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Sponsor: Senator Kookesh
Requester: Senate Finance Component Number: 2069

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies	7.5							
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING	7.5	0.0	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	7.5							
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
TOTAL	7.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

It is estimated it will cost \$7.5 for the production and installation of two signs and two posts; one in each direction, designating the bridge as the Shirley Demientieff Memorial Bridge. These signs will not be mounted on the bridge but will be on new posts slightly in advance of the bridge.

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Division: Commissioner's Office Date/Time: 2/19/08 8:00 AM
Approved by: Nancy Sjaqle, Admin Director Date: 2/19/2008
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Sponsor Statement

SB 158 "Naming Shirley Demientieff Memorial Bridge"

Senate Bill 158 would name the small bridge in Nenana directly north of the Alaska Native Veterans' Bridge in honor of Shirley Demientieff. Ms. Shirley was a bridge to so many and it is only fitting that this bridge bears her name.

Shirley a Nenana Native Daughter, passed away January 3, 2007 after a year long battle with lung cancer. Shirley was a well known community activist and native Leader. She is best known for her unbridled support for those in need.

It was noted in the January 8, 2007 edition of the *Fairbanks News-Miner*, that Shirley truly was the "bridge over troubled waters for so many. Shirley's gift was to reach out to anyone in need and help guide them to that bridge. In some cases, Shirley took it upon herself to build that bridge, which for some was the only way home." A dear friend stated "Shirley was all about bridges; between cultures, communities and those in need."

The Shirley Demientieff Memorial Bridge will serve as a reminder of her tireless work in bringing people together from all walks of life, for the good of all citizens in this great state of Alaska.

I ask you to support SB 158, and recognize and honor this truly compassionate woman's life.

THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE

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SPONSORS APPROVAL:

In Memoriam

*** SHIRLEY A. DEMIENTIEFF ***

The members of the Twenty-fifth Alaska State Legislature join with family and friends of Shirley Demientieff in honoring her life and mourning her passing.

Shirley, the eldest of seven children, was born in 1951 to the late George and Elizabeth Demientieff of Nenana. She was an Athabascan who was very close to her grandmother Mary who taught her to take great pride in her heritage, culture, and traditions. Shirley will be greatly missed by her daughters Elizabeth "Lisa" and Leslie, her nephew/son Daniel, her grandchildren, and her vast extended family.

Shirley was a natural caregiver who turned no one away. She opened her house to the children of the Nenana, and when the house ran out of room, she set up a tent in her yard. For this, she is known to many as auntie, mom, grandma, foster mom, and friend. She will be remembered as a long serving family matriarch, caring for family and foster children. Shirley was known for acting out of love, love for people without condition. Her love for all inspired her to be a determined voice for the integrity of her people. She is remembered by many as the "bridge over troubled waters", as she guided many to that bridge of help, which for many was the only way home.

A life-long activist, Shirley is best known for her work on preventing suicide, alcoholism, and sexual abuse. She was devoted in taking a lead role to organize search teams when villagers were lost in Interior Alaska and will also be remembered as a diligent supporter for enfranchised people and would lead marches and raise money. Even after being diagnosed with a brain aneurism in 2000, Shirley continued to champion her causes. In 2005, she traveled the villages of the Koyukuk, Yukon, and Tanana rivers on a suicide prevention mission.

Shirley was also a leader in the native community. She served on the boards of Doyon Limited and its subsidiaries. She also served on the Shareholder Relations and Budget and Audit committees for Doyon. She was also the President and founder of Alaska Natives Standing Up for Justice and the Tanana Valley Search and Recovery. She also served on the Fairbanks Native Association Board of Directors and the Tanana Chiefs Conference Health Board.

Shirley A. Demientieff passed away on January 3, 2007, in Fairbanks but will continue to live on in the memories of each fortunate person that has crossed paths with her. The members of the Twenty-fifth Alaska State Legislature extend their condolences and join with Shirley's family and many friends to remember and honor her life.

JOHN HARRIS
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

LYDA GREEN
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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Place Name: Nenana, Alaska
NBI Structure Number: 0201

I-A44

Facility Carried: PARKS HIGHWAY
Feature Intersected: NORTH SLOUGH TANANA RIV
Location: MILE POINT 270.9

Home

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Year Built: 1967

What's New

Owned and maintained by: State Highway Agency

NBI Bridge Database

Functional Classification: Rural Principal Arterial - Interstate

Service On Bridge: Highway
Service Under Bridge: Waterway

Links

Lanes On Structure: 2

About

Structure Length: 188.1 m
Bridge Roadway Width: 9.1 m
Operating Rating: 63 Metric Tons
Navigation Vertical Clearance: 12.1 m
Number of Spans in Main Unit: 7 Spans
Material Design: Steel
Design Construction: Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder

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Deck Condition: Fair Condition
Superstructure Condition: Fair Condition
Substructure Condition: Fair Condition
Scour: Foundations determined to be stable for assessed scour conditions
Bridge Railing: Meets currently acceptable standards.

