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**Kenai Borough Road Projects**

**FY2009 Request: \$8,000,000**  
**Reference No: 45633**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation

**Project Type:** Construction

**Category:** Transportation

**Location:** Kenai Areawide

**Contact:** Frank Richards

**House District:** Kenai Areawide (HD 33-35)

**Contact Phone:** (907)465-3900

**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2013

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Construct road improvements in the Kenai Peninsula that will improve maintenance and operational efficiencies, and could result in the transfer of some State-owned facilities to the Kenai Peninsula Borough and local communities. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage and by improving the mobility of people and goods.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2009</b>	<b>FY2010</b>	<b>FY2011</b>	<b>FY2012</b>	<b>FY2013</b>	<b>FY2014</b>	<b>Total</b>
G/O Bonds	\$8,000,000						\$8,000,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$8,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$8,000,000</b>

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**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

**Project Description/Justification:**

This project will address a variety of issues including resurfacing deteriorated pavement, paving existing gravel, improved gravel resurfacing, drainage improvements and new design standards on a number of local roads located throughout the Kenai Peninsula. These improvements are critical as development and population has grown rapidly but most of these roads have not seen any improvements in the past 20-30 years. This will improve the safety of these facilities and eliminate health concerns related to dust. This is a new project and will provide design and construction funding for projects nominated by the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Nome: Snake River Bridge Replacement

FY2009 Request: \$10,000,000

Reference No: 45627

AP/AL: Appropriation  
Category: Transportation  
Location: Nome  
House District: Bering Straits (HD 39)  
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2013

Project Type: Construction  
Contact: Frank Richards  
Contact Phone: (907)465-3900

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project will relocate the Snake River Bridge (#881) downstream from the current location and will include utility relocation. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage and by improving the mobility of people and goods.

Funding:	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	Total
G/O Bonds	\$10,000,000						\$10,000,000
Total:	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000

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**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals:	0	0

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

**Project Description/Justification:**

The Snake River Bridge is a key transportation link to the City's port and industrial area. All freight must cross this bridge. The Snake River Bridge is structurally deficient with a substructure rating of 3 and a Sufficiency Rating of 45. The bridge provides the only access to the port causeway, fuel tank farms, the Nome Joint Utility System power plant, telecommunication satellites/dishes, post office distribution center, the Department of Transportation's equipment storage as well as many local businesses.

The bridge has suffered several significant closures over the past several years. There was structural damage in the spring of 2002 and continual partial failure of the bridge abutments persists. The wooden abutments have deteriorated significantly. The bridge should be replaced in order to safely serve the volume and type of traffic that use the bridge and plan for future uses.

**Parks Highway: Weight Restriction Elimination Program**

**FY2009 Request: \$15,000,000**  
**Reference No: 45626**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation  
**Category:** Transportation  
**Location:** Statewide  
**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)  
**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2013

**Project Type:** Construction  
**Contact:** Frank Richards  
**Contact Phone:** (907)465-3900

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project will provide pavement rehabilitation of the Parks Highway from MP 72 to MP 90. Pavement rehabilitation work is needed to restore the driving surface and allow for the removal of seasonal weight restrictions along this section of the Parks Highway. Various portions within this section have known pavement fatigue cracking (MP 76-77, MP 77-80, MP 83-84, and MP 89-90) that require reduced loading during spring breakup. Pavement rehabilitation would bring this section of highway back to full structural conditions. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage and by improving the mobility of people and goods.

Funding:	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	Total
G/O Bonds	\$15,000,000						\$15,000,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$15,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$15,000,000</b>

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Operating & Maintenance Costs:	Amount	Staff
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

**Project Description/Justification:**

Every spring for approximately six weeks, the department places weight restriction on the Parks Highway that limits the loads that commercial trucks carry to 85% of the maximum legal load limits. Weight restrictions are placed on highways that cannot adequately support legal loads without causing damage to the road surface or underlying embankment. These restrictions reduce the amount of freight that the trucks can carry and subsequently reduce the revenue to the trucking companies by about \$500-\$1,000 per trip. To meet the legal weights the freight and trucking companies must also break down their loads into smaller units. This additional handling of freight ultimately costs the consumer additional expense.

To support 100% legal loads year round, the department must upgrade approximately 50 miles of the Parks Highway. These areas need embankment reconstruction, repaving, widening and turn lanes. This project will go a long ways towards that goal.

**Seward Highway: Windy Corner Safety Improvements**

**FY2009 Request: \$20,000,000**  
**Reference No: 45625**

**AP/AL: Appropriation**

**Project Type: Construction**

**Category: Transportation**

**Location: Anchorage Areawide**

**Contact: Frank Richards**

**House District: Anchorage Areawide (HD 17-32)**

**Contact Phone: (907)465-3900**

**Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2013**

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Provide improvements in the Windy Corner area of the Seward Highway, including highway and railroad relocation, passing lanes, sheep viewing turnout and recreational access. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage and by improving the mobility of people and goods.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2009</b>	<b>FY2010</b>	<b>FY2011</b>	<b>FY2012</b>	<b>FY2013</b>	<b>FY2014</b>	<b>Total</b>
G/O Bonds	\$20,000,000						\$20,000,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$20,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$20,000,000</b>

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**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

**Project Description/Justification:**

This segment of the Seward Highway is designated a Traffic Safety Corridor due to the extremely high incidence of major injury and fatal accidents along this portion of the roadway. This stretch of highway has a 50% higher accident rate than average due to traffic congestion, lack of passing lanes, icy conditions, high speeds, curves and vehicle conflicts. This is a stand alone component of an overall roadway project to reconstruct the Seward Highway from Potter Marsh in South Anchorage to the community of Bird.

**Southeast Alaska: Pavement Rehabilitation**

**FY2009 Request: \$15,000,000**  
**Reference No: 45629**

**AP/AL: Appropriation**

**Project Type: Construction**

**Category: Transportation**

**Location: Southeast Alaska**

**Contact: Frank Richards**

**House District: Southeast Areawide (HD 1-5)**

**Contact Phone: (907)465-3900**

**Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2013**

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Resurface, shoulder, and drainage improvements as needed along segments of Mitkof Highway between Scow Bay and Hatchery Lake Road; Craig to Klawock Highway; and Glacier Highway between Brotherhood Bridge and Auke Bay Ferry Terminal. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage and by improving the mobility of people and goods.

Funding:	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	Total
G/O Bonds	\$15,000,000						\$15,000,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$15,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$15,000,000</b>

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**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

**Project Description/Justification:**

Funding is needed to replace failing sections of pavement and provide ancillary shoulder and drainage improvements. Pavement age and failure rates are exceeding the ability of maintenance and deferred maintenance programs to keep pace. Without additional funding these pavement surfaces will not be maintainable.



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January 15, 2008

The Honorable John Harris  
Speaker of the House  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 208  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Harris:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill providing for and relating to the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of a scientific crime detection laboratory.

This revenue would be utilized for the construction of a "state of the science" crime lab that will serve the needs of Alaska's citizens and law enforcement agencies for at least the next 40 years.

Over the last 30 years, both the types of evidence analysis and the number of cases submitted by law enforcement for assistance from the crime lab have increased tremendously. Currently, the crime lab provides expert assistance in the areas of fingerprints, biological screening, hair analysis, trace screening, blood alcohol content, drug analysis, DNA, crime scene investigations, shoe prints, and firearm/toolmark ballistics.

Forensic science continues to improve. New technology and added analysis are expanding the importance of forensic science in criminal justice investigations; examples include arson analysis equipment, laser examination equipment, vacuum metal deposition chamber examination equipment, trace evidence examinations, space and equipment examinations, toxicology, and question document analysis. Additionally, expanded processing space is necessary to examine evidence from small items such as drug baggies and blood stained clothing to larger items such as entire vehicles. The new crime lab will have sufficient space to accommodate such improvements.

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The crime lab has managed to provide an excellent level of assistance to law enforcement during this time of growth. However, in the past five years, the growing demand for lab services has exceeded the capacity of the lab to provide all the services needed by Alaskans. Alaska needs a new crime lab. The new crime lab will provide 80 thousand square feet with room for future expansion.

Section 1 of the bill adds a new section to the uncodified law of the state authorizing the issuance and sale of state general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not more than 100 million, if ratified by a majority of the qualified voters of the state who vote on the question. The full faith, credit, and resources of the state would be pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest and redemption premium, if any, on the bonds.

Section 2 of the bill adds a new section to the uncodified law of the state establishing the "scientific crime detection laboratory project fund" if the voters ratify the issuance of the bonds, to which shall be credited the proceeds of the sale of the bonds except for the accrued interest and premiums.

Section 3 of the bill adds a new section to the uncodified law of the state appropriating 100 million from the scientific crime detection laboratory project fund and up to 6 million in anticipated investment earnings to the Department of Public Safety to be allocated to the design and construction of a state scientific crime detection laboratory in Anchorage.

Section 4 of the bill adds a new section to the uncodified law of the state appropriating from the general fund to the state bond committee \$500,000 or as much of that amount as is found necessary to carry out the provisions of this bill and to pay expenses incident to the sale and issuance of the bonds.

Section 5 of the bill adds a new section to the uncodified law of the state providing that the amount withdrawn from the public facility planning fund (AS 35.10.135) for the purpose of advance planning for the capital improvements financed under this bill shall be reimbursed from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds.

Section 6 of the bill adds a new section to the uncodified law of the state providing that the unexpended and unobligated balance of the appropriation made in sec. 3 lapses and is appropriated to the state bond committee to redeem bonds sold under this bill. Further, sec. 6 provides that amounts expended from the general fund to pay the principal, interest, and redemption premium on the bonds shall be

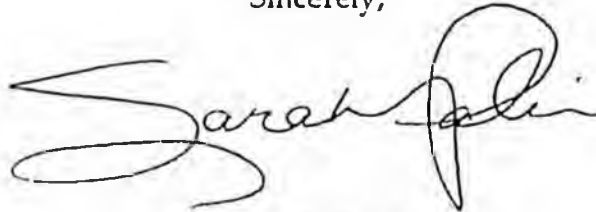
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reimbursed from this appropriation to the extent that the money is not needed to redeem the bonds.

Section 7 of the bill amends the uncodified law of the state to add a new section directing the submittal to the voters for ratification at the next general election the question of whether the state shall issue its general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not more than 100 million for the purpose of paying the cost of design and construction of a scientific crime detection laboratory.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Palin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "S" and a distinct "P" for "Palin".

