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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT First Committee of Referral

DATE: 3/23/07

FURTHER: Finance

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Transportation Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 137

SB 137 LAND TRANSFERS ALASKA RR & DOTPF

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and recommends:

- be replaced with SCS or CS _____ (_____)
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- attached amendment(s)
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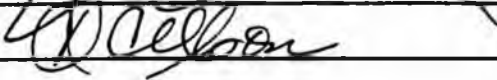
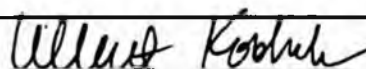
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APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

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HB 168
Rules

SB 137

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SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

State Capitol, Room 11
Juneau AK, 99801-1182
907-465-6828 (Senate)
907-465-3424 (House)

To: Senate Transportation Committee Members

From: Albert Kookesh, Chair, Senate Transportation Committee *AK*
465-6828

Date: April 4, 2007

Re: Senate Transportation Committee Schedule for the week of
April 9 – 13, 2007
1:30pm to 3:00pm – State Capitol, Room 205 (Butrovich Room)

Tuesday, April 10, 2007

HB 8: An Act naming the law enforcement training facility in Fairbanks—the J. Lamm Law Enforcement Training Facility. Sponsor: Representative Jay Ramras

SB 137: An Act authorizing two exchanges of land between the Alaska Railroad Corporation and the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. Sponsor: Senate Transportation Committee

Thursday, April 12, 2007

SB 139: An Act modifying the criteria used to limited liability for certain airfield owners or operators. Sponsor: Senator Donny Olsen

Alaska State Legislature



SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Senate Bill 137: DOT and RR Land Swap

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The Alaska Railroad Corporation Act, Alaska Statute 42.40.285, requires Legislative approval for the ARRC to "exchange, donate, sell or otherwise convey its entire interest in land".

Section 1: Parks Highway Improvement Project

Section 1 conveys approximately 6.3 acres of ARRC property adjacent to the Parks Highway to DOTPF. The widening and lane improvements to the Parks Highway required relocation of a portion of the Alaska Railroad mainline in the vicinity of Wasilla Lake. DOTPF acquired the necessary property south of the existing 200-foot Alaska Railroad right-of-way. The ARRC was able to relocate its tracks to this property just south of its original alignment. Once the railroad was relocated, DOTPF was able to complete construction of the improvements to the Parks Highway. The project is complete.

Section 2: Fairbanks International Airport Heavy Aircraft Cargo Apron

Section 2 would convey approximately 3.3 acres of ARRC property to DOTPF to accommodate construction of the new Heavy Aircraft Cargo Apron. Fairbanks International Airport is 43rd in the nation for the amount of landed weight, serves nearly a million passengers and has 17 airlines operating at the facility. Replacing the currently inadequate heavy aircraft cargo apron located next to the airport terminal is part of the planned construction upgrade and expansion of the Fairbanks International Airport. Of the four current aircraft parking positions, two interfere with the taxiway and create a potential safety risk. Expansion of the terminal will create additional interference with the third parking position. To eliminate a potential safety hazard and accommodate the airport expansion, the DOTPF is planning to construct a new heavy aircraft cargo apron on ARRC property adjacent to the airport. This proposed land exchange of approximately 3.3 acres will allow for the construction of a heavy aircraft cargo apron that will provide parking for four large cargo planes and be designed to handle the weight and size of the largest cargo planes. DOTPF must have a legally sufficient title interest to property in order to comply with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant assurances and funding participation requirements. Construction of this project will begin this summer.

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Introduced: 3/23/07

Referred: Transportation, Finance

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FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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13 utility corridor between railroad mileposts 158.8 and 159.6, within Sections 10 and 11,
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4 Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to improve highway operations and
5 enhance safety.

6 (c) The land conveyed by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to
7 the Alaska Railroad Corporation shall be held and managed by the corporation in accordance
8 with AS 42.40.

9 (d) This section constitutes legislative approval under AS 42.40.285(1) for the Alaska
10 Railroad Corporation to convey its entire interest in the land described in (a) of this section.