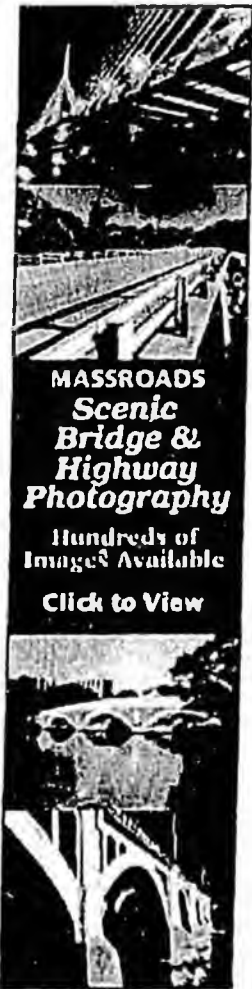
Structural Evaluation: Somewhat better than minimum adequacy to tolerate being left in place as is
Water Adequacy Evaluation: Superior to present desirable criteria

Average Daily Traffic: 1624
Year of Average Daily Traffic: 2002
Sufficiency Rating: 61 %

Return to National Bridge Inventory Database query form.

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Senate panel eyes bill honoring Demientieff

By Stefan Milkowski
Published May 1, 2007

JUNEAU — A lot of attention has been focused lately on natural gas pipeline legislation and the state's budgets, but other bills are moving, too, including one honoring Shirley Demientieff, who died in January of lung cancer.

Demientieff was an Alaska Native leader and community activist who took on a wide range of issues, including suicide prevention.

"She is best known for her unbridled support for those in need," said Dorothy Shockley, an aide to Sen. Albert Kookesh, D-Angoon.

Kookesh introduced a bill last month that would name the small bridge in Nenana directly north of the Alaska Native Veterans' Honor Bridge the Shirley Demientieff Memorial Bridge.

The Senate Transportation Committee, which Kookesh chairs, held a hearing on the bill last week. Shockley introduced the bill for Kookesh.

"Ms. Shirley was a bridge to so many," she said, "and it is only fitting that this bridge bears her name."

The Rev. Scott Fisher of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Fairbanks testified in favor of the bill. He said he thought months ago that it would be good to have a statue of Demientieff or some other thing to remind the community that one person can make a difference. Naming the bridge after her, he said, seemed like a good idea and a way to acknowledge the impact she had in Nenana and across the Interior.

"Alaska is a place for stories, and hers is a story worth remembering," he said.

Tim Wallace of Doyon Ltd. and William Lord and Harry Fields of the Alaska Native Veterans Association also spoke in favor of the bill.

"I and a lot of other folks have always admired Shirley for all her work around here," Fields said. "I'm sure right now if there's any issues up in heaven that needs to be acted on, I'm sure Shirley's holding aside up there."

The bill, SB 158, was moved out of committee after the hearing. It is now before the Senate Finance Committee.

Hot potato moves forward

Sen. Gary Wilken, R-Fairbanks, saw some movement last week on SB 134, a bill he's sponsoring that would make it the state's policy to use earnings from the Alaska Permanent Fund along with other savings in years when the state faces deficits.



ALASKA FEDERATION
OF NATIVES

letters of support
SB 158

April 20, 2007

Senate Transportation Committee
Attention: Senator Albert Kookesh, Chair
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 11
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Kookesh:

RE: SB 158 – Designating the Bridge on the George Parks Highway directly North of the Alaska Native Veterans' Honor Bridge as the Shirley Demientieff Memorial Bridge

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Alaska Federation of Natives, I am writing to express our support for SB 158. We find it especially fitting to name a bridge in Shirley's honor. As was noted in an editorial appearing in the *Fairbanks News-Miner* on January 8, 2007, "Shirley Demientieff became, through her actions and her strong, proud voice, a bridge between two cultures living in one land. In that she served us all well and will be missed." Shirley was president and founder of Alaska Natives Standing Up for Justice and of the Tanana Valley Search and Recovery, whose volunteers' would search for the missing long after the government agencies had exhausted their resources.

Shirley was widely known for her many contributions to the Fairbanks and Interior communities. She was one of our strongest advocates for suicide prevention. In July 2005, she traveled by riverboat on a suicide prevention mission, visiting and talking to people in villages from Allakaket to Nenana. Her 2-week boat trip along the Koyukuk, Yukon and Tanana rivers ended in Nenana where she grew up and was followed there by a Suicide Prevention Conference. Her life was devoted to service to her community, her family and to the statewide Alaska Native community.

