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March 18, 2003

Rep. Jim Holm
Co-Chair
Room 110
465-3466

Whereas on March 11, 2003, our committee heard HB 147, "THE WILLIAM RANSOM WOOD CENTENNIAL BRIDGE IN FAIRBANKS." and unanimously moved it from our committee, and

Rep. Beverly Masek
Co-Chair
Room 403
465-2679

Whereas SB 77, the identical companion Senate bill, has passed the Senate and is now assigned to our House Transportation Committee,

We therefore request that SB 77 be waived from the House Transportation Committee.

Rep. Hugh Fate
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Co-Chair Holm

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Rep. Cheryl Heinze
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Representative Fate

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MEMORANDUM

March 13, 2003

SUBJECT: Referral of measure, waiver by committee
(Uniform Rules 24(b) and 39(b))

TO: Senator Gary Wilken
Attn: Sheila Peterson

FROM: Tamara Brandt Cook
Director of Legal Services

You have asked whether a hearing must be held on a bill before it is calendared. The Uniform Rules prescribe the procedure to be followed in consideration of a bill. Under Rule 39(b) a bill is read in first reading and then referred by the presiding officer to at least one committee. There is no explicit requirement that a bill be heard by a committee, although this seems implicit in the requirement of referral. However, note also that under Rule 48(d) a bill may be discharged from committee upon motion by any member "at any time." Clearly, a bill might be discharged before any hearing is had under this Rule, so it would be incorrect to read the referral requirement of Rule 39(b) as also requiring, by implication, a hearing in committee.

Waiver of a bill from committee by the chair is not actually addressed in the Uniform Rules, but it has the same end result as a motion to discharge. Thus, a motion to waive a bill from committee is perfectly proper under Rule 48(d) and has been frequently used. If a bill receives only one committee referral and if the chair waives that referral, then the bill could go directly to the Rules Committee for calendaring.

The question of whether a bill should be heard before calendaring is a matter of judgment. Depending upon the circumstances, the body may conclude that the policy issues contained in a particular bill have been adequately aired. If a member believes that a bill should be heard rather than having the committee referral waived, an objection may be made to the waiver motion. In addition, the body itself may add referrals to a bill by majority vote of the full membership. However, there have been many cases in the past, particularly if a committee has already held hearings on an identical companion bill, when the House or Senate has acquiesced to waiver of a bill and acted upon it without a committee hearing.

You also ask about possible application of the requirement that a bill receive at least one "do pass" before it may automatically go to the Rules Committee for calendaring. That requirement is found in Uniform Rule 24(b) which states:

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RULE 24. Committee Referral and Action. (b) When a bill is reported back by a committee without at least one "Do Pass", unless the bill has a subsequent referral or referrals of record, the presiding officer shall put the question "Shall the bill be referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar for second reading notwithstanding the report of the committee(s)?" If the bill has a subsequent referral or referrals of record, the question shall not be put until the last committee has reported and unless all reports are without at least one "Do Pass". The question is debatable and if a majority of the membership of the house votes in the negative, the bill is lost.

Note that application of this subsection is avoided when all committees of referral waive the bill, and, therefore, never report the bill out.

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REPRESENTATIVE JIM HOLM DISTRICT 9

House Bill 147 will name the Fairbanks Riverwalk Centennial Bridge in honor of Dr. William Ransom Wood.

In 1973, Dr. Wood retired as the President of the University of Alaska after thirteen years of service. One of two University of Alaska presidents who decided to stay in state, Dr. Wood opened an office in Fairbanks where international, state, local, and academic ideas and plans were given birth and manifested as parks, plazas, hospitals, and industrial and agricultural growth.

It is important to remember that Dr. Wood was not only an educator, but also a poet, a thinker, an advocate for economic development, and an advocate for individual responsibility and self-reliance. He also understood the requisite relationship between successful self-reliant individuals and a robust, prosperous community.

