

SB

280

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 17, 2010

TO: Senator Albert Kookesh
Senate Transportation Committee

FROM: Senator Joe Paskvan

RE: Hearing Request for SB 280 – Sam Schuyler Memorial Bridge

I respectfully request that Senate Bill 280 be scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Transportation Committee at your earliest convenience.

Senate Bill 280 gives the name the "Sam Schuyler Memorial Bridge" to a bridge that will be built this summer (2010) at mile post 308 on the Dalton Highway. Sam Schuyler was a well loved and respected Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) employee who spent his 23-year career on the Dalton Highway.

Included in this packet:

- Sponsor Statement
- A current version of SB 280
- Support letters and materials

Please contact Anna Sorensen with any questions regarding SB 280 (465-3709).

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sponsor Statement

SB 280

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Sam immediately exhibited a spirited tenacity that set him apart from his peers. This trait caused Sam's career to rise rapidly. He was promoted to Foreman of the Jim River Maintenance Station and from there he quickly became the Dalton District Roving Foreman. In this position, Sam frequented every mile of the Dalton Highway and he was personally involved in the everyday functions of each maintenance camp.

Throughout Sam's storied career, he routinely placed the needs of friends and coworkers ahead of his own. He based his leadership on the principle "lead by example." Sam never asked an employee to take on a job he would not do himself. His men knew him well and respected him immensely.

Sam was dedicated to the Dalton Highway, often personally overseeing a project to ensure that the job was completed on time and within budget. This dedication is reflected in Sam's favorite saying, "Get 'er Done!" This often-used phrase, coupled with another favorite saying, "Can Do!" earned Sam the respect of other maintenance workers and the respect of the famous Dalton Highway truckers.

Sam's work ethic and his heartfelt commitment to improving the Dalton Highway are appreciated by travelers who drive this road today. He left the Dalton Highway in a much better condition than he found it.

Sam's life ended unexpectedly on January 1, 2007. He was still a DOT&PF employee when he passed away.

I respectfully ask for your support in honoring a dedicated State of Alaska employee.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: SB 280
 () Publish Date: _____

Identifier (file name): SB280-DOT-NRF-2-23-10 Dept. Affected: DOT&PF
 Title: Sam Schuyler Memorial Bridge RDU: Statewide Facilities M&O
 Component: Northern Region Facilities
 Sponsor: Sen. Paskvan
 Requester: S TRA Component Number: 2069

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2011	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
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	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 Interagency Receipts								
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2010) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The cost of the signs for this bridge are a budgeted part of the construction of the bridge.

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 Approved by: Frank Richards, Deputy Commissioner
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**Sam Schuyler Memorial Bridge
HB 345 and SB 280**

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1. Overview
2. Map of "Sam Schuyler Memorial Bridge" location
3. Photo of similar sized bridge
4. Letters of support
 - a. North Pole Mayor-Doug Isaacson
 - b. Terry Gabriel-Dalton Highway Trucker
 - c. Signatures from members of Alaska Trucking Companies
 - d. DOT&PF Northern Region Maintenance & Operations