Sarah Palin  
Governor

Enclosure

**Project Review Listing  
FY2009 GO Bond Package**

**Department of Public Safety**

<u>RefNum</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>AP/AL</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Fund Source Total</u>	
41600	18	AP	Crime Lab Replacement		
				1008 G/O Bonds	\$100,000,000
				<b>G/O Bonds (1008):</b>	<b>\$100,000,000</b>
				<b>General Fund Total:</b>	<b>0</b>
				<b>Federal Total:</b>	<b>0</b>
				<b>Other Total:</b>	<b>\$100,000,000</b>
				<b>Department Total:</b>	<b>\$100,000,000</b>

\* Indicates an appropriation with allocations (amounts not included in totals)

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**Alaska Department of  
Transportation & Public  
Facilities  
- GO Bond Projects -**

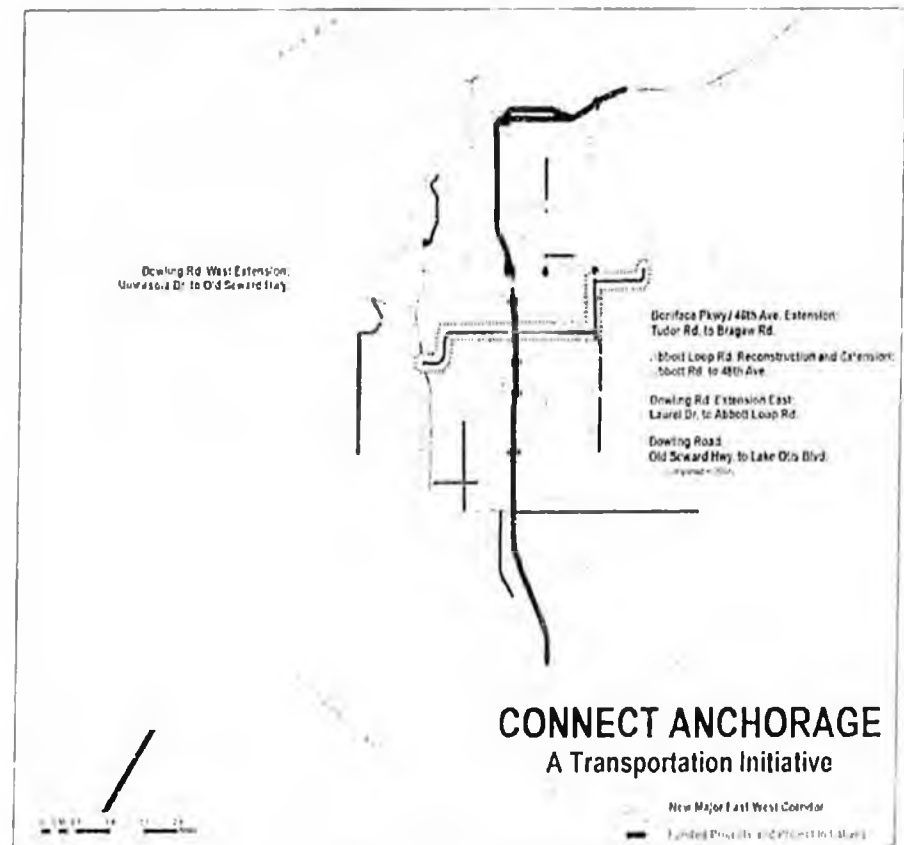
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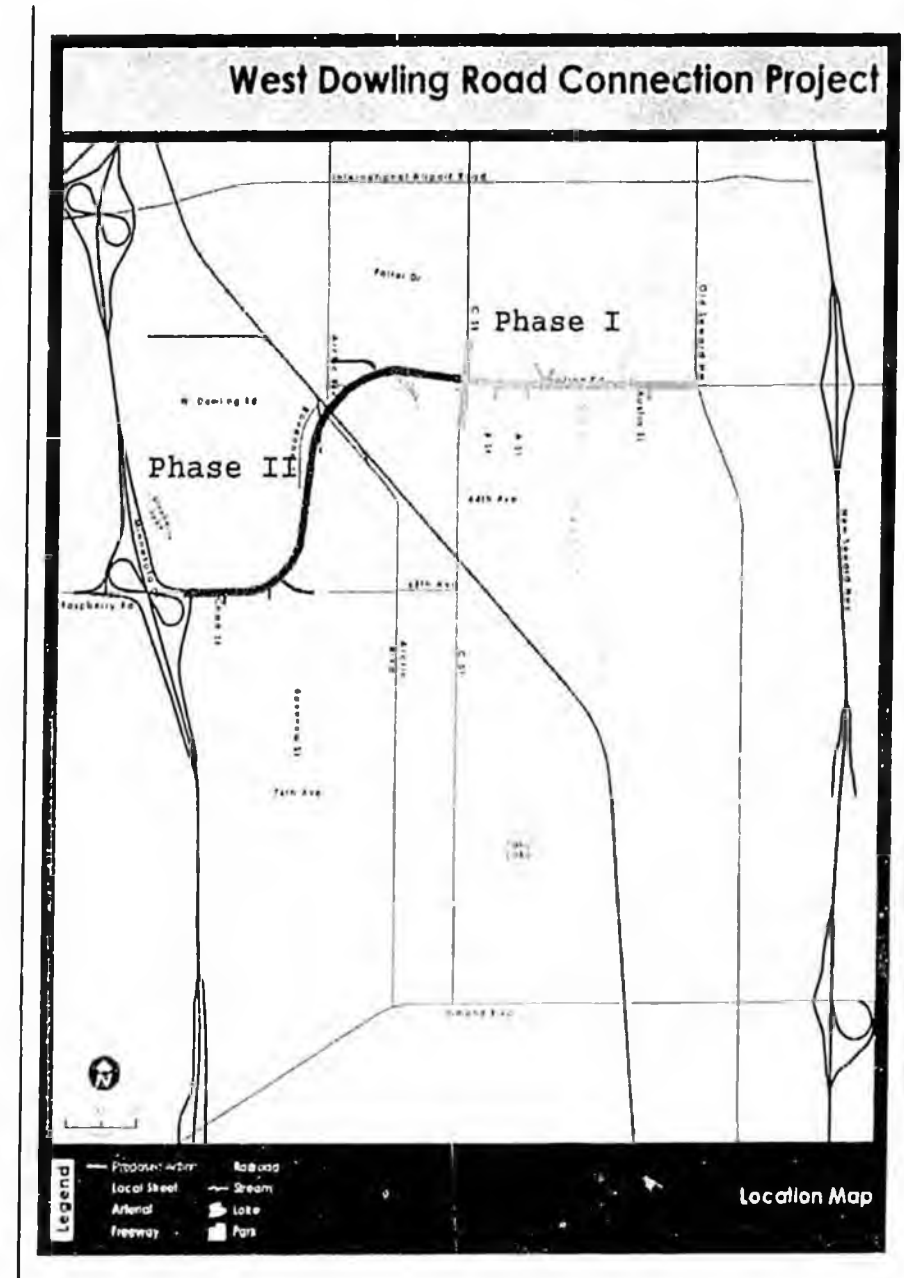
# Dowling Road: Old Seward Highway to Minnesota Drive

Cost:  
**\$22.1 million**

- Connects Raspberry Road to Boniface Parkway.
- Part of continuous cross-town east-west corridor.



- Improves access to Anchorage International Airport.
- Relieves congestion on Tudor Road and Dimond Boulevard
- Project to be constructed in two phases:
  - Phase I Old Seward Highway to C Street
  - Phase II C Street to Minnesota Drive



## Dowling Road: Old Seward Highway to Minnesota Road

- Tudor & Diamond have 3 of top 12 accident locations
- 23,000 vehicles per day on Dowling Road in 2025



# Northern Access to University- Medical

Cost:  
\$2 million

## District Study

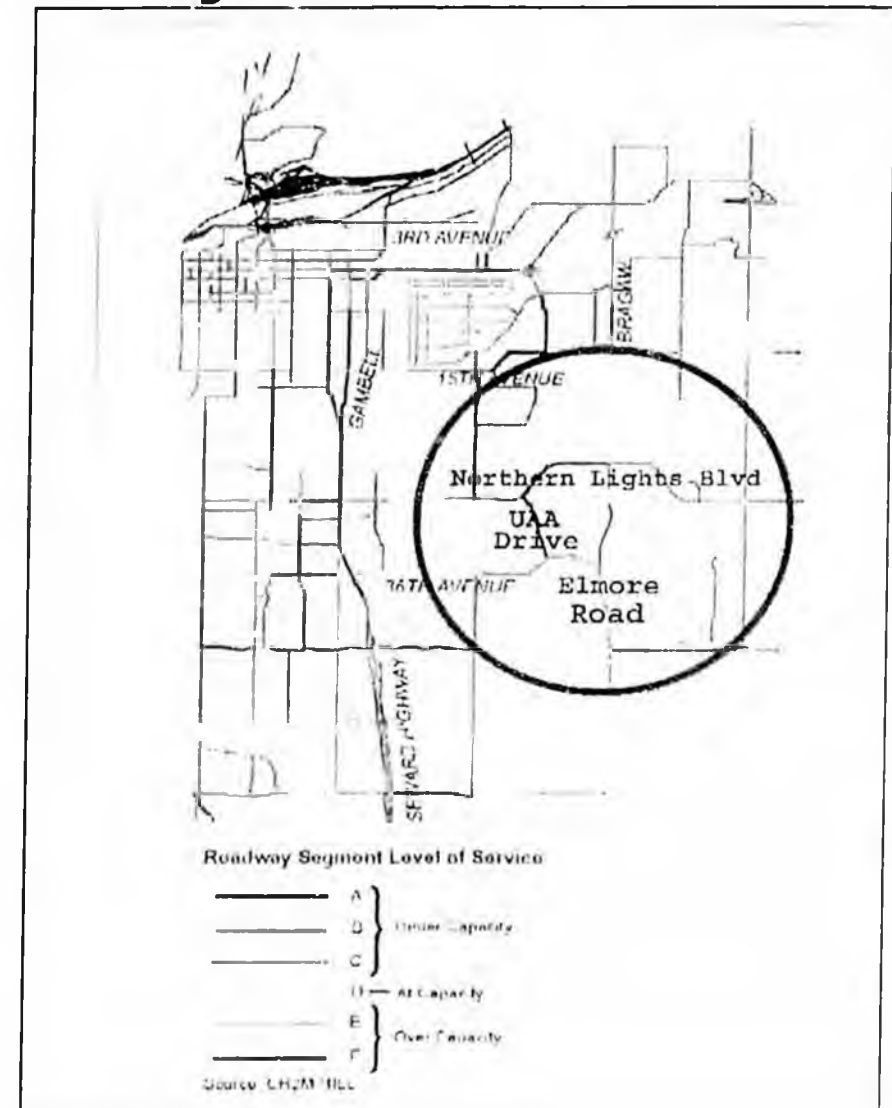
Evaluate alternatives to:

- Improves access to the U-Med District
- Accommodate increased population growth from Mat-Su