Dr. Wood inspired thousands of individuals around the world through his deeds and dedication for this place we call home. He also leaves a legacy of Alaskans and Fairbanksans who consider him a regional and local hero. This from a man who asked no more of life than to leave his community and state a little better than he found it. At that he succeeded.

As the executive director of Festival Fairbanks, he desired to commemorate the centennial of Fairbanks with a pedestrian bridge crossing the Chena River. By naming that bridge the William Ransom Wood Centennial Bridge, we will hopefully inspire future generations of Alaskans to ponder and aspire to Dr. Wood's simple yet magnificent legacy; to ask nothing more of life than to leave our state, our home, just a little better than we found it.

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WILLIAM RANSOM WOOD

William Ransom Wood was born near Jacksonville, Illinois, on February 3, 1907. He earned his master's and doctoral degrees in English from the University of Iowa. He served in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1946. After active duty in World War II he returned to Evanston, Illinois, where he served as a college director and school superintendent. During the fifties he worked with the United States Office of Education as an education specialist until his selection as vice president at the University of Nevada. He and his family came to Alaska in 1960 when he was named the fourth President of the University of Alaska. He retired in 1973.

For the past twenty-seven years, the author has spearheaded a multitude of projects designed to improve the quality of life in the Interior as well as foster greater understanding about Alaska and its people. Through Festival Fairbanks, a non-profit organization he created in 1982, the author has orchestrated conferences, beautification efforts, books, meetings with foreign dignitaries and much more—all with an eye on positioning the Interior and Alaska in today's international market. He is a proponent of Alaskan agriculture and mining, a champion for higher education and a supporter of the arts, athletics and numerous charities. He continues to write a regular column for the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner. In the last seven years since *Legacy of Dreams* was published, he has been recognized by many organizations. He was named to the Illinois College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1993, and presented that same year the sesquicentennial address of the Sigma Pi Literary Society of Illinois College. In 1996 he was named

laureate of the Alaska Business Hall of Fame and a Fellow of the Arctic Institute of North America. Most recently the Rotary International Board of Directors awarded him Rotary's highest honor, "The Service Above Self" Award; and the Chapel of the Four Chaplains gave him a Legion of Honor Lifetime Achievement Award. He serves the Alaska American Cancer Society, Alaska Council of the Boy Scouts of America and continues to be an active member of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce and the Fairbanks Rotary Club.

This teacher, coach, poet, university president, mayor, nonprofit executive and citizen volunteer still calls Fairbanks, Alaska home—the land of the midnight sun, northern lights and magnificent people.

The Alaskan Life of William R. Wood

- ✓ University of Alaska President - 1960-1973
- ✓ Mayor of Fairbanks - 1978-1980
- ✓ Founder of Fairbanks Industrial Development Corporation
- ✓ First Chairman of the Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation - 1967
- ✓ Airport Community Council Charter Member
- ✓ Co-Founder Alaska Science and Technology Foundation
- ✓ Founder of Festival Fairbanks whose mission is to support community projects.
- ✓ Festival Fairbanks Executive Director (a non-monetary position) from its inception in 1981 - 2001.
- ✓ Visionary & Creator of Golden Heart Plaza - 1984
- ✓ Opinion columnist for Fairbanks Daily News-Miner - 1981-2001
- ✓ 1985 Alaskan of the Year
- ✓ Rotary District 5010 (Yukon, Alaska, Eastern Russia) Governor - 1985-1986
- ✓ Rotary Service Above Self International Award - 2000
- ✓ Established Wood Nanook Varsity Talent Search and Grant Endowment with the University of Alaska Fairbanks - 1998
- ✓ Published a trilogy of poetry - *Not From Stone* (1983), *Legacy of Dreams* (1993), and *Nanook* (2000)

**SENATE RESOLUTION 195--EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE CONCERNING
DR. WILLIAM RANSOM WOOD -- (Senate - October 04, 1995)**

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Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Mr. MURKOWSKI) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. Res. 195

Whereas Dr. William Ransom Wood's tireless dedication and wisdom have earned him honorable distinction for his work in the city of Fairbanks, the State of Alaska, and the Nation;

