

SB

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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT
First Committee of Referral

DATE: 2/19/03

FURTHER:

Date of 5-Day Notice: 2/27/03
 (in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED
 IN TO OFFICE: 3/7/03

State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 77

SB 77 WILLIAM RANSOM WOOD CENTENNIAL BRIDGE

"An Act naming the William Ransom Wood Centennial Bridge in Fairbanks."

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)
- adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to _____ Committee

Senate Bill:

- same title
- new title

House Bill:

- same title
- technical title
- new: SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
DOT	3/5/03		✓	1

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	Do PASS	Do NOT PASS	No REC	AMEND
<i>John J. Condees</i>	✓			
<i>Paul Ryan</i>	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i>	✓			
CHAIR: <i>[Signature]</i>	✓			

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: SB77
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: DOT&PF
 Title An Act naming the William Ransom Wood BRU Highways & Aviation
Centennial Bridge in Fairbanks Component Northern Highways & Aviation
 Sponsor Wilken
 Requester SSTA Component No. 2058

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						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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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 3/5/03 2:45 PM
 Approved by: Commissioner Mike Barton Date 3/5/2003
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SPONSOR STATEMENT

Senate Bill 77 William Ransom Wood Centennial Bridge

Senate Bill 77 names the Fairbanks Riverwalk Centennial Bridge in honor of a true visionary and leader for Alaska, Dr. William Ransom Wood.

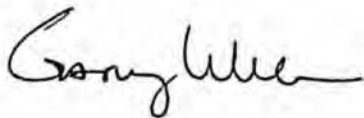
Dr. Bill Wood arrived in Fairbanks, Alaska in 1960 with his wife Dorothy Jane, son Mark and daughter Karen, to serve as the fourth president of our University of Alaska. After thirteen years of leading the University and shaping it into a world-class institution, he retired from University service and, with his family, decided to remain in Fairbanks.

Though he retired, he never stopped serving his community. Dr. Wood was committed to making the place where he lived a better place than when he found it. He fulfilled that belief everyday of his 94 years. Even on his final days, he was offering words of wisdom and urging national, state, and local leaders to begin or to finish community projects.

Over the years, Dr. Wood was a leader to many; he was the Mayor of Fairbanks, Chair of Fairbanks Area Community Hospital Foundation, founder of Festival Fairbanks, founder of Fairbanks Industrial Development Corporation, and 1985 Alaskan of the Year. He was very active in Rotary International, serving as President, District 5010 Governor, and receiving Rotary's highest honor - the Service Above Self Award.

At the age of 94 years old, Dr. Wood, as executive director of Festival Fairbanks, desired to commemorate the centennial of Fairbanks with a pedestrian bridge over the Chena River to remember and respect the builders of the twentieth century. As Fairbanks celebrates its centennial this year, it is fitting that this bridge be known statewide as the *William Ransom Wood Centennial Bridge* in honor of a truly remarkable leader.

Thank you for joining me in support of this legislation.



Home of the
University of Alaska

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)

Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as co-sponsors of Senate Resolution 183, a resolution designating the week beginning on September 19, 1999, and ending on September 25, 1999, as National Home Education Week.

SENATE RESOLUTION 195—EX-PRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE CONCERNING DR. WILLIAM RANSOM WOOD

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.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

AIR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT ACT

MCCAIN (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 1891

Mr. GORTON (for Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. GORTON, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER)) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 82) to authorize appropriations for Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes; as follows: [The amendment was not available for printing. It will appear in a future issue of the RECORD.]

GORTON (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 1892

Mr. GORTON (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. ASHCROFT) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 82, supra; as follows:

Strike sections 506, 507, and 508 and insert the following:
SEC. 506. CHANGES IN, AND PHASE-OUT OF, SLOT RULES.

(a) RULES THAT APPLY TO ALL SLOT EXEMPTION REQUESTS.—

(1) PROMPT CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS.—Section 41714(l) is amended to read as follows:

"(1) 45-DAY APPLICATION PROCESS.—

"(1) REQUEST FOR SLOT EXEMPTIONS.—Any slot exemption request filed with the Secretary under this section, section 41717, or 41719 shall include—

"(A) the names of the airports to be served;

"(B) the times requested; and

"(C) such additional information as the Secretary may require.

"(2) ACTION ON REQUEST: FAILURE TO ACT.—Within 45 days after a slot exemption request under this section, section 41717, or section 41719 is received by the Secretary, the Secretary shall—

"(A) approve the request if the Secretary determines that the requirements of the section under which the request is made are met;

"(B) return the request to the applicant for additional information; or

"(C) deny the request and state the reasons for its denial.

"(3) 45-DAY PERIOD TOLLED FOR TIMELY REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION.—If the Secretary returns the request for additional information during the first 10 days after the request is filed, then the 45-day period shall be tolled until the date on which the additional information is filed with the Secretary.