Sam Schuyler Memorial Bridge
HB 345 and SB 280
OVERVIEW

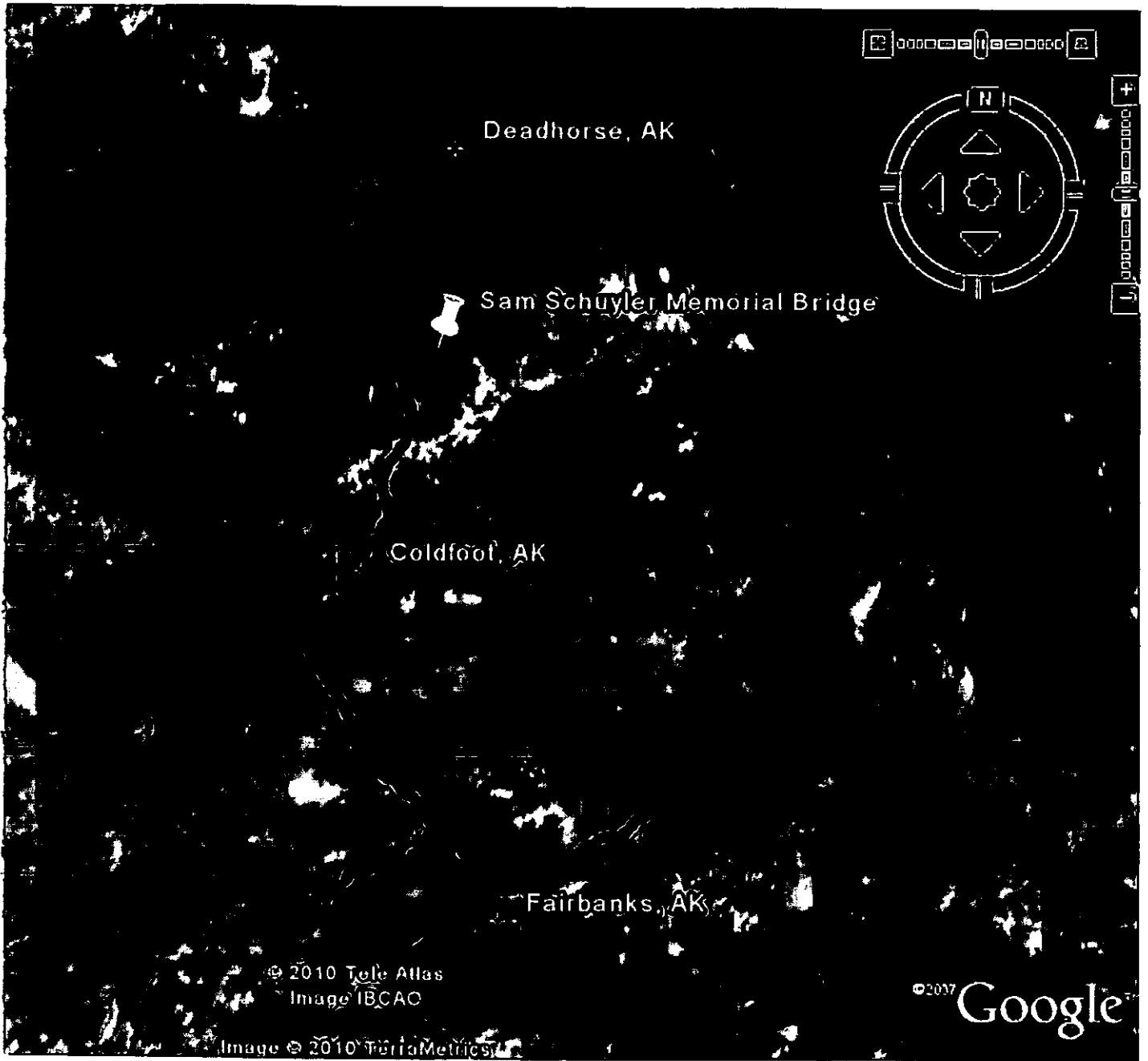
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