Whereas Dr. Wood served his country with distinction in battle during World War II as a captain in the United States Navy;

Whereas Dr. Wood served the people of Alaska as president of the University of Alaska, chairman of the American Cancer Society, vice president of the Alaska Boy Scout Council, Member of the Alaska Business Advisory Council, chairman of the Alaska Heart Association, and numerous other organizations;

Whereas Dr. Wood served the people of Fairbanks as mayor, chairman of the Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation, president of Fairbanks Rotary Club, and in many other capacities;

Whereas the city of Fairbanks, the State of Alaska, and the Nation continue to benefit from Dr. Wood's outstanding leadership and vision;

Whereas Dr. Wood is the executive director of Festival Fairbanks which desires to commemorate the centennial of Fairbanks, Alaska with a pedestrian bridge which shall serve as a reminder to remember and respect the builders of the twentieth century; and

Whereas it shall also be in Dr. Wood's words, "a memorial to the brave indigenous people. Who came before and persisted through hardships, generation after generation. The Centennial Bridge is a tribute to their stamina and ability to cope with changing times.": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the United States Senate urges the Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater to designate the Fairbanks, Alaska Riverwalk Centennial Bridge community connector project as the Dr. William Ransom Wood Centennial Bridge.

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Introduced by: Mayor Thompson
Date: February 10, 2003

RESOLUTION NO. 4047

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NAMING THE FAIRBANKS
RIVERWALK CENTENNIAL BRIDGE AS THE DR. WILLIAM RANSOM
WOOD CENTENNIAL BRIDGE**

WHEREAS, Dr. William Ransom Wood's contributions earned him honorable distinction for his work in the City of Fairbanks; and

WHEREAS, not only did Dr. Wood serve as President of the University of Alaska, Mayor of Fairbanks, but his tireless work on countless worthy community projects up to the end of his life is an example to all of us; and

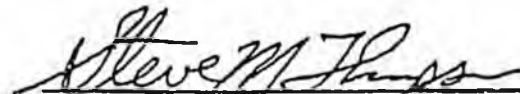
WHEREAS, thanks to Dr. Wood's vision, Golden Heart Plaza and the Barnette Landing Beautification Project now exist, celebrating Fairbanks' one hundred-year history; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wood envisioned a pedestrian bridge to commemorate the centennial of Fairbanks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS that the City of Fairbanks supports the naming of the Fairbanks Riverwalk Centennial Bridge as the Dr. William Ransom Wood Centennial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Governor of Alaska, the Congressional Delegation and the Interior Delegation.

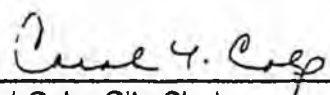
PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of February, 2003.



Steve M. Thompson, Mayor

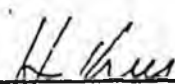
AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST:



Carol Colp, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Herbert P. Kuss, City Attorney

By: Rhonda Boyles, Mayor
 Victoria Foote
 Tim Beck
 Introduced: 02/13/03
 Adopted: 02/13/03

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

RESOLUTION NO. 2003 - 11

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NAMING THE FAIRBANKS RIVERWALK
 CENTENNIAL BRIDGE AS
 THE WILLIAM RANSOM WOOD CENTENNIAL BRIDGE

WHEREAS, Dr. William Ransom Wood's tireless dedication and wisdom earned him honorable distinction for his work in the city of Fairbanks, the State of Alaska and the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wood dedicated his life to better the lives of the citizens of the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wood served the people of Fairbanks and the state as president of the University of Alaska and as the Mayor of the City of Fairbanks with honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wood's vision was to celebrate the rich heritage of Fairbanks through the establishment of Golden Heart Plaza, Barnette Landing Beautification, and the community-wide celebrations of Fairbanks' centennial; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wood desired to commemorate the centennial of Fairbanks with a pedestrian bridge, serving as a reminder to remember and respect the builders of the twentieth century, and the stamina and ability to cope with changing times; and

