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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT
FIRST COMMITTEE OF REFERRAL

DATE: January 17, 1990

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: 2-22-90
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE: 3-12-90

Transportation Committee considered SENATE CONCURRENT RES. 41

Relating to the transfer of Cordova maintenance station to the Northern Region of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

and recommended:

- replace with _____ CS _____ same title
- attached amendment(s) new title
- _____ letter of intent adopted

do pass

do not pass

no recommendation

individual recommendations

further referral to _____

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department(s)/Date:

Department(s)/Date:

fiscal note(s) _____

zero fiscal note(s) DOTPI-

appropriation-no fiscal note

Governor's bill w/fiscal note

SIGNING DO PASS:

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Chair Signature and Recommendation

**STATE OF ALASKA
1990 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**BILL VERSION: SCR 41
PUBLISH DATE: 01/17/90**

REQUEST: FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date:
Title: "An Act relating to the transfer of
the Cordova maintenance station"
Sponsor: Kerttula
Requestor: Senate Transportation

Agency Affected: DOT&PF
BRU: Northern Region

Components:

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTURAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS:

Prepared by: W. Keith Gerken, Deputy Commissioner, Operations
Division: Office of the Commissioner

Phone: 465-3900
Date: March 9, 1990

Approved by Commissioner: Mark S. Hickey *MSH*
Agency: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Date: 3/9/90

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SENATE

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Juneau, Alaska 99811

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Lloyd Jones, Chairman
Senate Transportation Committee

FROM: Senator Jay Kerttula

SUBJ: SCR 41 -- Transfer of the
Cordova Maintenance Station

DATE: February 21, 1990

FEB 26 1990

SCR 41 would request that the Department of Transportation transfer the Cordova Maintenance station from the central region of DOT to the northern region.

This transfer has overwhelming support from the community -- indicated by the attached resolution from the City of Cordova and the attached letter from the Cordova R.O.A.D. Committee. In addition, it appears that the Northern Region for DOT also supports the transfer, basing their support on increased efficiency which would be realized by management from Valdez. I have also attached a DOT memorandum on the proposal.

I appreciate your scheduling this resolution.

JK:kh

Lloyd

D.O.T. has approved since we intro. the Reso - but passage may further occur to happening

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CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 90-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CORDOVA CITY COUNCIL REGARDING
THE NEED FOR PROGRAMS OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN CORDOVA

WHEREAS, Cordova is a substantial community with a fishing based economy, and

WHEREAS, certain state programs provide vital assistance to the residents of the community, and

WHEREAS, in recent years there has been an erosion in the level of service available to the community from the State of Alaska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cordova City Council hereby requests the following programs be reinstated or initiated in Cordova: They are not given in priority order.

Office of the Governor

Reinstatement of the Governor's Office in Cordova

Department of Health and Social Services

Reinstatement of the Public Health Nurse Position

Department of Labor

Reopening of the Job Service Office

Department of Natural Resources

Construction and operation of a state park with camping facilities

Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Restore the level of road maintenance of state roads to previous level

Paving of Whitshed Road

Finish building the Copper River Highway

Construct a sidewalk across Odiak Slough

City of Cordova - Resolution

Restore ferry service to previous level

Change the administration of the Cordova office to the Northern District

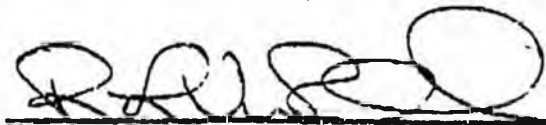
Construction of a bike/pedestrian trail to Mile 13 of the Copper River Highway

Repair or replacement of the ferry transfer bridge in a timely manner

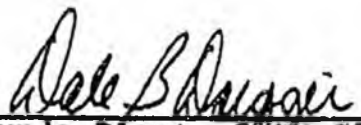
Winter road maintenance on the Copper River Highway as far as the Forest Service Ski Trails

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PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF January, 1990.



Mayor Robert Van Brocklin


for D. Lynda Plant, City Clerk



Alaska R.O.A.D. Association

P.O. Box 535, Cordova, Alaska 99574-0535
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January 8, 1990

Ms. Audrey Burton
P.O. Box 81
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Dear Audrey:

I have enclosed the memo from Deputy Commissioner Gerken regarding Cordova's request to be placed into DOT&PF Northern Region maintainence.