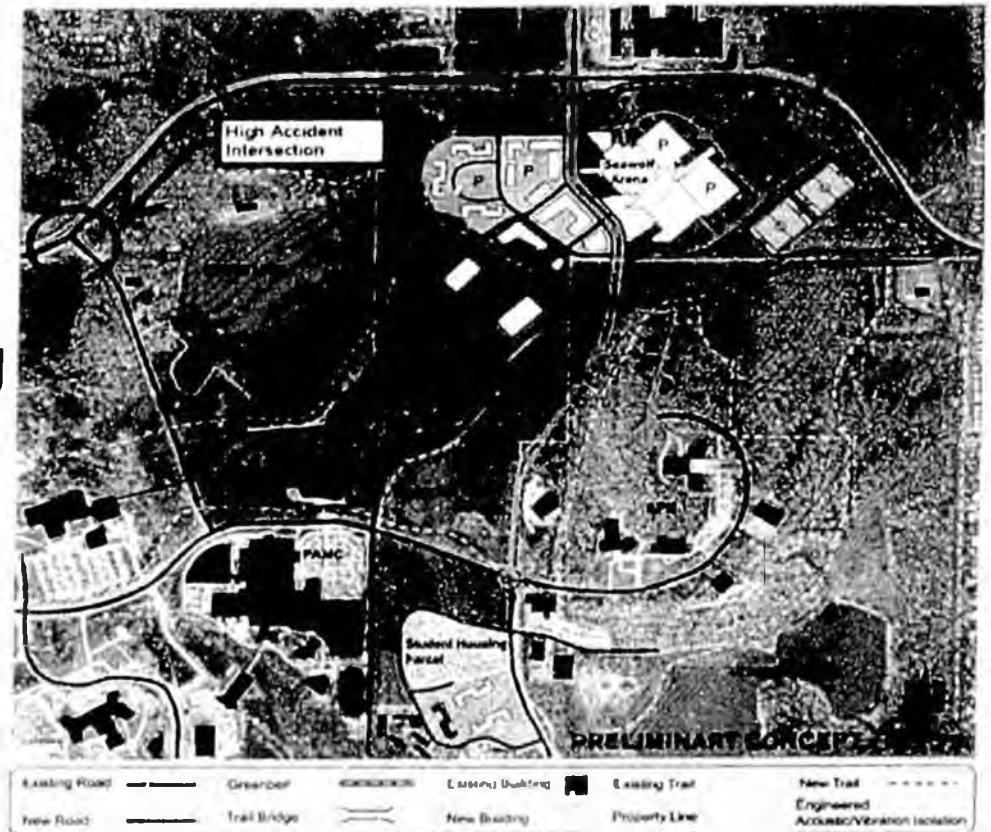
# Northern Access to University- Medical District Study

- Traffic congestion predicted to worsen w/out northern access.
- Bypasses congested No. Lights Blvd & UAA Drive.
- Access to the largest private employer in Alaska: Providence Medical Center
- Job growth in U-Med outpaces City and State averages.



# Northern Access to University Medical District Study

- Supported by UAA & MOA
- Improves safety at high accident location of No. Lights Blvd and UAA Drive.
- Included in Anchorage Long Range Transportation Plan.



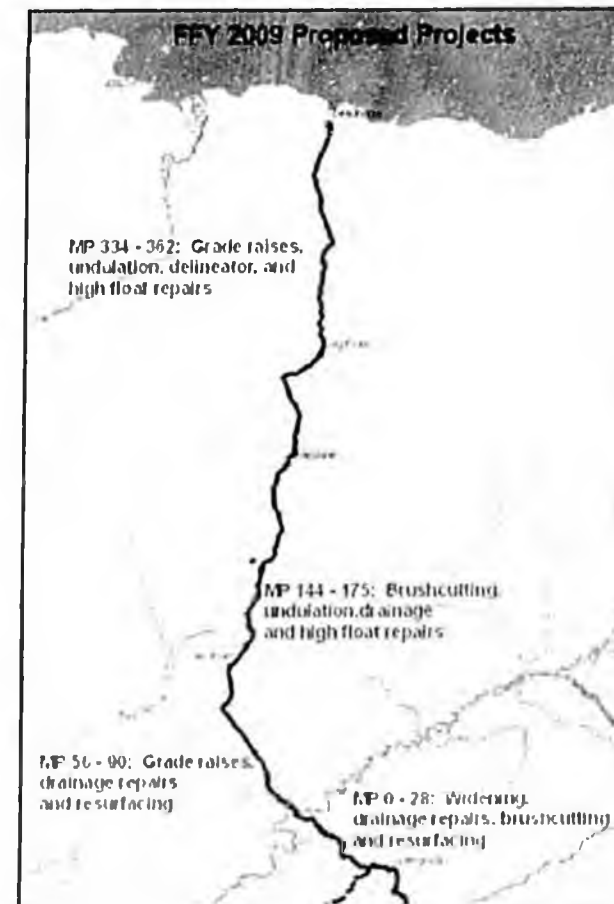
# DALTON HIGHWAY

## M & O Proposed FY09 Projects

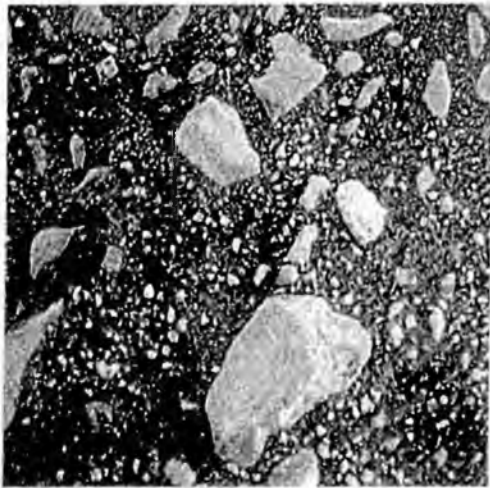
Cost  
**\$14 million**

IMPROVES 121 MILES!

- MP 334-362: Grade raises, undulation, high float repairs
- MP 144-175: Undulation, drainage, high float repairs
- MP 56-90: Grade Raises, drainage repairs
- MP 0-28: Widening, drainage, resurfacing



# DALTON HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS



➤ Improve safety, drivability, extend the surface life approx. 5 years



➤ Provide reliable movement of goods & services to support our primary source of state revenue



# Kenai Peninsula Borough Roads

- **Cost : \$8 million**
- KPB owns and maintains 623 miles of road; 50% are substandard
- Many substandard roads initially constructed by developers must now be maintained by Borough
- Improvements needed for better, more cost effective maintenance and emergency vehicle access



# SNAKE RIVER BRIDGE

## NOME

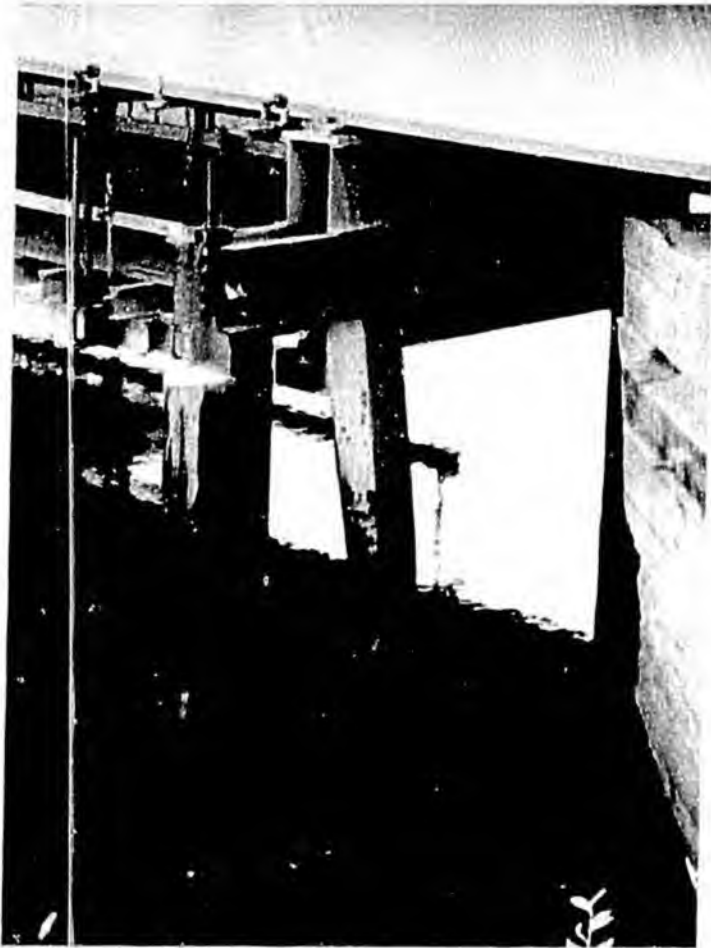
### Cost

**\$10 million**

- Key link to city's port, power plant, industrial area, DOT equipment yard and U.S. Post Office hub
- Bridge is airspace obstruction when vehicles are on bridge



# SNAKE RIVER BRIDGE NOME



Damaged  
Piles from  
Ice Flows

Deteriorating  
Wood  
Abutments



# Parks Highway Weight Restriction Elimination Program

Cost

**\$15 million**

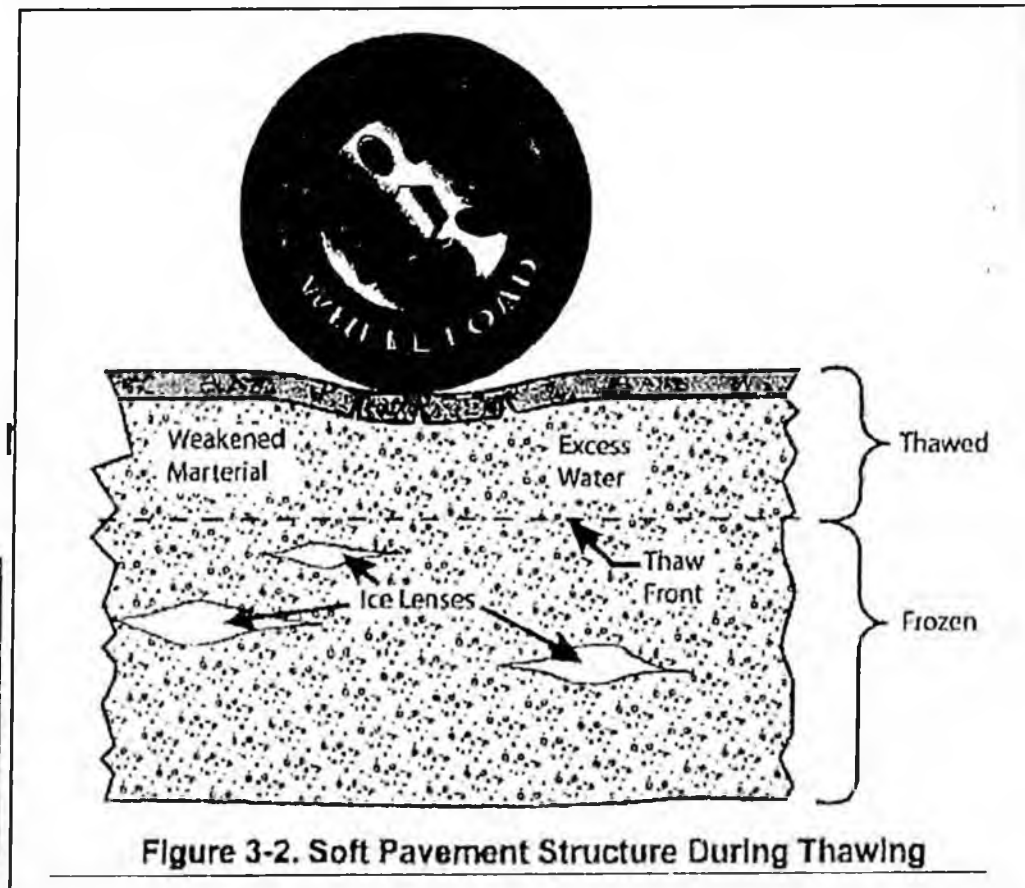
- Reconstruct embankment, repave MP 72 – MP 90
- Restore full structural capability to highway
- Eliminate need for seasonal weight restrictions every spring, for about 6 wks

