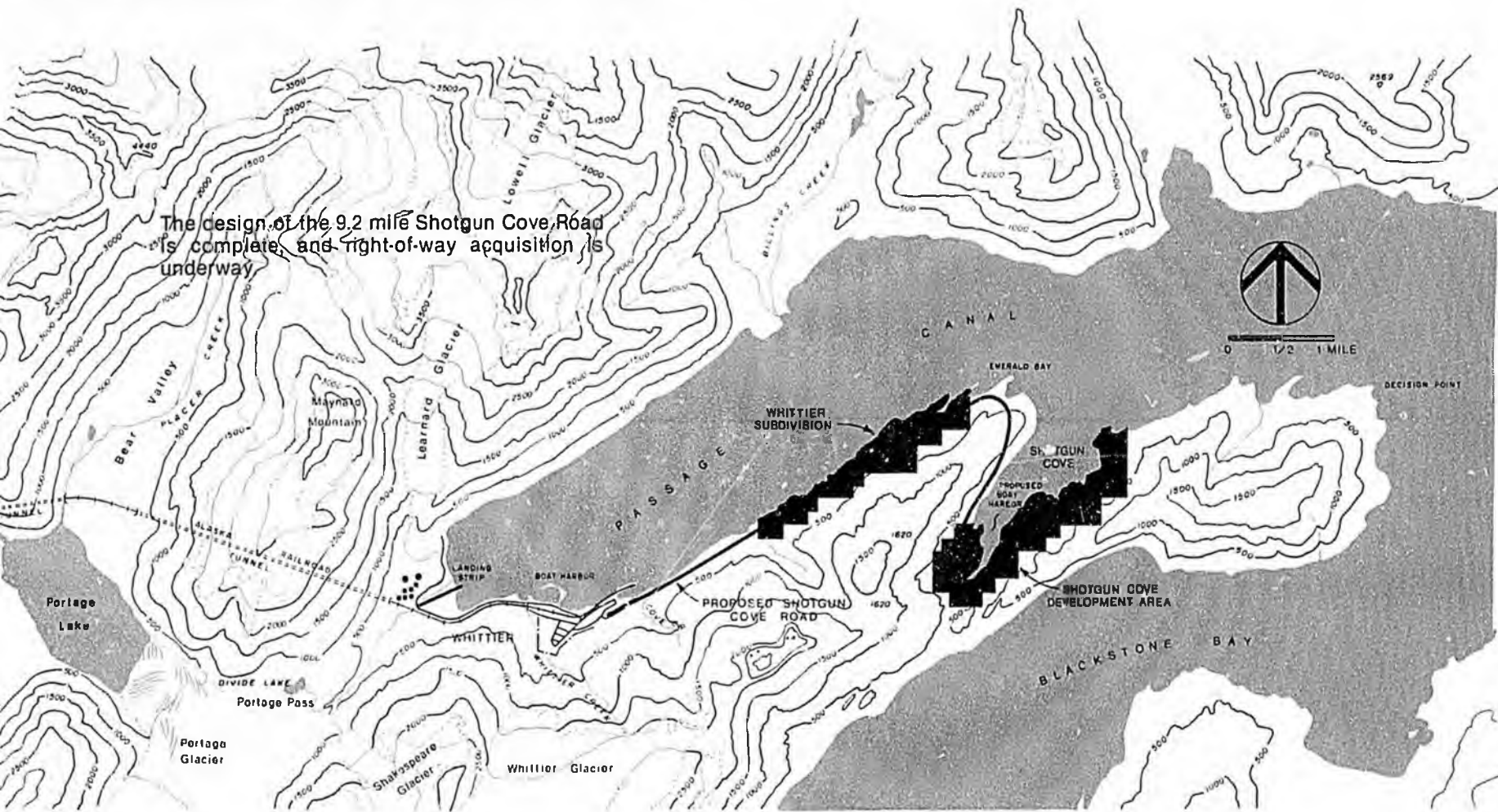
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Tourism is expanding dramatically in Prince William Sound. During 1983, seven cruise boats docked in Whittier, 19 in 1984, and 34 are scheduled in 1985.