The City of Cordova has been requesting this switch for several years now. They have noticed as the legal entity that something is wrong with the system.

The Alaska ROAD association has been voicing our concern over lack of a budget for Cordov Station, inadequate staffing, and staff distribution such that no meaningful work can be accomplished.

These pleas have to date, drawn no positive response. In fact the most recent crew shuffle and scheduling have brought about decreases in equipment time.

I hope Mr. Gerken's response will help your understanding of the situation. Central Region is clearly deaf to our pleas. Northern Region knows they can do a better job here. They have stated over the phone that they would for instance, give the Station Manager a budget.

Cordova City Council once again listed the change in maintainence districts as a priority goal last meeting, and the Governor heard about it first-hand. Representative Kubina was also made aware of the situation.

If we may aid your efforts in any way, please call on us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Hogan". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script. The first name "Larry" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than the last name "Hogan".

Larry Hogan, vp

cc: Steve Cowper
Jay Kerttula
Gene Kubina
Mike Szymanski
Mark Hickey
Nancy Gross

AK R.O.A.D. - Position Paper

MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

Department of Transportation & Public Facilities

TO: Mark Hickey

DATE: October 19, 1989

FILE NO:

TELEPHONE: 465-3900

FROM: W. Keith Gerken
Deputy Commissioner

SUBJECT: Cordova Station

A proposal to transfer the responsibility for the Cordova station from the Central to the Northern Region has been made by the Cordova community and discussed for the last several months by our two regions. The jurisdiction for Cordova has been changed several times over the years and history has it that both Cordova and Valdez have been jointly and separately administered by both Anchorage and Fairbanks at various times. In hearing of the reasons for the various changes it is my impression that they have been subtle arguments each time and often colored by personalities.

From the communities view the rationale for a change at this time is that maintenance will be improved and the Copper River Highway will be more likely to proceed to construction. Nothing I have heard would indicate that either of these outcomes would be dependent on the location of the management of the Cordova station.

From the departments view, the Northern Region believes that some efficiency will be realized by management from Valdez. The ability to share equipment and personnel and the common coastal conditions of these two communities makes them a compatible management association. Central region's attitude about this is probably best summed up with the tired colloquialism, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" (Incidentally a horrible saying for any believer in preventative maintenance).

My proposal is that 1) the management of the Cordova station stay as it is and 2) that maintenance for the entire contiguous state road system be under the one region rather than split as it currently is. My reasons for #1 are that changing it would send a message to employees and the community that there is something wrong that is being fixed and I don't believe that we have identified what needs to be fixed. My reasons for #2 are that it just makes sense. I would make it clear that the last two years of maintenance beyond the million dollar bridge indicate a base level of service which we would intend to continue to provide.

cc: Kit Duke
John Horn

CONCUR: Mark D. Hickey
10/19/89

DOT/PF Memo

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STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

STEVE COWPER, GOVERNOR

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February 14, 1990

Mr. Robert VanBrocklin
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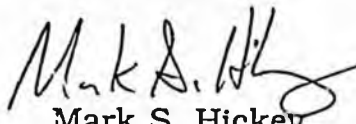
Dear Mayor VanBrocklin:

The Cordova city council passed a resolution on January 17, 1990, which among other things requested that DOT&PF services for Cordova be administered by Northern Region rather than the Central Region. There has been a debate regarding the proper organizational place for Cordova for many years and changes have been made before. I do not want to make a change simply as a pretence of some greater action, and this was the foundation of our decision last October to leave things as they were. However, because we believe that this can work under either management group, and because we give credence to the wishes of the city's elected body, I have approved this change to be effective on or before July 1, 1990.

I want to be sure that you and the council understand that this change in itself is not a panacea for all of the concerns that have been raised. Many of the problems that have been cited are the result of a maintenance budget that is too small. This is a problem that we have in many locations throughout the state. We will continue to work to bring more resources to bear on our responsibilities and at the same time work to do more with what resources we have.

I would like to ask for your patience and cooperation while we work through a transition period, and I would welcome any comments or suggestions that you may have in the future.

Sincerely,


Mark S. Hickey
Commissioner

- cc: The Honorable Steve Cowper, Governor
- The Honorable Eugene Kubina, Alaska State Representative
- The Honorable Mike Szymanski, Alaska State Senator
- The Honorable Jalmar Kerttula, Alaska State Senator