Parks Highway



# Impacts of Weight Restrictions

- Limited to 85% of legal load
- Loads divided
- Reduces revenues by \$500-\$1,000 per trip
- Additional costs passed on to the consumer



# Windy Corner

## Seward Highway MP 105-107

### Cost

**\$20.0 million**

Project will

- Relocate the railroad
- Provide three traffic lanes and turn pockets
- Create a parking and viewing area near the sheep



# Windy Corner

## Seward Highway MP 105-107

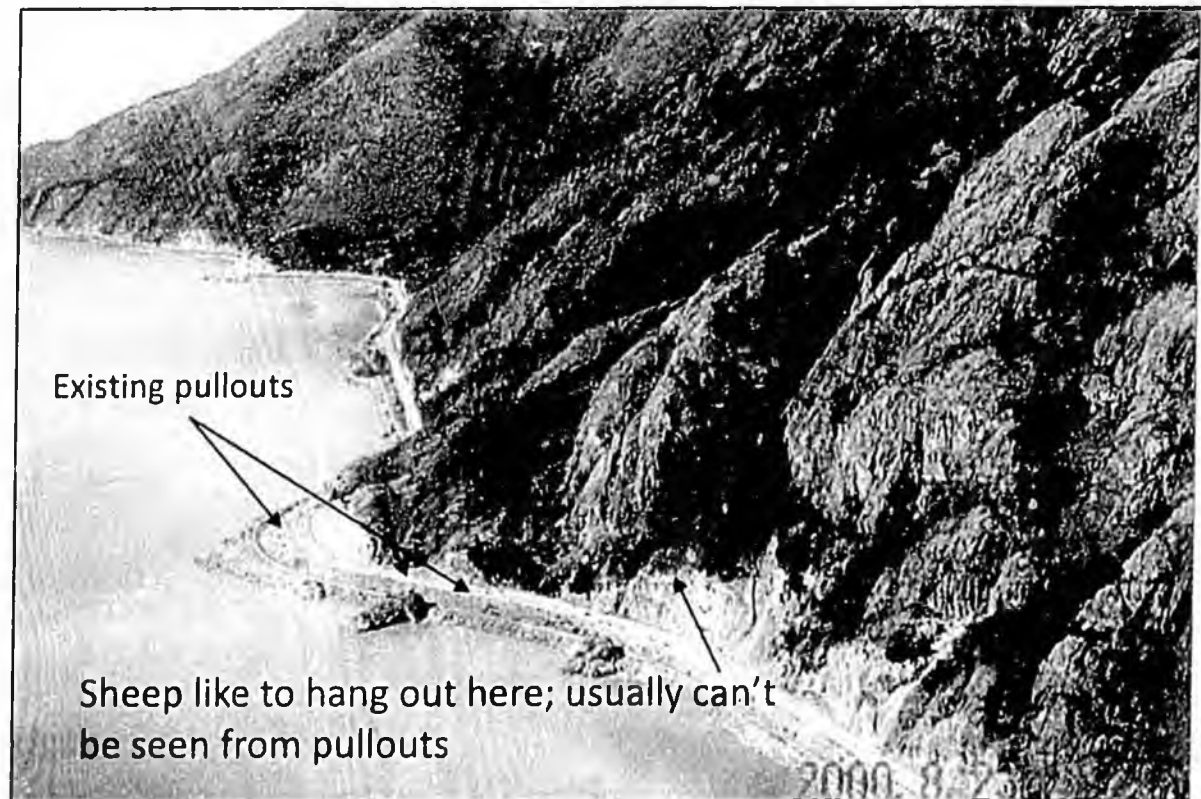
- Needs include:
  - Increase sight distance
  - Separate wildlife viewing from traffic lanes
  - Provide for passing opportunities



# Windy Corner

## Seward Highway MP 105-107

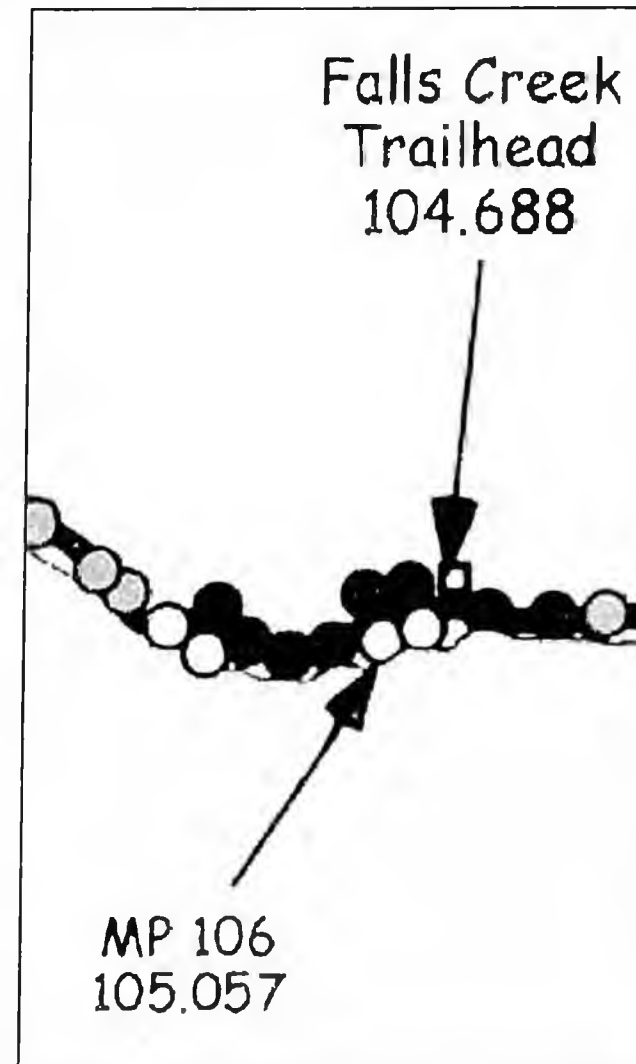
- Existing Road
  - Follows contour of mountain
  - Cannot view sheep from existing pull out; viewers park and walk on road
  - Parking is limited



# Windy Corner

## Seward Highway MP 105-107

- Seward Highway Safety Corridor
  - 8 deaths (red dots) since last road improvements completed in 1983
    - White dots are recorded deaths prior to 1983
    - Green dots are major accidents



## **Southeast Region**

### **Cost Pavement Rehabilitation:** **\$15 million**

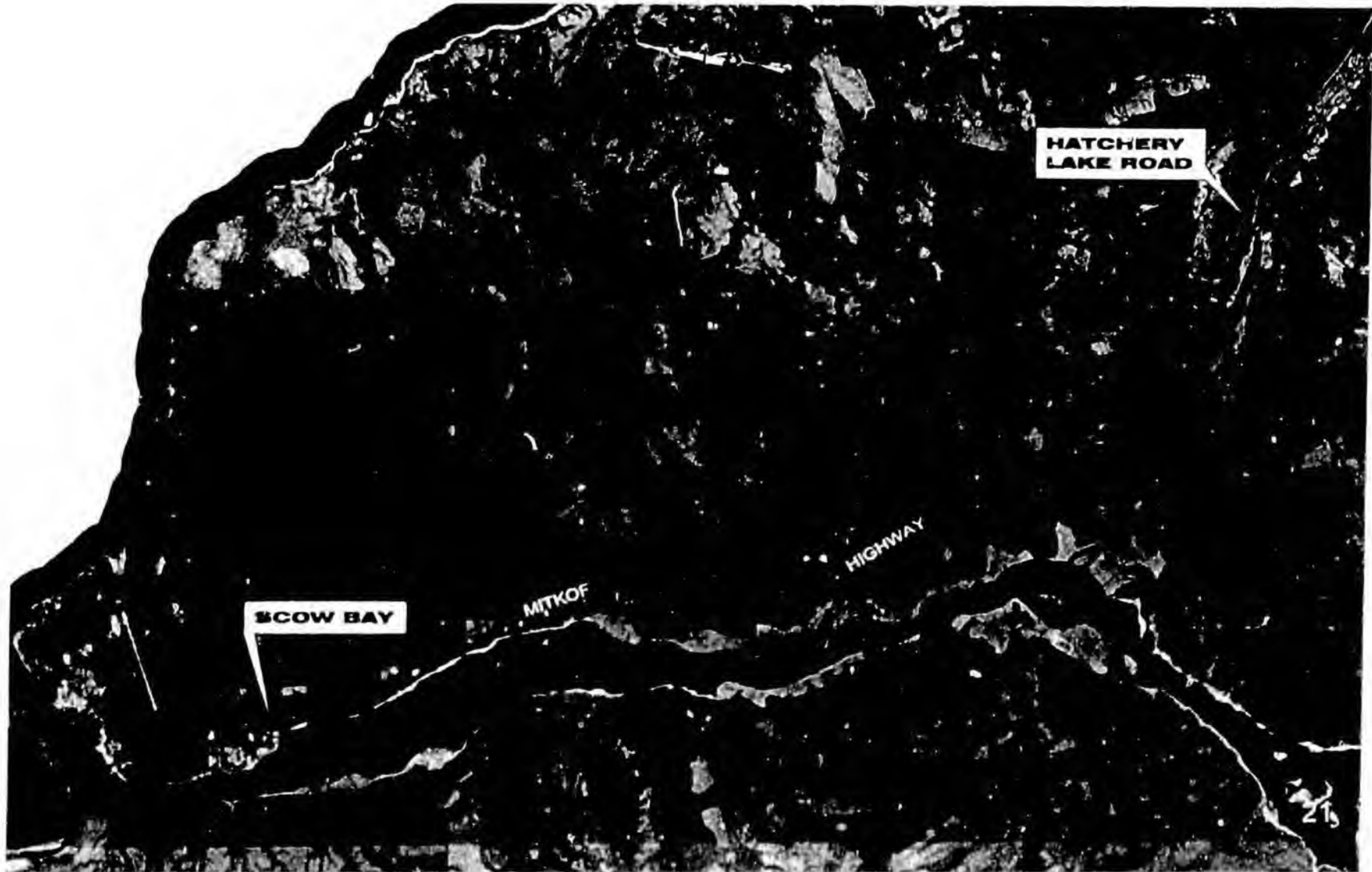
Resurfaces failing sections of pavement, including associated shoulder and drainage improvements:

- Petersburg, Mitkof Highway – Scow Bay to Hatchery Lake Rd. \$7 million
- Craig to Klawock Highway, \$4.8 million
- Juneau, Glacier Hwy – worst sections between Brotherhood Bridge and Auke Bay Ferry Terminal, \$3.2 million

➤ Representative photos of Mitkof and Glacier Highways pavement conditions.