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19 utility corridor between railroad mileposts H-9.3 and H-10, within Sections 23, 25, and 26,
20 Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Fairbanks Meridian, to the Department of Transportation
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22 (b) The conveyance described in this section is made for the purpose of realignment
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31 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

HEAVY AIRCRAFT CARGO APRON

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

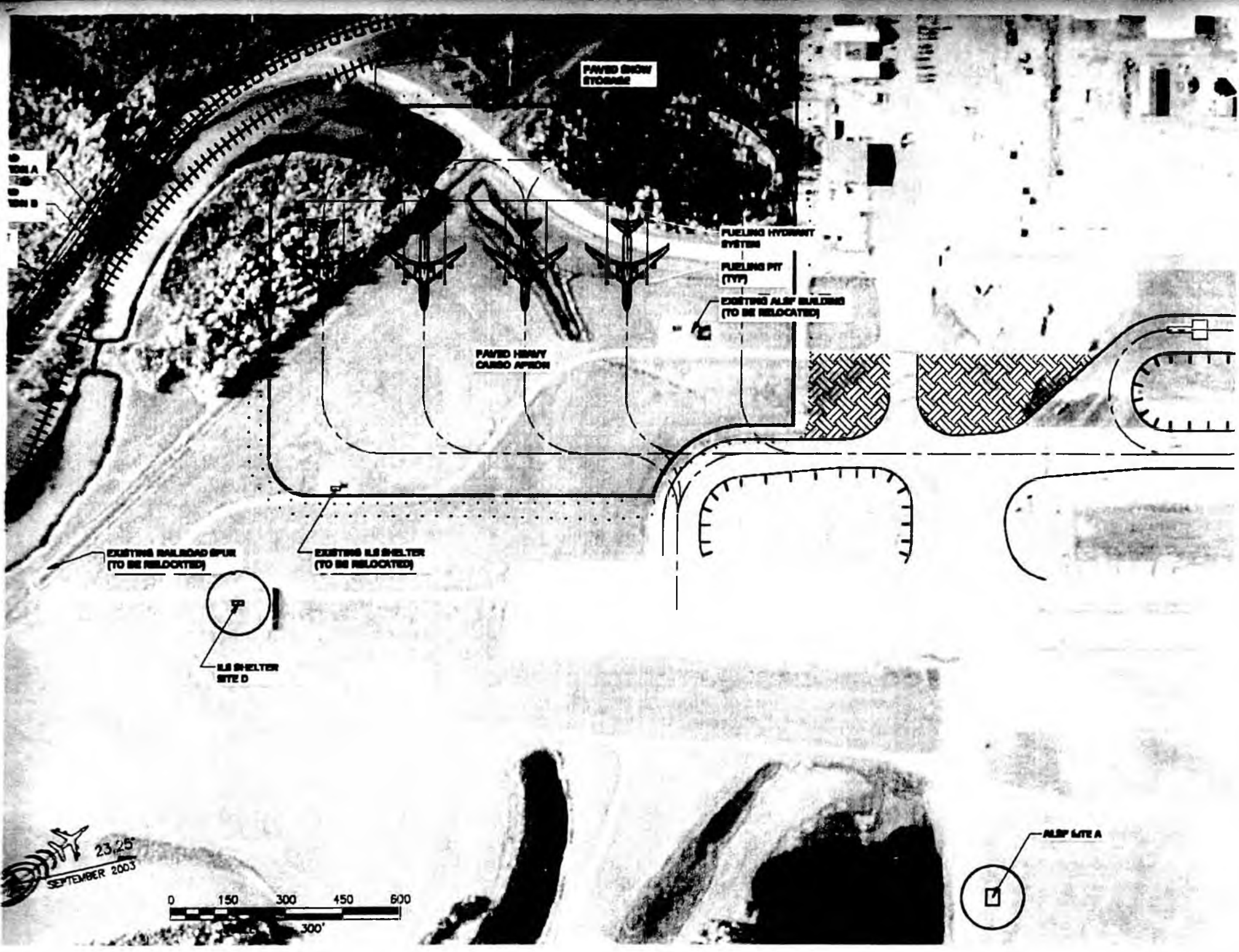
Work under this project will include the design and construction of a new 26.5 acre cargo apron area at the south end of the west ramp and extension of Taxiway "A" approximately 1,000 feet to provide access. The apron will accommodate four B-747 on concrete hardstands. Ancillary work will include the construction of fencing, access roads, snow storage areas and subsurface drainage systems.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:

Transient heavy aircraft parking is provided on the apron south of the terminal building. Recent inspections of the pavement in this area determined that the apron has reached the end of its design life and requires rehabilitation or total reconstruction. In addition, two of the existing four hardstands penetrate the FAR Part 77 transition surface.