"(4) FAILURE TO DETERMINE DEEMED APPROVAL.—If the Secretary neither approves the request under paragraph (2)(A) nor denies the request under subparagraph (2)(C) within the 45-day period beginning on the date it is received, excepting any days during which the 45-day period is tolled under paragraph (3), then the request is deemed to have been approved on the 46th day after it was filed with the Secretary."

(2) EXEMPTIONS MAY NOT BE BOUGHT OR SOLD.—Section 41714 is further amended by adding at the end the following:

"(j) EXEMPTIONS MAY NOT BE BOUGHT OR SOLD.—No exemption from the requirements of subparts K and S of part 93 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, granted under this section, section 41717, or section 41719 may be bought or sold by the carrier to which it is granted."

(3) EQUAL TREATMENT OF AFFILIATED CARRIERS.—Section 41714, as amended by paragraph (2), is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"(k) AFFILIATED CARRIERS.—For purposes of this section, section 41717, 41718, and 41719, the Secretary shall treat all commuter air carriers that have cooperative agreements, including code-share agreements, with other air carriers equally for determining eligibility for the application of any provision of those sections regardless of the form of the corporate relationship between the commuter air carrier and the other air carrier."

(4) NEW ENTRANT SLOTS.—Section 41714(c) is amended—

(A) by striking "(1) IN GENERAL.—";

(B) by striking "and the circumstances to be exceptional."; and

(C) by striking paragraph (2).

(5) LIMITED INCUMBENT: REGIONAL JET.—Section 40102 is amended by—

(A) inserting after paragraph (28) the following:

"(28A) The term 'limited incumbent air carrier' has the meaning given that term in subpart S of part 93 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, except that '20' shall be substituted for '12' in sections 93.213(a)(5), 93.223(c)(3), and 93.225(h) as such sections were in effect on August 1, 1998."; and

(B) inserting after paragraph (37) the following:

"(37A) The term 'regional jet' means a passenger, turbofan-powered aircraft carrying not fewer than 30 and not more than 50 passengers."

(b) PHASE-OUT OF SLOT RULES.—Chapter 417 is amended—

(1) by redesignating sections 41715 and 41716 as sections 41720 and 41721; and

(2) by inserting after section 41714 the following:

"§41716. Phase-out of slot rules at certain airports

"(a) TERMINATION.—The rules contained in subparts S and K of part 93, title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, shall not apply—

"(1) after March 31, 2003, at Chicago O'Hare International Airport; and

"(2) after December 31, 2006, at LaGuardia Airport or John F. Kennedy International Airport.

"(b) FAA SAFETY AUTHORITY NOT COMPROMISED.—Nothing in subsection (a) affects the Federal Aviation Administration's authority for safety and the movement of air traffic.

(c) PRESERVATION OF EXISTING SERVICE.—Chapter 417, as amended by subsection (b), is amended by inserting after section 41715 the following:

"§41716. Preservation of certain existing slot-related air service

"An air carrier that provides air transportation of passenger from a high density airport (other than Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport) to a small hub airport or non-hub airport, or to an airport that is smaller than a small hub or non-hub airport, on or before the date of enactment of the Air Transportation Improvement Act pursuant to an exemption from the requirements under subparts K and S of part 93 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (pertaining to slots at high density airports), or where slots were issued to an airline conditioned on a specific airport being served, may not terminate air transportation service for that route for a period of 2 years (with respect to service from LaGuardia Airport or John F. Kennedy International Airport), or 4 years (with respect to service from Chicago O'Hare International Airport), after the date on which those requirements cease to apply to that high density airport unless—

"(1) before October 1, 1999, the Secretary received a written air service termination notice for that route; or

"(2) after September 30, 1999, the air carrier submits an air service termination notice under section 41720 for that route and the Secretary determines that the carrier suffered excessive losses, including substantial losses on operations on that route during the calendar quarters immediately preceding submission of the notice."

(d) SPECIAL RULES AFFECTING LAGUARDIA AIRPORT AND JOHN F. KENNEDY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.—Chapter 417, as amended by subsection (c), is amended by inserting after section 41716 the following:

"§41717. Interim slot rules at New York airports

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation may, by order, grant exemptions

THE
FOLLOWING
DOCUMENT(S)
ARE
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By: Rhonda Boyles, Mayor
Victoria Foote
Tim Beck
Introduced: 02/13/03
Adopted: 02/13/03

FAIRBANKS NORT 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

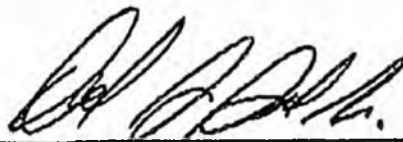
WHEREAS, as the Executive Director of Festival Fairbanks, Dr. Wood brought his vision into reality:

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:

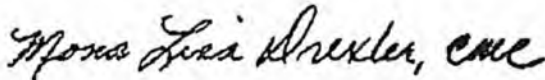
Governor Frank Murkowski
Senator Ted Stevens
Senator Lisa Murkowski
Congressman Don Young
Interior Delegation
Mayor Steve Thompson, City of Fairbanks
Fairbanks City Council
Mayor Jeff Jacobson, City of North Pole
North Pole City Council

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

RECEIVED

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

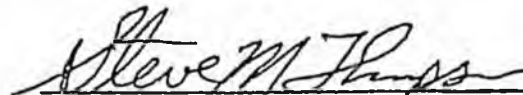
WHEREAS, thanks to Dr. Wood's vision, Golden Heart Plaza and the Barnette Landing Beautification Project now exist, celebrating Fairbanks' one hundred-year history; and

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.