# Mitkof Highway Section: Estimated cost \$7 million

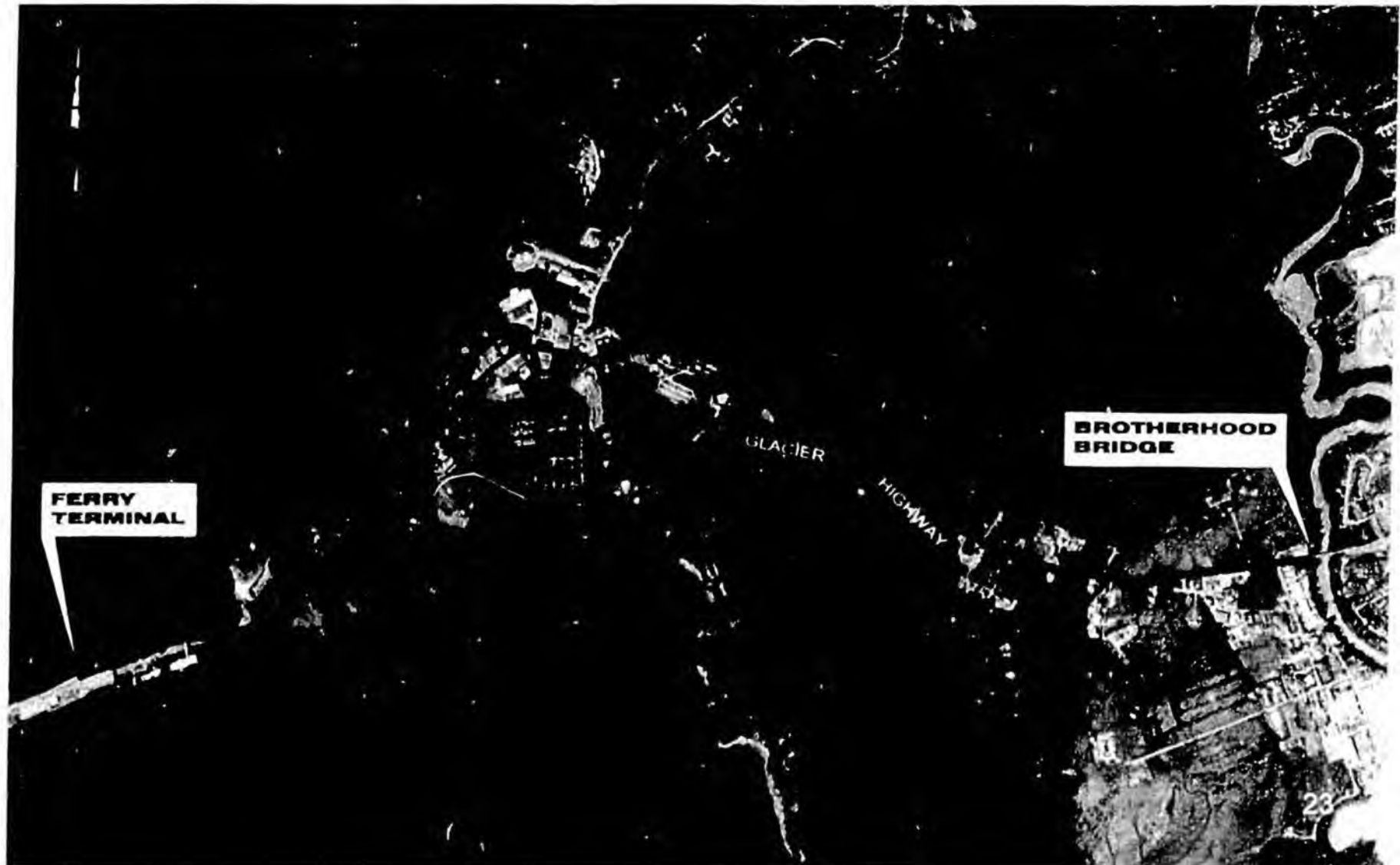


# Craig to Klawock Hwy Section: Estimated cost \$4.8 million



# Glacier Highway Section

Estimated cost \$3.2 million



# Steese Highway/Johansen Expressway Area Traffic Improvements

Cost

\$15 million

- Reduce injuries, fatalities and property damage!
- Improve economic development and access to goods and services!
- Improve traffic flow and pedestrian access!

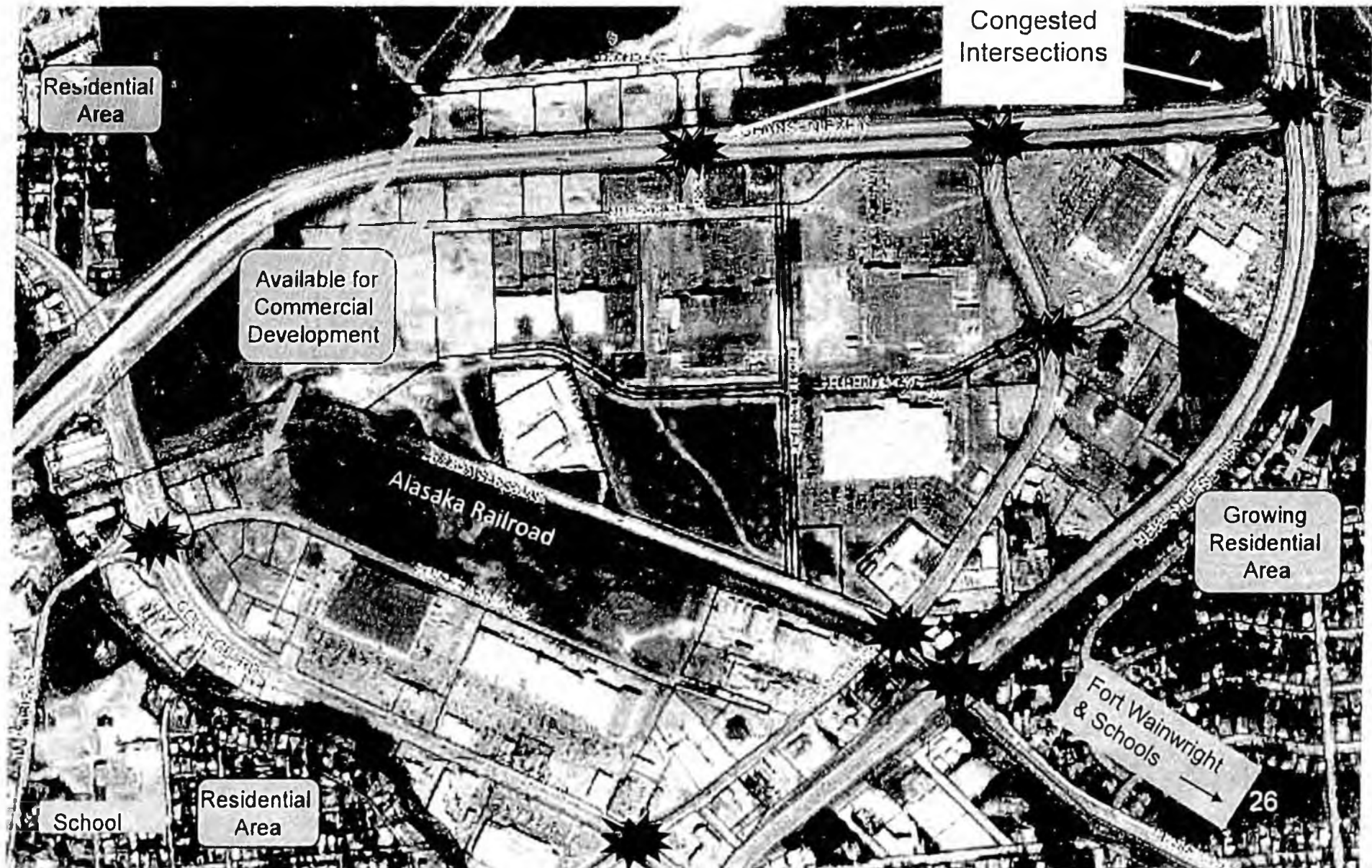


# Steese Highway/Johansen Expressway Area Traffic Improvements

- **Project includes:**
  - Intersection improvements
  - Turn lanes
  - Signing and signal improvements
  - Pedestrian facilities
  - Drainage improvements
  - Traffic circulation/flow improvements