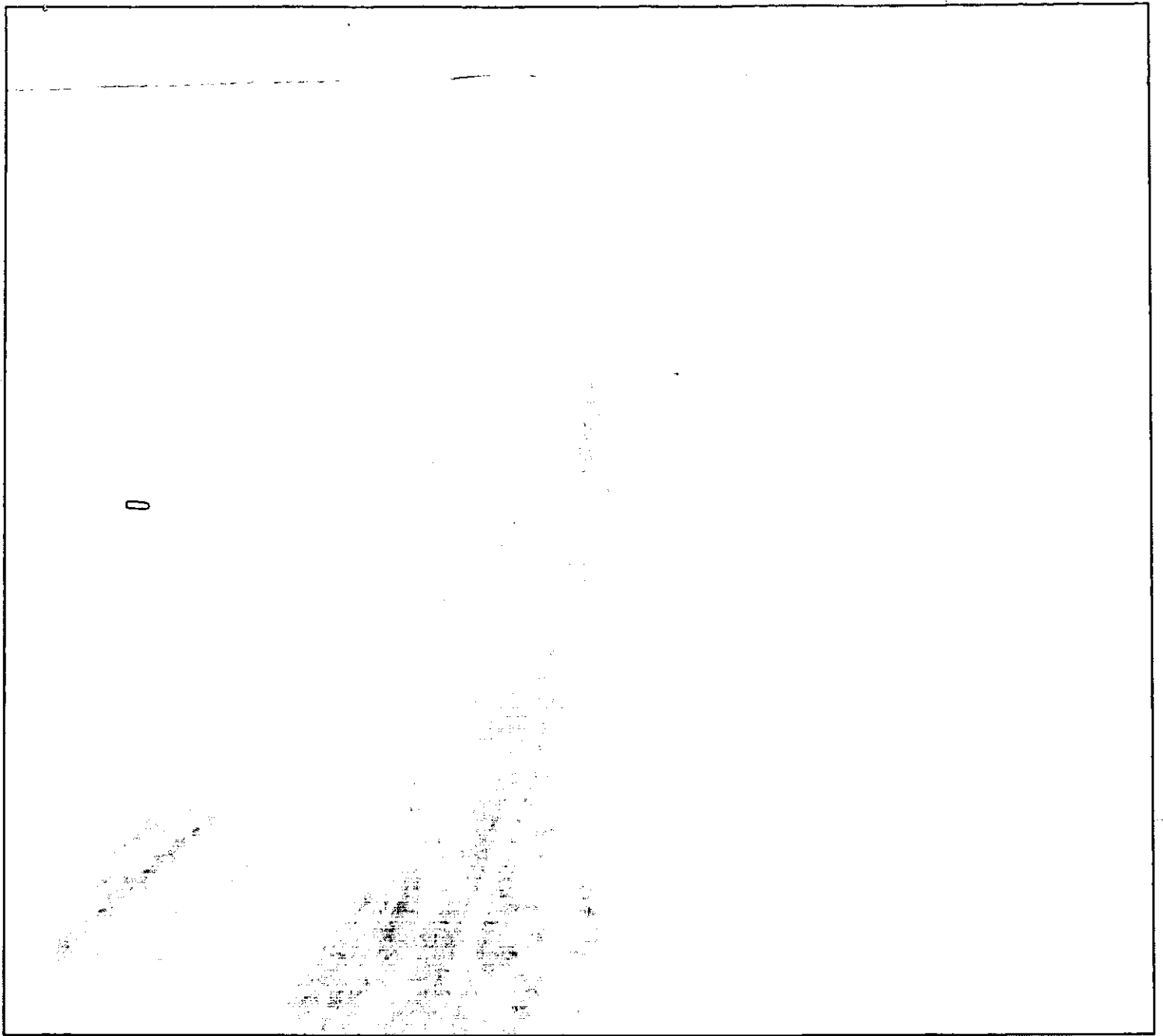
Dalton Highway, MP 314
Oksrukuyik Creek
New bridge, replacing a culvert
Length is 122'x 36' wide