The Shirley Demientieff Memorial Bridge is a wonderful way to honor her life's work. Accordingly, we urge passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

Julie Kitka
President

Alaska Native Veteran's Association
Nenana Post 3
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Nenana, Alaska 99760

February 9, 2007

Leo Von Scheben, P.E, LS., MBA
Commissioner
3132-Channel Drive
P.O. Box 112500
Juneau, Ak. 99811-2500

RE: Shirley Demientieff Bridge Dedication Proposal


Dear Commissioner Von Scheben

Shirley Demientieff, a Nenana Native Daughter, passed away January 3, 2007 after a yearlong battle with lung cancer. Shirley was well-known community activist and Native leader. Shirley Demientieff is best known for her unbridled support for those in need. People are able to recount story after story after story of times and situations where she helped people.

The January 8, 2007 issue of the Fairbanks News Miner noted that Pat Morgan wrote in the service program, "During Shirley's life, she was the bridge over troubled waters for so many. At times that bridge was grand and easy to cross. But for many that bridge over troubled waters of life was hidden. Shirley's gift was to reach out to anyone in need and help guide him or her to that bridge. In some cases, Shirley took it upon herself to build that bridge, which for some was the only way home."

The Alaska Native Veteran's Association of Nenana, Alaska, Post 3 would like to formally request that the process for dedicating the concrete bridge directly north of the Alaska Native Veteran's Honor Bridge over the Tanana River be initiated. We propose that the bridge be officially named the Shirley Demientieff Memorial Bridge in honor of her selfless endeavors in support of Alaska Native people and all who were less fortunate in their lives. And her work in helping to dedicate The Alaska Native Veteran's Honor Bridge to the Alaska Native Veteran's.

Sincerely,


Post 3 Commander Colonel William Lord



Nenana Native Council

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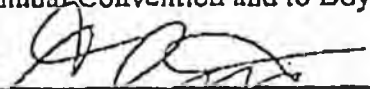
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Nenana Native Council Resolution 2007-09

WHEREAS, The Alaska Native Veterans Post 3 commander Colonel William Lord has nominated the bridge over the slough next to the Alaska native veterans Bridge in Nenana after Shirley Demientieff pursuant to the attached letter.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved the Nenana Native council hereby endorsed the effort and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this endeavor be forwarded to TCC at its Annual Convention and to Doyon Limited for support.



Mitch Demientieff 1st. Chief

2/15/07



Attest By



"Great Place to camp Between Two Rivers"

1030 Second Avenue
Fairbanks 99701
Friday, March 23rd, 2007

To whom it may concern,

Information has come this morning of an effort to nominate the naming of the "slough Bridge" just outside of Nenana as the "Shirley Demientieff Memorial Bridge". It's our understanding that the Alaska Native Veteran's Association, Post #3 of Nenana has proposed and endorsed this nomination; and we are happy/pleased/and honored to second and support this nomination.

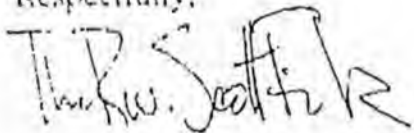
I am a longtime Friend and Supporter of Shirley and, as the rector of St. Matthew's here in Fairbanks, was the celebrant at the Memorial services for Shirley, both here in Fairbanks and in Nenana.

I am the rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, here in Fairbanks, but I am writing as a personal supporter of the nomination, and longtime friend of Shirley, and not as the rector (*being unable to speak for the Church without the endorsement of the Vestry - the "Board of Directors" for the Church; and such action is impossible to receive in so short a time*). I am also not unfamiliar with Nenana, having spent close to 40 years living in the Interior, and visiting Nenana frequently.

Shirley was all about bridges - between cultures and communities and those in need, etc. Naming the bridge after her would be a significant action by the State in recognizing its citizens who have worked to bring us all together, and hold us there; connecting us. This is a very very good and worthy idea. Naming the bridge after Shirley announces to travelers that Nenana is the kind of community that can produce such folk, and that cares.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



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Sen. Kookesh's Office

April 3, 2007

Honorable Albert Kookesh
State of Alaska Senator
State Capitol, Room 11
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

RE: Letter of Support - Memorial for Shirley Demientieff

Dear Senator Kookesh:

Shirley Demientieff was a champion of the Alaska Native People. She was a well known state-wide activist for her tireless support of those in need.

Shirley passed away in January of 2007 after a courageous year-long battle against cancer. It was noted in the January 3, 2007 edition of the *Fairbanks News-Miner*, that Shirley truly was the "bridge over troubled waters for so many. Shirley's gift was to reach out to those in need and to help guide them to that bridge of help, which for many was the only way home."