Also, three of the four existing four hardstands will be rendered inoperable this summer due to the southern expansion and construction of the passenger terminal resulting from the Terminal Area Development Project. The remaining old hardstand will be operationally conflicted when during passenger operations on the south end of the passenger terminal.

The project site is in an un-developed area of the airport and it is anticipated that these improvements will permit the private development of underutilized land by providing access to the airside from these properties. This development will expand the potential revenue base for airport operations by opening additional lease acreage, affording warehousing opportunities, and assuring short and long-term heavy aircraft parking.



PAVED SNOW STORAGE

FUELING HYDRANT SYSTEM

FUELING PIT (TYP)

EXISTING ALP BUILDING (TO BE RELOCATED)

PAVED HEAVY CARBO APRON

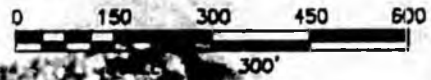
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PARKS HIGHWAY - WASILLA
PROJECT SUMMARY STATEMENT

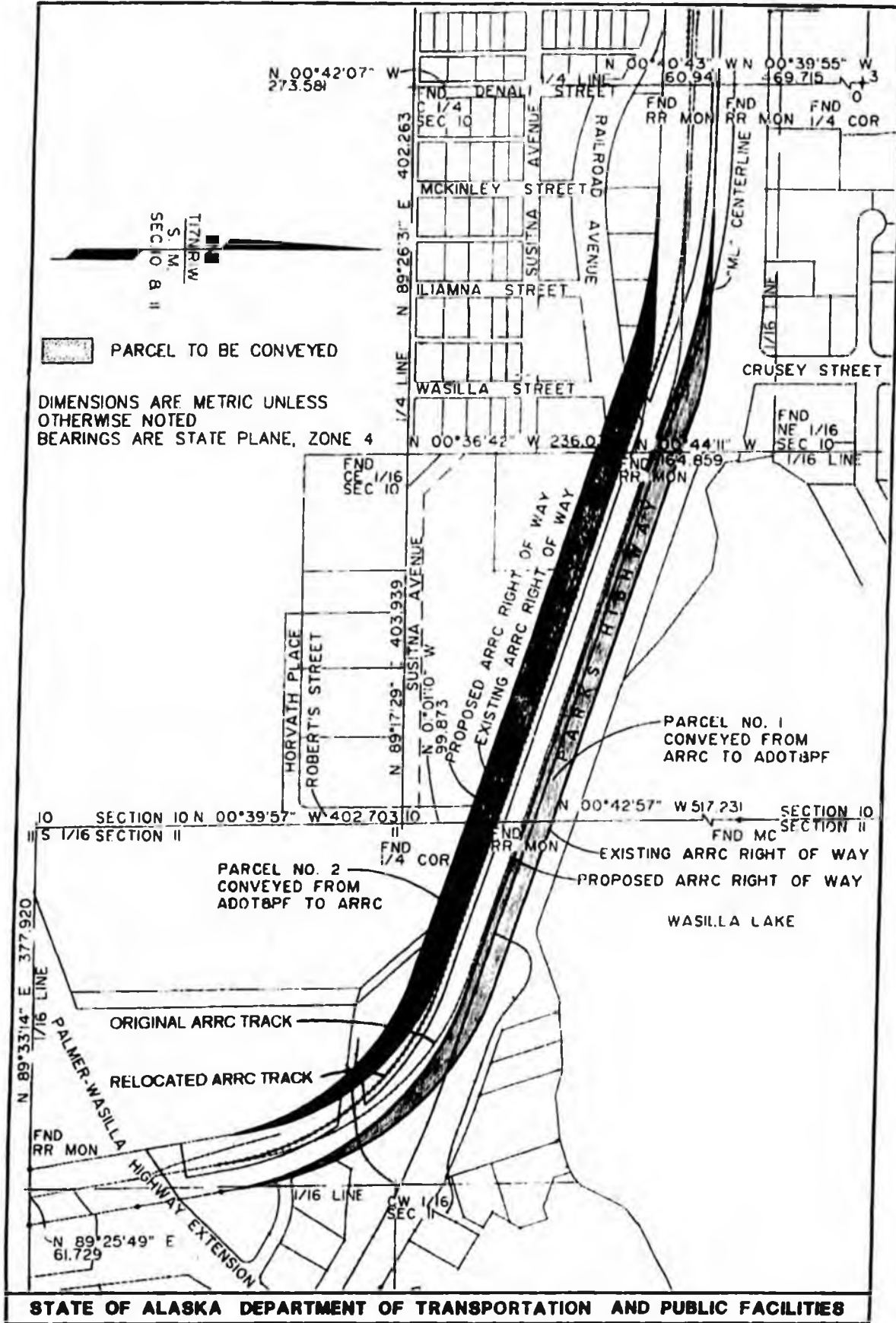
The Parks Highway is a rural interstate highway that provides a connection between the major cities of Anchorage, Wasilla and Fairbanks. This project, located between the intersection with the Glenn Highway and the City of Wasilla, is the primary highway between Anchorage and Wasilla. This portion of the Parks Highway was originally constructed in 1971 and 1972 as a two-lane rural highway. In 1996, the highway was widened between Palmer-Wasilla Highway and Crusey Street to four lanes. This project reconstructed the portion of the Parks Highway between Seward Meridian Parkway and Crusey Street.