Sam Schuyler

- 23 years with DOT, 6/4/1984 through 1/1/2007
 - Started as a heavy equipment operator at the Jim River Maintenance Station
 - Promoted to manager at Jim River.
- Accomplished equipment operator
- Respected leader
- Dedicated to the Dalton Hwy.

"Sam was well-liked and friendly. He made the workplace enjoyable; he always had a smile on his face and he would give the shirt off his back or the bunny boots off his feet to help a friend or stranger in need."







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February 2, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

Sam Schuyler was a valued Alaskan from North Pole, Alaska. He worked for the State of Alaska, spending 23 years with the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities on the Dalton Highway. The highlight of Sam's well-deserving esteem came from his thorough and detailed handling of everything he undertook. If Sam committed to do something, it was as good as done. Not only would he get it done, but he would accomplish the task to the highest measure, and be depended on for future follow-through.

In a world where people often appear to achieve glory only for themselves, it would be wonderful to have more people like Sam Schuyler. He took pride in his work, committed himself to doing an excellent job, but did not seek personal gain nor did he have selfish motives.

I am proud to support the naming of the "Sam Schuyler Memorial Bridge" on the Dalton Highway. It is fitting recognition of a man who dedicated his life's work to improve the Dalton Highway.

Sincerely,



Douglas W. Isaacson, Mayor

State of Alaska
House Bill 345
Senate Bill 280

February 18, 2010

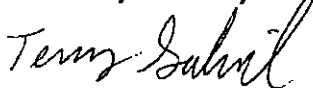
To whom it may concern:

As a seventeen year employee of the great state of Alaska, I write you today to request recognition be given to a dear friend of mine. It is the feeling of myself and many of my fellow truck drivers of the Dalton Highway that the new bridge to be put in at mile 314 over Ox Bow Creek (bill #345 in the house, bill #280 in the Senate) should be named to memorialize Sam Schuyler (known to his good friends as Kubalack). Unfortunately Sam's life was cut short in January of 2007 which was a shame, for all the good he did in life.

Not only was he a driving force behind keeping the Dalton Highway running smoothly. He was also known to have a heart nearly as large as the massive area he was in charge of. Sam was well known for being the guy to call when you were stuck on the side of the road in a blow. He was also quick to volunteer as a Santa Clause or give his home as a place of refuge whenever the need would arise. The loss of Sam Schuyler was truly a loss to the DOT as well. A state employee for 24 years and foreman of the Dalton for 18, life just hasn't been the same since our loss of Sam.

In a state full of nameless bridges over Gold Creeks, Bear Creeks and Sheep Creeks, a "Sam Schuyler memorial bridge" crossing over Ox Bow Creek just seem the right thing to do.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter



Terry Gabriel

Alaska Trucking Companies employees in favor of naming the Ox Bow Creek Bridge after Samuel Schuyler:

1. Adam FENDER
2. ~~_____~~ Sarah Belway
3. Wayne Lindquist
4. ~~_____~~ Douglas Clayton
5. Leonard Taylor ~~_____~~ / ~~_____~~ / ~~_____~~
6. Connie Keiss
7. ~~_____~~ Jelligma Goff
8. ~~_____~~ Jeffrey Somtay
9. ~~_____~~ MARTIN FREY
10. ~~_____~~ Marcus Lucas Lambert
11. ~~_____~~ Joanna King
12. ~~_____~~ Rodney King
13. ~~_____~~ DUSTIN PETERSON
14. ~~_____~~ Dale Lewis / Dale Lambert
15. ~~_____~~ Joe Zimmerman
16. ~~_____~~ R. Thiel
17. ~~_____~~ DANIEL L GARROD
18. ~~_____~~
19. Michael C. Cawthrop / Michael C Cawthrop.
20. ~~_____~~ Janis A. Link
21. ~~_____~~ ~~_____~~ / ~~_____~~ / ~~_____~~
22. ~~_____~~ Jasme
23. ~~_____~~ ~~_____~~ / ~~_____~~ / ~~_____~~
24. ~~_____~~ Josh Dinwiddie
25. ~~_____~~ Gail Poyang
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We, the employees of DOT&PF Northern Region Maintenance & Operations, support the dedication of the Sam Schuyler Bridge on the Dalton Highway.

Sam was an integral part of our staff for 23 years; he is missed personally and professionally. During his entire career with DOT&PF, Sam worked the length of the Dalton Highway. He knew every part of the highway, tackling some of the worst weather conditions in Northern Region, and in the world, on a regular basis. Countless times during Sam's career he left the warmth and comfort of the Maintenance Station to head out in whiteout conditions to rescue a stranded trucker or motorist.

Sam was well-liked and friendly. He was a strong leader and an excellent equipment operator. Sam made the workplace enjoyable; he always had a smile on his face and he would give the shirt off his back or the bunny boots off his feet to help a friend or stranger in need. Sam was a genuinely good person.

Sincerely,

Angel Montalvo
Arleen Burgess
Barry Wilson
Bert Harold
Brian Goss
Bruce Garey
Chris Niedorf
Dan Moody
Danny Cazac
Danny Stevens
David King
Dennis Lindeman
Donald Adkins

Donnie Hensley
Dwight Stuller
Glenn Chandler
Glenn Hollett
James jennings
Jimmy Fairchild
John Ming
Keith Gaudin
Keith Pomeroy
Kenton Bear
Kevin Glynn
Lance Benson
Laurie Parra

Leroy Gabriel
Linda Colang
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Reid Bahnson
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Robert Blake
Steven Meirriotto
Timothy Ryan
Tim Fickus
Todd Schallock
William Bunch
Jason Carson