The construction of Shotgun Cove Road is vital to the total development of the City of Whittier. The road will provide convenient access to the proposed Shotgun Cove Small Boat Harbor, and to the proposed developments within Whittier Subdivision and Shotgun Cove Development area. The road will also provide a myriad of recreational and tourism related uses for the residents and visitors of Southcentral Alaska.

We can use your support. If you are in agreement with the need for construction of Shotgun Cove Road, please contact Gov. William Sheffield, or your legislators.



Salmon and shrimp fishing, shrimping, and crabbing opportunities abound in Prince William Sound.



Existing Whittier Small Boat Harbor. There is presently a waiting list of 350 who wish to berth their boats in Whittier.

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DATE INTRODUCED

2-21-85

RELATED BILLS PENDING

None

REFERRALS

Labor & Commercial  
Finance  
Rules

SPONSOR(S)

Josephson - Kertulla, V. Fischer, DeVries

INITIAL SUMMARY COMPLETED

Yes

LEGAL DIVISION SUMMARY

None

SPONSOR CONTACTED FOR BACKUP MATERIALS

Yes

DEPT OF LAW SUMMARY

None

AGENCY RESPONSE

None

FISCAL NOTE

N/A

OTHER INTERESTED LEGISLATORS NOTIFIED

Yes

SIMILAR BILLS INTRODUCED IN PREVIOUS LEGISLATURES

None

OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL PRECEDENTS, REGULATIONS, ETC

RESPONSES FROM INTERESTED PERSONS AND/OR GROUPS

City of Wither  
Chugiach Natives  
City of Anchorage

CHAIRMAN BRIEFED

Yes

DATE & PLACE SET

4-10-85

STAFF MEMO TO COMMITTEE

Yes

TELECONFERENCE

None

BACKGROUND MATERIAL DISTRIBUTED

Yes

PSA/PRESS RELEASE

None

LIST OF WITNESSES

Ted Forst - City of Wither  
Reed Stoops - Chugiach Natives

SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS/CS DRAFTED

None



Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities

# Position Paper

BILL NO: SCR 6

APPROVED:

*R. J. Knapp* 4/8  
R. J. Knapp  
Commissioner

TITLE: Whittier to Shotgun Cove Access

DATE:

The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT/PF) appreciates the supportive comments for its work in investigating ways to improve transportation access to Whittier.

The Whittier to Shotgun Cove road is in the final stage of design. The Department is designing a 9.1 mile long road with a 26 foot wide gravel surface. The road traverses steeply inclined ground and therefore will require extensive rock excavation. The estimated project cost is \$19.2 million which includes right-of-way acquisition, utilities relocation at the Whittier end of the road and construction. If funding is appropriated this year, construction could begin in 1986.