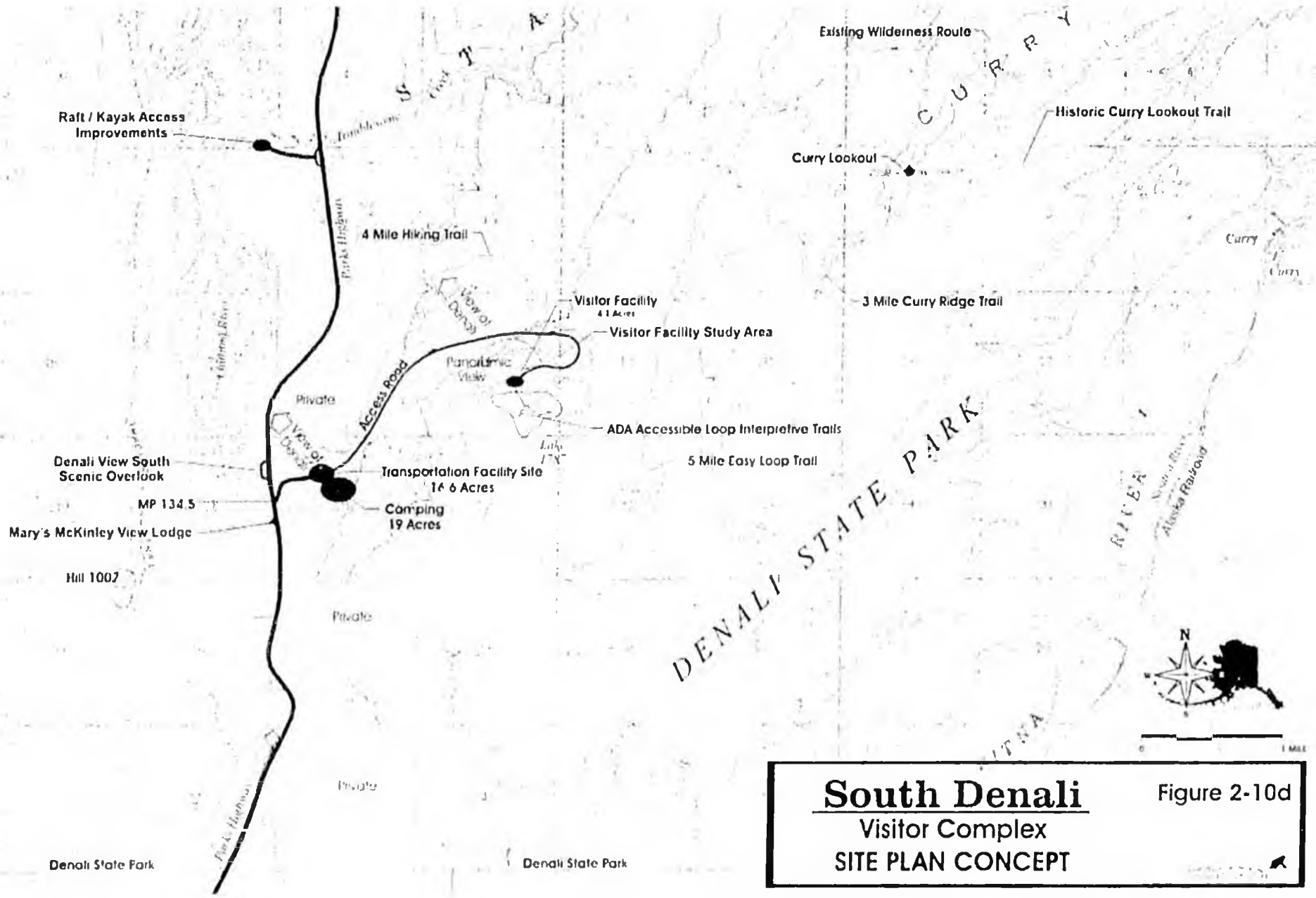
# Steese Highway/Johansen Expressway Area Traffic Improvements



# South Denali Visitor Center Access Road







**South Denali**  
 Visitor Complex  
 SITE PLAN CONCEPT

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Proposed Visitor Center  
Location

Parks Highway

Mt. McKinley



- **Purpose**

- Meet Alaskans and visitors demand for additional interpretation and outdoor recreation opportunities
- Improve access to park lands
- Provide year-round interpretive and recreational opportunities

- **Benefits**

- Economic opportunities for entrepreneurs in providing services
- New jobs and boost to the economy

- **Timeline**

- Year 1,2 & 3 Design and construct access road
- Year 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6, Design and construct visitor complex, transportation hub, campground, trails and other facilities

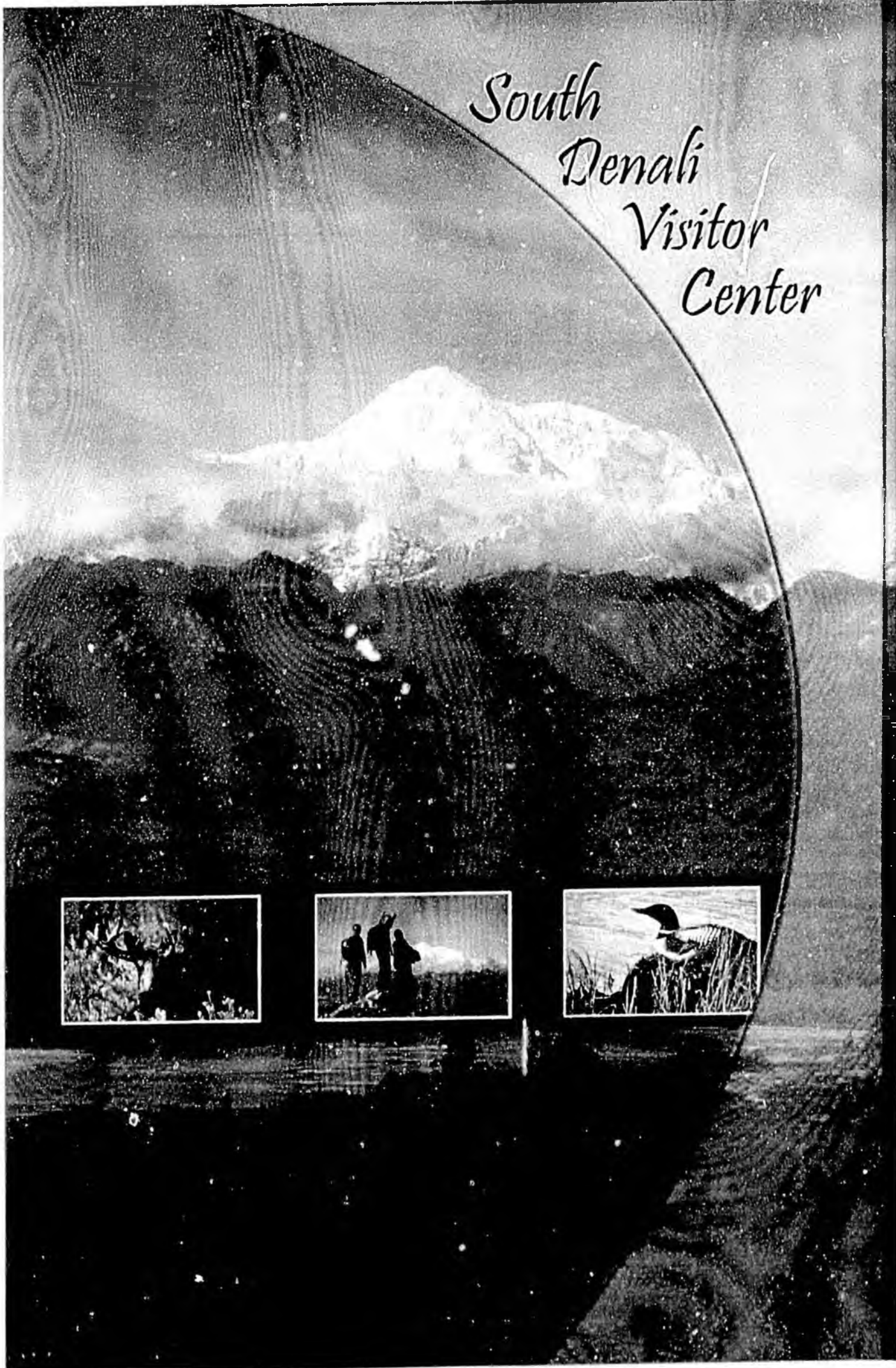
- **Funding**

- State - \$8.9 Million
- Federal Government and private sources - \$20 million

- **Partnership**

- State of Alaska, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, National Park Service, Businesses, Public

*South  
Denali  
Visitor  
Center*



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# STATE OF ALASKA

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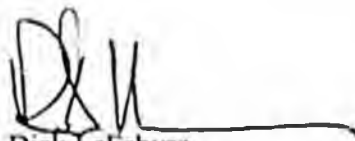
Dear Alaskan:

Development of more visitor facilities in Denali State Park and the surrounding region has been a vision that has been talked about for more than 30 years. With the completion of the South Denali Implementation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement in April of 2006, specifics for this vision were agreed upon. The plan was a great collaborative effort between the National Park Service, the State of Alaska, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, the public, private businesses and other interested organizations. With support from the overwhelming majority of those that participated in the long process, the plan recommends new trails, parking facilities, campgrounds and a new visitor center on Curry Ridge.

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Overall, this project is a shining example of collaboration in an effort to meet the needs and demands of the public. Not only will it create year round opportunities for the public to visit the area but it encourages responsible economic development around the area. The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources is in full support of this project.

Sincerely,



Dick LeFebvre  
Deputy Commissioner

*"Develop, Conserve, and Enhance Natural Resources for Present and Future Alaskan"*