The recent project is the third segment of the Parks Highway reconstruction from the Glenn Highway through the City of Wasilla's central business district. This project reconstructed the Parks Highway from Seward Meridian Parkway (Seward Meridian) to Crusey Street. This section of the Parks Highway is located within a commercial district of the City of Wasilla. To be consistent with the adjacent commercial development, the character of the highway changes at Seward Meridian from a high-speed (55 mph) rural highway to an intermediate speed (45 mph) urban highway providing access at specified locations. The project includes frontage roads improved or constructed adjacent to, and parallel with, the Parks Highway, as appropriate for access to adjoining properties.

The Department constructed a five-lane highway: two lanes northbound and two lanes southbound with a median two-way left turn lane. Additional improvements include: reconstructed or new two-lane, two-way, frontage roads; a grade-separated interchange at Seward Meridian Parkway; a continuous pathway on the highway's north side; relocation of approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of railroad track; and highway and intersection illumination. This 3.4 mile segment transitions from the four lane divided highway to the east to a lower-speed segment passing through the center of Wasilla. The Department completed construction of the project in 2006.

The total project cost is approximately \$55,697,000.

PRELIMINARY



FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: SB137-DOT-CO-04-04-07
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: DOT&PF
 Title Land Transfers Alaska RR & DOTPF RDU Admin and Support (3330)
 Component Commissioner's Office
 Sponsor Senate Transportation Committee
 Requester S TRA Component No. 530

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2008 | FY 2009 | FY 2010 | FY 2011 | FY 2012 | FY 2013 |
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| Personal Services | | | | | | |
| Travel | | | | | | |
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| Equipment | | | | | | |
| Land & Structures | | | | | | |
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| TOTAL OPERATING | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

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| 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 (FY2007) cost: 0.0
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POSITIONS

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| Full-time | | | | | | |
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| Temporary | | | | | | |

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill has no financial impact on DOT&PF

Prepared by: Mary Siroky
 Division: Commissioner's Office
 Approved by: Leo von Scheben, Commissioner
 Agency: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Phone 465-4772
 Date/Time 4/4/07 3:50pm
 Date 4/4/2007

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE BILL NO. 137

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**Engrossed, signed by the President
Transmitted to the House**

Secretary of the Senate

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