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**Alaska House of Representatives**  
**Representative Craig Johnson**  
**House Rules Chairman**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Representative Peggy Wilson, Chair  
House Transportation Committee

**FROM:** Representative Craig Johnson, Chair   
House Rules Committee

**DATE:** April 12, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Scheduling Request for HB 115 – Walter J. Hickel Expressway

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I respectfully request that HB 115 “An Act designating a portion of Minnesota Drive in Anchorage the Walter J. Hickel Expressway” be considered for scheduling in your committee at your earliest convenience.

Attached is a copy of the original bill, the sponsor statement and backup documents.

If you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact me or my staff, Erin Shine, at 465-4993.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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**Sponsor Statement for House Bill 115**

**Naming Walter J. Hickel Expressway**

Walter J. Hickel served as the Governor of Alaska twice, served with distinction as U.S. Secretary of the Interior, and led and inspired the development of the State of Alaska and the Circumpolar Arctic Region throughout his long and distinguished career. In Governor Hickel's many elected and public roles he successfully pushed to open Prudhoe Bay to oil development and oversaw the permitting process for the Trans Alaska Pipeline among many other accomplishments.

HB 115 designates concurrently naming a portion of Minnesota Drive and O'Malley Road in Anchorage the Walter J. Hickel Expressway from 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the New Seward Highway. This section of highway is 7.5 miles long and by concurrently naming this section of highway there will be no need for any household or business to change their addresses.

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Version HB115  
( ) Publish Date \_\_\_\_\_

HB115-DOT-CRDC-3-18-11  
Title Hickel Expressway Designation  
Sponsor Rep. Craig Johnson  
Requester H TRA  
Dept. Affected DOT&PF  
Appropriation Highways and Aviation  
Allocation Central Region Highways & Aviation  
OMB Component Number 564

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required	Information					
		FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>							
Personal Services							
Travel							
Contractual							
Supplies	30.0	30.0					
Equipment							
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims							
Miscellaneous							
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES</b>							
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	30.0	30.0				
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other Interagency Receipts						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost 0.0

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version**

Prepared by Brenda Hewitt  
Division Commissioner's Office  
Approved by Mark Luiken  
Commissioner

Phone 465-4772  
Date/Time 3/18/11 8:00 AM  
Date 3/21/2011 1:13pm

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB115

**Analysis**

House Bill 115 would designate a portion of Minnesota Drive in Anchorage from 15th Avenue to the New Seward Highway to be named the Walter J. Hickel Expressway.

To adequately cover all entrances and exit ramps and the North and South signs would require manufacture and installation into concrete bases of two large, potentially 114" x 42", signs on each end for \$5,000 each.

Eight smaller 42" x 36" notices for each direction internally \$20,000 is recommended by the department.

Internal locations: C St, Dimond/100th on ramps, Raspberry Rd, and International Airport Road.

2 large signs @ \$5000/ea	\$10,000
8 smaller signs @ \$2,500/ea	<u>\$20,000</u>
Total	\$30,000

Ermalee Hickel  
1905 Loussac Drive  
Anchorage, AK 99507

April 6, 2011

Representative Craig Johnson  
State Capital Room 216  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Craig,

I read about your bill, HB 115, which honors my late husband by concurrently naming Minnesota Boulevard it be the Walter J. Hickel Expressway. Wally would be honored.

Wally drove this road practically every day; from the time it was a pioneer road out of downtown. It connects Alaskans with many places he helped build – beginning near the Hotel Captain Cook that he started in 1964, passing Alaska's first modern shopping center, The Northern Lights Center, built in 1959, and going by the Turnagain, Spenard, and Campbell Lake neighborhoods he helped develop from the early 1950's forward. It also passes the trails stemming from Westchester Lagoon, which he walked frequently or strapped on shoeshoes.

I write not to seek any aggrandizement for Wally or our family, but simply to say we are touched. Wally always thought of Alaska as pioneering country, and trails that became roads, and roads that became highways symbolize the progress he stood for. As Governor and Secretary of Interior, he also stood for keeping our roads scenic, and this road has beautiful views, parks and open spaces Alaskans treasure.

Sincerely,



Ermalee Hickel



Lieutenant Governor Mead Treadwell  
STATE OF ALASKA

April 7, 2011

The Honorable Craig Johnson  
Alaska State House  
State Capitol, Room 216  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Johnson,

As one who had the privilege of working with the late Governor Wally Hickel in business, politics, government and civic life since 1974, I was very happy to learn about your HB 115. It is a fine idea to concurrently name Minnesota Boulevard as the Walter J. Hickel Expressway in honor of the late Governor.