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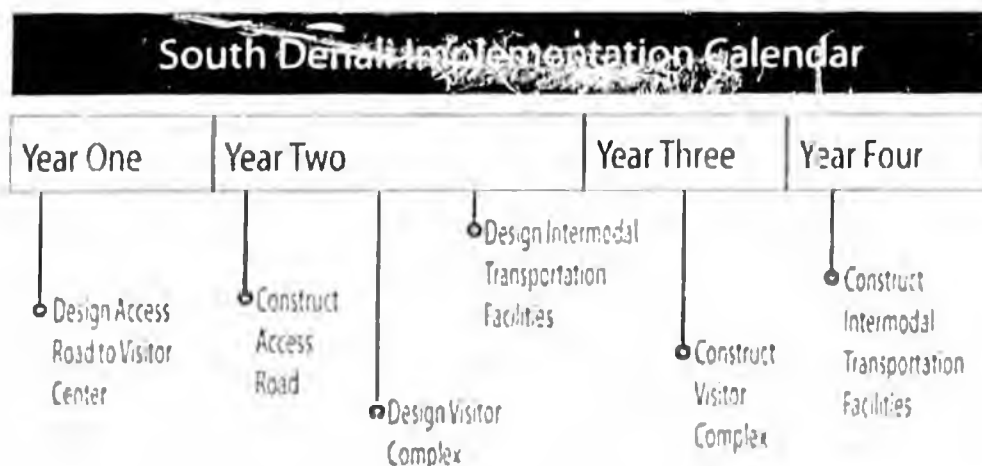
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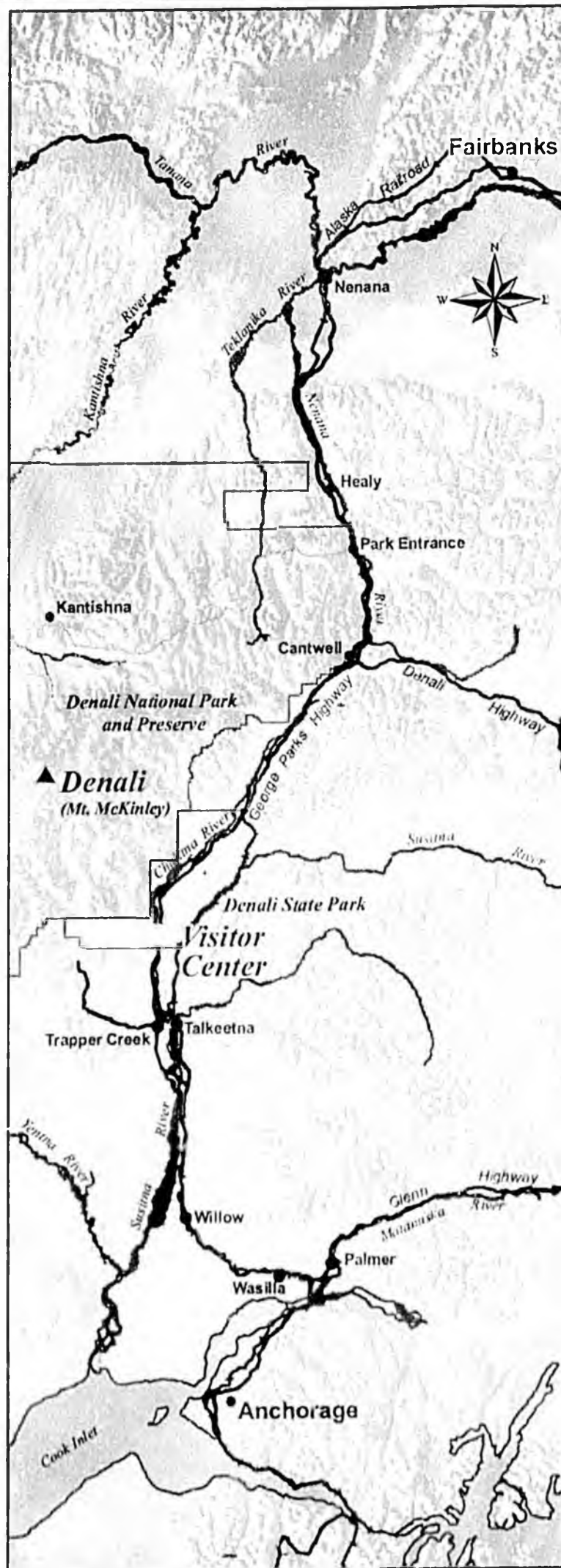
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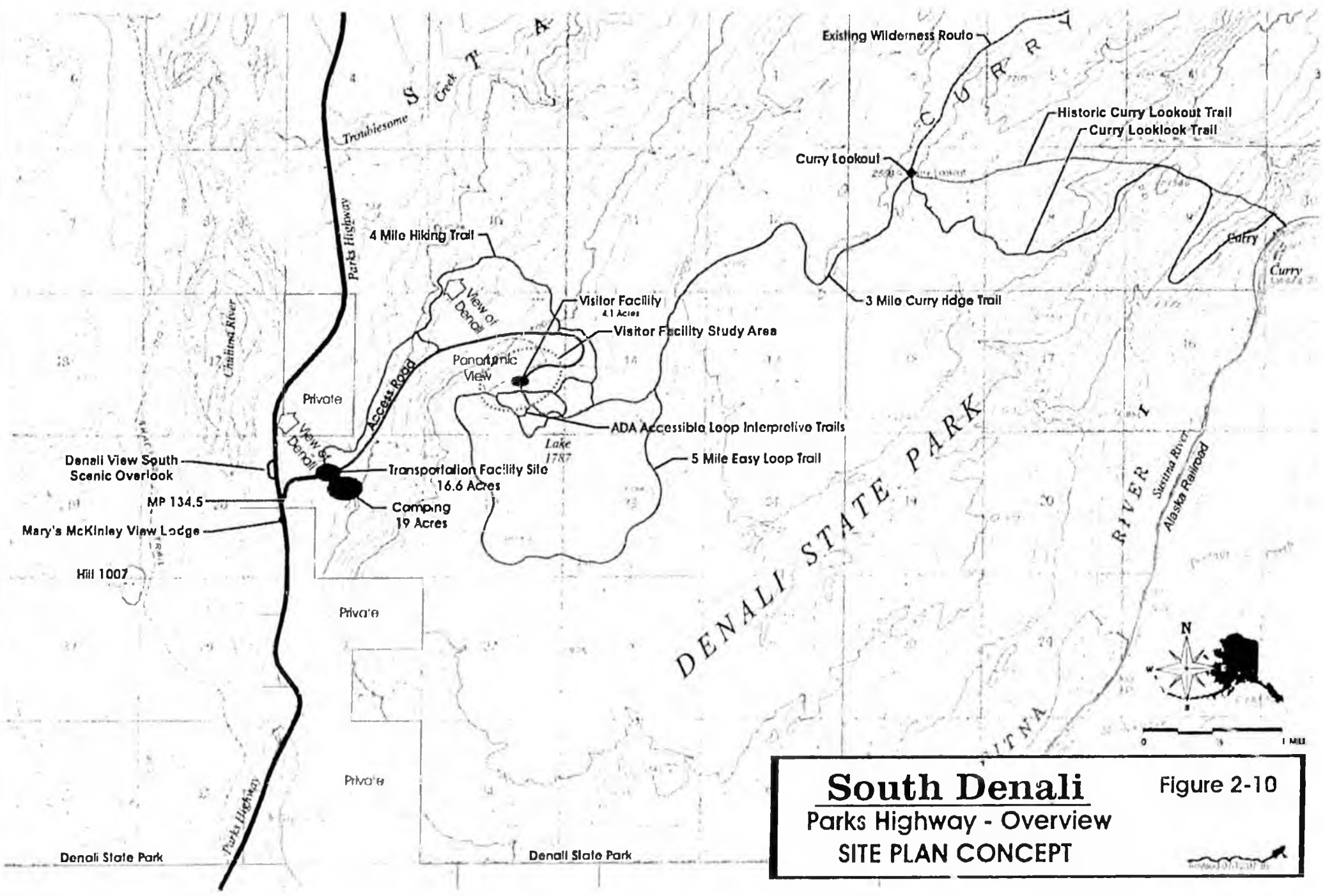
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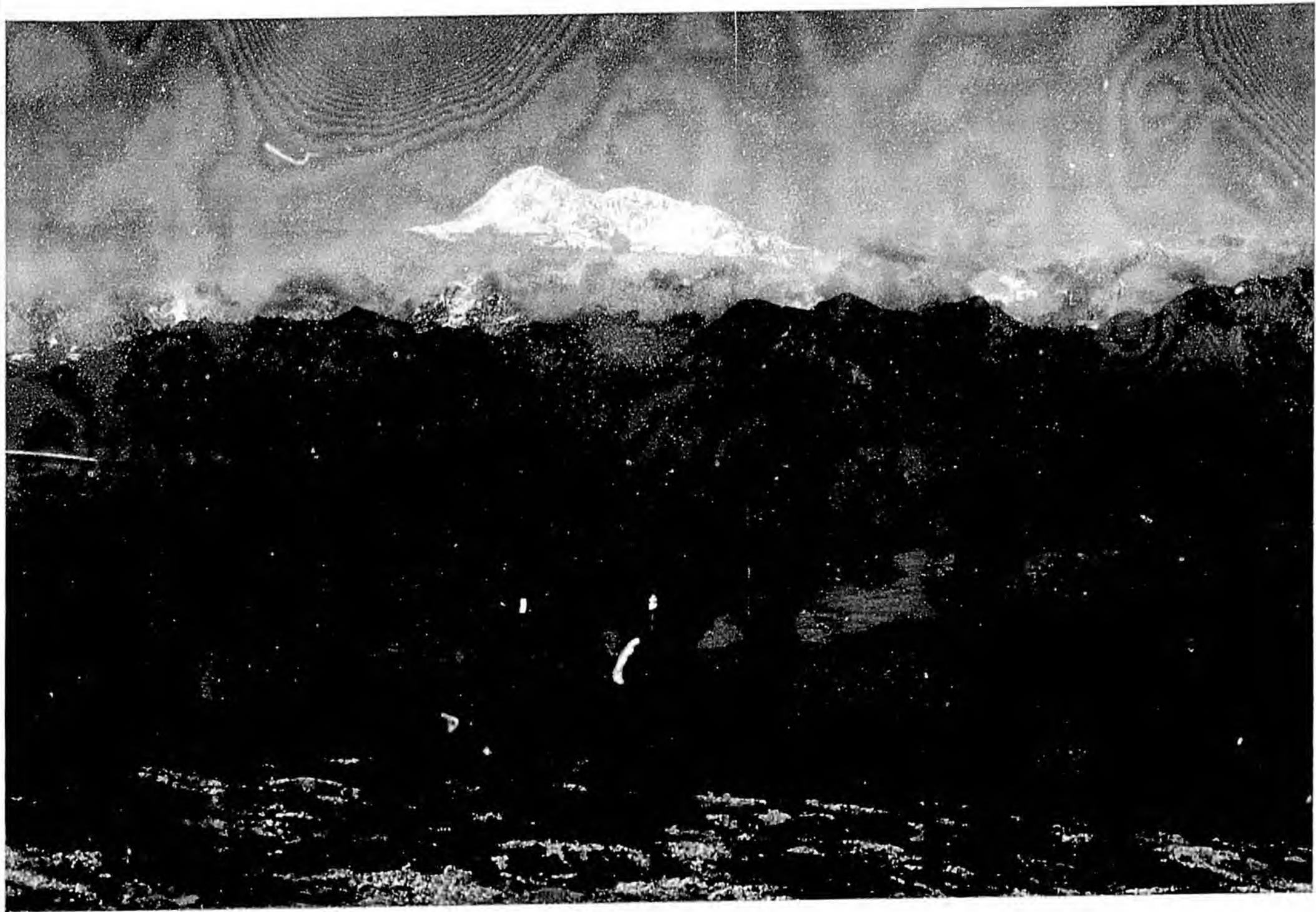


**South Denali**  
**Parks Highway - Overview**  
**SITE PLAN CONCEPT**

Figure 2-10









# ECONOMIC BENEFITS

# *South Denali Economic Impacts*

## *Assessment*

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- Ongoing employment created by the Visitor Center and related activities, including additional hotel rooms, would be 221-549 jobs.