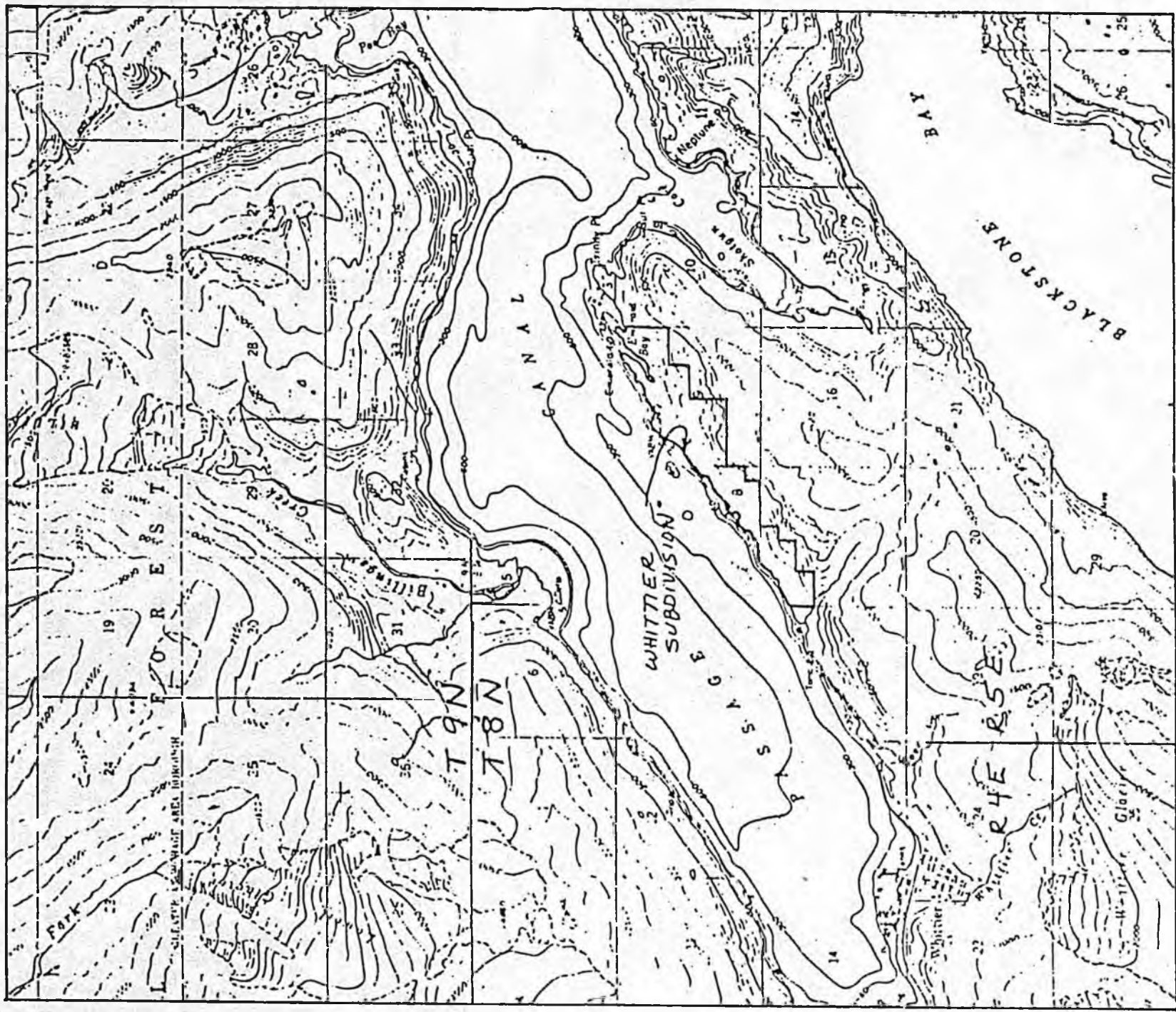
The Portage to Whittier (Whittier Access) project is in the preliminary engineering phase which will evaluate alternatives and make recommendations on a road access into Whittier. The preliminary engineering evaluation will look at several alternatives: 1) a road from Bear Valley around Maynard Mountain, 2) a new tunnel which would accommodate automobiles; and, 3) improvements to the existing tunnel to allow both trains and vehicle traffic. A consultant has been hired to evaluate tunnel options and recommend an alignment through Maynard Mountain. The Department has begun work on the Environmental Impact Statement which will include the consultant's recommendations for the preferred tunnel alignment.

The current schedule for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval of the Whittier Access project is as follows:

Consultant Contract completion	August, 1985
Draft Environmental Document	May, 1986
Approval to begin Design	December, 1986

For further information call Susan Fleischhauer at 465-3900.

**DOT/PF POSITION PAPER**



LOCATION MAPS