It is this helping, leadership role that Doyon, Limited, wishes to memorialize and to inspire the continuation of that future leadership role of caring for others.

Doyon, Limited, formally requests that the bridge which is north of the Alaska Native Veteran's Honor Bridge in Nenana, Alaska, be memorialized as the Shirley Demientieff Memorial Bridge, in honor of this truly compassionate woman. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Orie Williams
President and CEO

cc: Doyon, Limited Board of Directors
Commissioner Leo Von Scheben, PE, LS, MBA

Tanana Chiefs Conference

Chief Peter John Tribal Building
122 First Avenue, Suite 600
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701-4897
(907) 452-8251 Fax: (907) 459-3850

SUBREGIONS March 21, 2007

UPPER KUSKOKWIM

McGrath
Medfra
Nikolai
Takatna
Telida

Senator Albert Kookesh
Alaska State Capitol, Room 7
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

LOWER YUKON

Anvik
Graying
Holy Cross
Shogeluk

Dear Senator Kookesh,

The Tanana Chiefs Conference is in support of naming the small Bridge in Nenana after the late Ms. Shirley Demientieff of Fairbanks/Nenana.

UPPER TANANA

Dot Lake
Eagle
Healy Lake
Normway
Tanacross
Tetlin
Tok

Ms. Demientieff was very involved and cared deeply for the Alaska Native Community. She volunteered on committees or was board member of but not limited to the following:

- Alaska Natives Stand Up for Justice,
- Board member of Doyon, Ltd,
- Fairbanks Native Association,
- Tanana Chiefs Conference Health Board,
- Instrumental in naming the Tanana River Bridge the Alaska Native Veteran's Memorial Bridge
- Traveled to the Yukon River Villages to speak to the Communities about Suicide Awareness and Prevention
- Foster Parent to many Native Children.

YUKON FLATS

Arctic Village
Beaver
Birch Creek
Canyon Village
Charleyvik
Circle
Fort Yukon
Venete

We respectfully request your assistance in the naming of the small Bridge in Nenana after the late Shirley Demientieff.

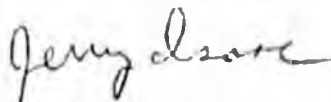
If you have any questions, please call or write me at the above address.

YUKON KOYUKUK

Galena
Husla
Katag
Koyukuk
Nulato
Ruby

Sincerely,

TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE



Jerry Isaac - President and CEO

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Alatna
Alikakot
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Fairbanks
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Manley Hot
Springs
Minto
Nenana
Rampart
Stevens Village
Tanana

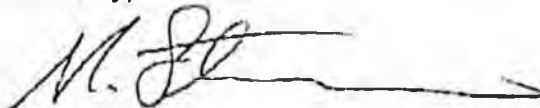
Senate Transportation Committee
(907) 465-2827

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in hopes that you strongly consider naming the bridge on the George Parks Highway after Shirley Demientieff. Shirley Demientieff has been an inspiration to anybody that has ever been in her presence. She will be greatly missed for her diligence in working hard for the everyday people in her community and around the State of Alaska. Having personally known her since I was able to remember, I have seen the many extraordinary things that she was able to accomplish. I believe that honoring the bridge with her name will be a great step and carrying on her legacy and ideals as a person working strongly towards the betterment of society.

I am in strong support of naming the bridge after Shirley Demientieff. Thank you and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,



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April 20, 2007

Senate Transportation Committee
Attention: Senator, Albert Kookesh

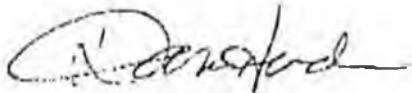
Regarding: SB 158

Dear Senator:

I would like to add my letter of support to those that have already submitted their letters. I believe that to name the portion of the Nenana Bridge after Shirley Demientieff not only honors her as a person but as a native leader in the community and Alaska. Shirley had dedicated her life to her people and in the scheme of Alaskan life it is but a little thing to dedicate a portion of a bridge in return.

Thank you, for your consideration of my letter of support. I look forward to seeing a dedication ceremony that names that portion of the bridge "Shirley Demientieff".

Sincerely,



Dawn Head
Past Neighbor and friend of Shirley

Senate Transportation Committee
Fax: (907) 465-2827
Attention: Senator Kookesh

Dear Senator Kookesh:

We are in support of SB 158, an Act designating the bridge on the George Parks Highway directly north of the Alaska Native Veterans' Honor Bridge as the Shirley Demientieff Memorial Bridge.

Ms. Shirley Demientieff was a well respected Doyon shareholder, as well as an activist for many issues throughout interior Alaska. A monument remembering her contribution serving Alaska is very well-deserving.

Thank you for your consideration,

Teddy and Eva Edwards

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