WHEREAS, as the Executive Director of Festival Fairbanks, Dr. Wood brought his vision into reality:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Rhonda Boyles, Borough Mayor, and the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly support the naming of the Fairbanks Riverwalk Centennial Bridge as the William Ransom Wood Centennial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be sent to:

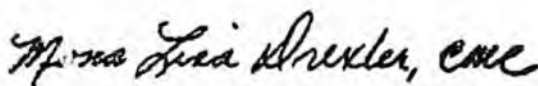
Governor Frank Murkowski
Senator Ted Stevens
Senator Lisa Murkowski
Congressman Don Young
Interior Delegation
Mayor Steve Thompson, City of Fairbanks
Fairbanks City Council
Mayor Jeff Jacobson, City of North Pole
North Pole City Council

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2003.



Richard J. Solle, Jr.
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



Mona Lisa Drexler, CMC
Municipal Borough Clerk

Ayes: Romans, Hutchison, Sattley, Williams, Beck, Frank, Foote, Henry, Solle
Noes: None

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COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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February 28, 2003

The Honorable Gary Wilken
Alaska State Senator
State Capitol, Room 514
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator *Wilken*:

Thank you for contacting me regarding my support of legislation to name the Riverwalk Centennial Bridge in honor of Dr. William Ransom Wood. I am pleased that the Alaska Legislature will make this well deserved effort a reality.

Dr. Wood believed that a pedestrian bridge in downtown Fairbanks was a suitable structure to commemorate the centennial of Fairbanks. At the request of Dr. Wood, I sought funding for a pedestrian bridge to span the Chena River. Per my request, funding was included in the fiscal year 1999 Transportation Appropriations bill (PL 105-277) to construct the Riverwalk Centennial Bridge project. Shortly before final passage of this legislation, I offered Senate Resolution 195 to rename this structure as the Dr. William Ransom Wood Centennial Bridge. A copy of that resolution is attached to this letter.

Dr. Wood expected the Centennial Bridge to serve as a reminder to remember and respect the builders of the Twentieth Century. Dr. Wood is well deserving of this honor because he was a builder of the Twentieth and Twenty-First Century. Dr. Wood's commitment to Fairbanks, the State of Alaska, and the nation will always be remembered. The naming of a bridge in his honor is only a small gesture to recognize a man that has done so much for so many.

I commend the Alaska Legislature for its recognition of a good friend and deserving Alaskan.

With best wishes,

Cordially,

Ted Stevens
TED STEVENS

*Bill Wood
was probably
the builder of
Fairbanks in
the 20th century!*

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March 4, 2003

Senator Gary Wilken
State Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Wilken:

On behalf of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, I am delighted to write a letter of support for Senate Bill 77, the William Ransom Wood Centennial Bridge.

Dr. Wood was an effective leader in the Fairbanks community and was loved by many. Through his work as President of the University of Alaska, Fairbanks City Mayor, founder of Festival Fairbanks, and active in the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Wood left a legacy; making Fairbanks a better place to live and work.

Dr. Wood's passion and dedication for Fairbanks is sorely missed by all. This bill, which would appropriately rename the pedestrian bridge across the Chena River for Dr. Wood, is a fitting tribute to a man who did so much for our community.

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce enthusiastically supports this bill and encourages its swift passage. If you have any questions about this letter, please call me or Ms. Kara Moriarty at 452-1105.