I can think of no better road to bear Wally Hickel's name. Governor Hickel always relished the beautiful views along that route, particularly frequenting what is now the Coastal Trail to walk or snowshoe. This road runs through much of the Anchorage life and infrastructure that Wally helped build: from the neighborhoods along Campbell Lake, Spenard, and Turnagain that he worked to develop from the 1950's on, to the Northern Lights Center of 1959 (the first modern shopping center in Alaska), and the downtown Hotel Captain Cook that he started in 1964.

This christening is a fitting tribute to the man who believed roads could be beautiful and enhance the environment. It reflects the progress we have made from the early days of rutted trails to the sophisticated transportation systems of today, while protecting the beauty of the surrounding land and views.

Thank you for sponsoring this legislation. Please let me know how I can support this honor an extraordinary leader and of one of Alaska's great pioneers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mead Treadwell".

Mead Treadwell  
Lieutenant Governor



Directions to O'Malley Rd  
7.5 mi – about 11 mins

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Minnesota Dr & W 15th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501

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1. Head **southwest** on **Minnesota Dr S/Spenard Thru-Way** go 6.3 mi  
Continue to follow Minnesota Dr S total 6.3 mi  
About 9 mins
  2. Continue onto **O'Malley Rd** go 1.2 mi  
About 2 mins total 7.5 mi



O'Malley Rd

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These directions are for planning purposes only. You may find that construction projects, traffic, weather, or other events may cause conditions to differ from the map results, and you should plan your route accordingly. You must obey all signs or notices regarding your route.

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**Resolution of the  
Alaska Republican Party  
State Central Committee**

**By Kirk Wickersham  
District 25**

**Whereas** Walter J. Hickel was elected Governor of Alaska twice, served with distinction as U.S. Secretary of the Interior, and led and inspired the development of the State of Alaska and the Circumpolar Arctic Region throughout his long and distinguished career,

**Resolved** that the Alaska Republican Party supports the renaming of (1) Minnesota Drive from 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. to O'Malley Rd. and (2) O'Malley Rd from Minnesota Dr. to the Old Seward Highway, all within the Municipality of Anchorage, to the **Walter J. Hickel Expressway**.

Adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of August, 2010.

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Chairman

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Secretary

The Secretary will transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of Alaska, the Speaker of the Alaska House of Representatives and the President of the Alaska Senate.

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**\* HONORING \***

**\* GOVERNOR WALTER J. HICKEL \***

The Nineteenth Alaska Legislature honors and thanks Governor Walter J. Hickel for his leadership, vision, statesmanship, and service.

Over the past half century, Governor Hickel has shown that one person with a vision and purpose can make a difference. As a private citizen, businessman, governor, leader, and visionary, Governor Hickel has inspired Alaskans to excel.

In his capacity as Alaska's governor from December 1990 to December 1994, Governor Hickel provided leadership and direction to:

Settle the Exxon Valdez oil spill civil and criminal litigation;

Assert Alaska's state's rights through a series of landmark lawsuits challenging the federal government;

Settle the 16-year-old Mental Health Lands Trust dispute by reconstituting the trust with lands and cash;

Pursue and settle back oil tax and royalty cases totaling nearly \$4 billion with Alaska's largest taxpayers;

Select the final 23 million acres of the 104 million acres of state land promised in the Statehood Act;

Establish the community development quota program to get a share of the rich Bering Sea fisheries to the residents of Western Alaska; and

Provide \$100 million in rural sanitation projects.

For these, and many other initiatives beneficial to Alaskans, we thank Governor Hickel.

After choosing not to run again and leaving office in December, Governor Hickel has gone on to another arena of public service as secretary-general of the Northern Forum. In that capacity, he will continue to represent the interest of Alaska in the Arctic world.

The Nineteenth Alaska Legislature recognizes Walter J. Hickel as a man of vision and wishes he and his wife Ermalee continued success.

March 9, 1995

Senators Leman, Phillips, Pearce, Salo, Taylor, Torgerson, Green, Halford, Miller, Sharp, Rieger, Frank; Representatives Martin, Phillips, Austerman, Brice, Brown, Bunde, B. Davis, G. Davis, Foster, Grussendorf, Hanley, Ivan, James, Kohring, Kott, Kubina, Mackie, MacLean, Masek, Mulder, Navarre, Nicholia, Ogan, Parnell, Porter, Rokeberg, Sanders, Therriault, Toohey, Vezey, Williams, Willis

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