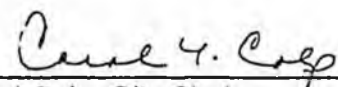
PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of February, 2003.


Steve M. Thompson, Mayor

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Carol Colp, City Clerk


Herbert P. Kuss, City Attorney

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6025

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.

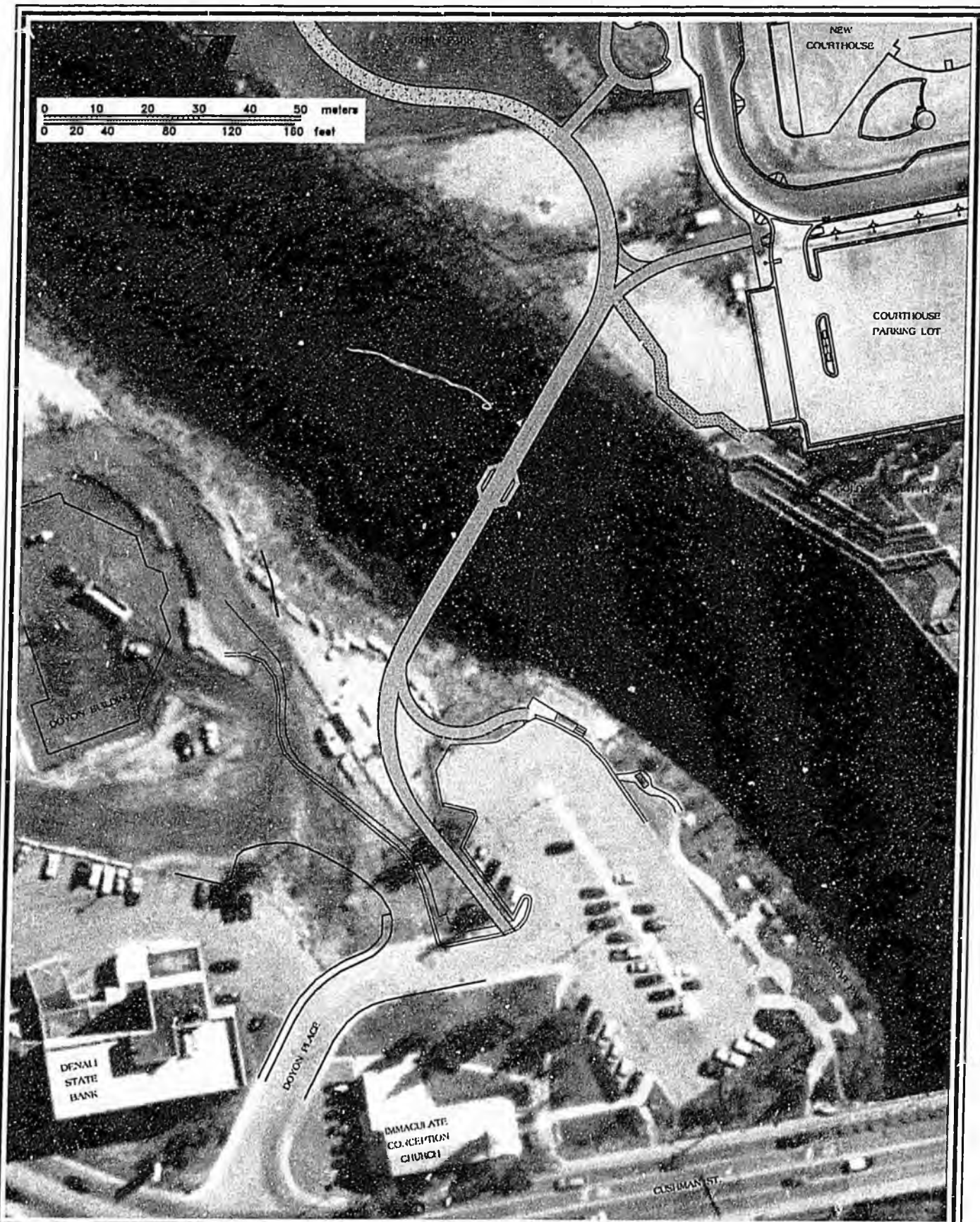
Sincerely,



Terry Aldridge
Board Chairman



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CENTENNIAL BRIDGE

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FIGURE	1