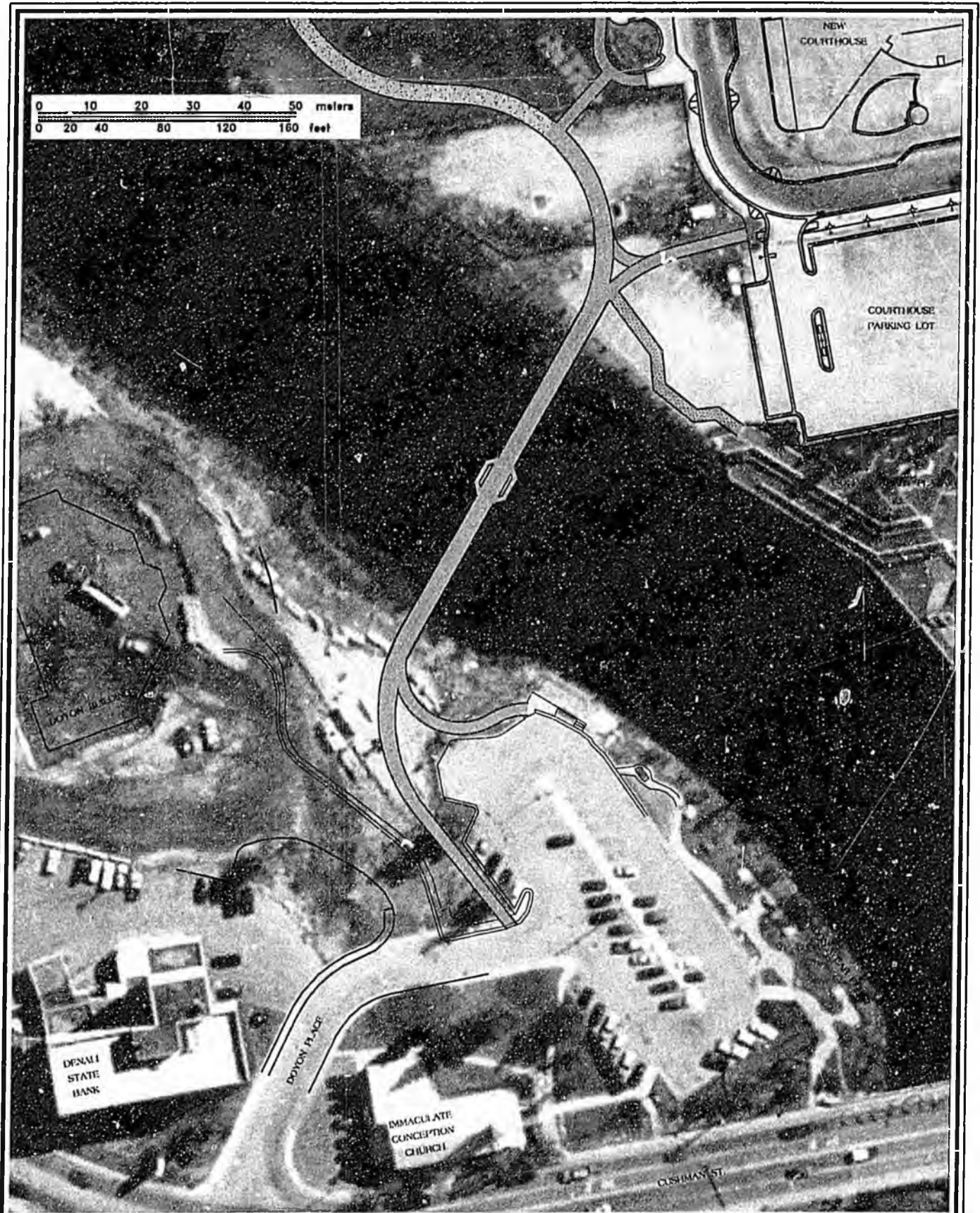
Sincerely,



Terry Aldridge
Board Chairman



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CENTENNIAL BRIDGE

DESIGNED BY: KAR/RLC
 DRAWN BY: RJP/GDS
 CHECKED BY: CHICAGO
 R.L.C.

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: HB147
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: DOT&PF
 Title An Act naming the William Ransom Wood BRU Highways and Aviation
Centennial Bridge in Fairbanks Component Northern Highways and Aviation
 Sponsor Holm
 Requester HTRA Component No. 2068

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: 0.0
 Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: Dennis R. Poshard Phone 465-3900
 Division Special Assistant to Commissioner Date/Time 3/11/03 8:25 AM
 Approved by: Commissioner Mike Barton Date 3/11/2003
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