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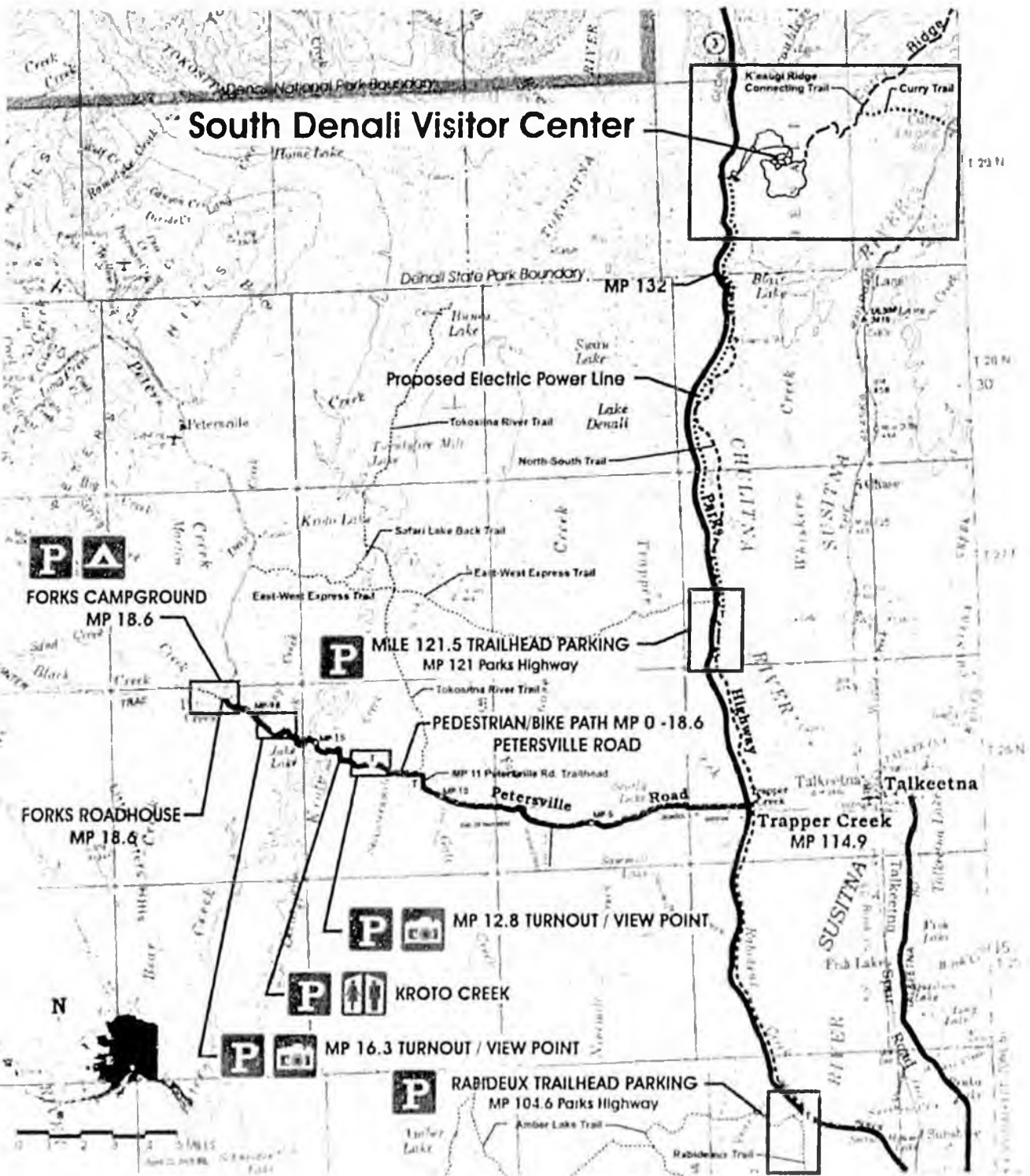
#### **Additional Tourism Expenditures**

- Tourism expenditures stimulated by the existence of the Visitor Center will range from \$17.8 million to \$44.8 million per year.

#### **Non-Resident Visitor Increase**

- The increase in non-resident visitors stimulated by the new Visitor Center will range from a 10% increase in visitors staying an additional half day, to a 20% increase of visitors staying an additional day.
- It will also result in a likely 10%-20% increase in 3-day, 2-night land tours provided by the major tour companies.

# RECREATION BENEFITS



**LETTERS  
OF  
SUPPORT**



DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES

DEC 26 2007

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE  
ANCHORAGE

December 20, 2007

Tom Irwin  
Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources  
550 West 7th Avenue, Ste 1400  
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Commissioner Irwin,

The Anchorage Convention & Visitors Bureau (ACVB) Board of Directors unanimously passed the enclosed resolution in support of the Curry Ridge Development in Denali State Park.

Key benefits that resulted in our support of this much needed development included:

- As an alternative destination to Denali National Park it will relieve congestion to a part of our state that is already experiencing overcrowding.
- It will provide a winter Denali experience offering recreational opportunities for visitors and our residents.
- The development seemingly has the support of local communities and residents and, of many options considered, opposition to this site to date has been minimal.

The ACVB is the destination management organization for the Municipality of Anchorage and represents more than 1,250 business members throughout Southcentral Alaska. The ACVB Board of Directors believes the Curry Ridge Development would enhance the visitor experience in Southcentral Alaska, keeping visitors in our State longer, resulting in a positive impact on our economy.

Sincerely,

Julie Saupé  
President & CEO

ANCHORAGE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION 2007-03

A Resolution in Support of the Curry Ridge Development in Denali State Park

WHEREAS, the mission of the Anchorage Convention & Visitors Bureau (ACVB) is to serve as "our community's way of attracting and serving visitors," by operating as the destination marketing organization for Anchorage year-round; and

WHEREAS, the health of Anchorage's economy is significantly tied to the visitor industry and its continued growth; and

WHEREAS, ACVB recognizes that the South Denali region is uniquely positioned to enhance the visitor experience in Southcentral Alaska tourism as a four-season visitor destination; and

WHEREAS, expanding Anchorage and Alaska tourism depends upon the development of necessary products and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Alaska visitors are interested in viewing Mount McKinley and the Curry Ridge location provides a stunning view of Mount McKinley in an alpine tundra setting; and

WHEREAS, Curry Ridge is the preferred site based on a lengthy review process, which included input from residents and park user groups; and

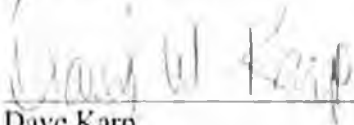
WHEREAS, this development would provide a unique day-trip Denali experience for Anchorage visitors and this proposal also would provide a fall/winter/spring Denali experience for visitors and convention delegates; and


WHEREAS, we understand the Governor supports this project and has requested the Department of Natural Resources to include an initial \$8.9 million in their 2008 budget.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Anchorage Convention & Visitors Bureau strongly supports the development of a year-round visitor center at Curry Ridge.

Approved on this, the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2007.

ATTESTED BY:

  
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Dave Karp  
Chair

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Randy Becker  
Secretary



September 20, 2006

DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

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Administration/  
Human Resources

John Duffy  
Borough Manager  
Matanuska - Susitna Borough  
350 E Dahlia Avenue  
Palmer AK 99645

Dear Mr. Duffy:

The Anchorage Convention & Visitors Bureau (ACVB) is the official destination marketing organization for the Municipality of Anchorage. While its base of 1,260 member businesses is in Anchorage, many businesses from around the state of Alaska are also members. Our mission is to stimulate tourism growth and to diversify the economy. To that end, we wholeheartedly endorse the Curry Ridge South Denali project.

The addition or improvement of visitor infrastructure in the state of Alaska would enhance ACVB's ability to attract travel to Anchorage and the rest of the state. The National Park Service, after many years of planning, signed a Record of Decision in June, 2006, to adopt the South Denali Implementation Plan to provide specific direction for expanded visitor facilities and recreational opportunities in the South Denali region.

ACVB applauds the NPS vision to provide a quality visitor experience and enhance recreational and access opportunities in the South Denali region for visitors and residents. We fully support the plan to request 2007 funding for the road needed off the Parks Highway as a step in the right direction in making the south side visitor center a reality.

The Curry Ridge South Denali project is tremendously important and deserves priority attention.

Sincerely,

Bruce Bustamante  
President & CEO

cc: Ron Peck, ATIA

cc: Terry Leininger

March 23, 2007

Chris Degernes  
Acting State Parks Director  
550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 1380  
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Ms. Degernes,


Princess Tours fully supports the legislative funding request presently before the Alaska State Legislature. As you know, we are presently reaching the limit on how many visitors may be accommodated at the existing facilities at the park entrance. Without timely development of new high quality facilities, the future health of tourism in south-central and interior will be put at risk. Implementation of the recommended plan offers businesses, large and small, confidence that they may continue to promote the Alaska visitors desire even as we reach capacity elsewhere.

The planning process reviewed several potential locations for new visitor facilities in the South Denali region. The Curry Ridge site which was ultimately chosen, offers spectacular Denali vistas, good access for broad range of users and offers positive economic benefit for the Upper Susitna Valley. No single resource is more important to a healthy tourism industry in the state than quality Denali experience and the recommended option absolutely delivers on this need.

We hope you will agree with us, that the South Denali Implementation Plan, after many years of preparation, is now ready to become a reality for Mat-Su and Alaska.

Thank you again for the opportunity to express our comments.

Sincerely,



Charlie Ball  
President, Princess Tours

Introduced: 02/21/06  
Public Hearing: 03/07/06  
Adopted: 03/07/06

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 06-032

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE DRAFT SOUTH DENALI IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

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WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly adopted Resolution Serial No. 03-016(AM) supporting cooperative efforts between agencies to address the need to develop visitor and recreational facilities and services on the south side of Denali National Park which will address the steady increase in visitation to the Denali region; and

WHEREAS, the goals for the project are to provide a quality visitor experience while protecting resource values in the south Denali region, enhance recreational and access opportunities throughout the South Denali Region for the benefit of a wide variety of users, and preserve the quality of life for residents in nearby communities; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, the National Park Service, and the state of Alaska have worked cooperatively to develop a plan that meets the project goals; and

WHEREAS, extensive outreach has occurred to solicit input from local communities, agencies, and industries to develop a plan that reaches a balance between the diverse needs and desires of the public; and

WHEREAS, extensive research and evaluation has taken place to review the range of alternatives identified during the process and to address the unique aspects of each alternative; and

WHEREAS, the Draft South Denali Implementation Plan and environmental impact statement (EIS) is the result of a thorough and inclusive process, and makes a recommendation that reaches a balance and meets the goals of the project, the public and the south Denali region; and


WHEREAS, the Draft South Denali Implementation Plan and EIS identifies alternative C, the Parks Highway site, as the preferred alternative for a south Denali visitor facility; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission adopted Resolution 06-17 recommending that the Assembly support the recommendations and conclusions in the plan.

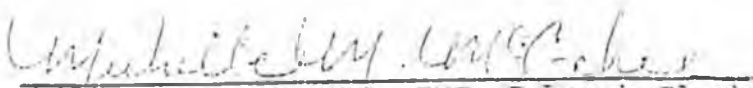
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly does hereby support the conclusions contained in the Draft South Denali Implementation Plan and EIS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly does hereby support alternative C, the Parks Highway site, in the Draft South Denali Implementation Plan and EIS as the preferred alternative for a south Denali visitor facility.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 7 day  
of March, 2006.

  
TIMOTHY L. ANDERSON, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
MICHELLE M. MCGEHEE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

YES: Woods, Betting, Colver, and Vehrs

NO: Allen and Colberg



DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES

OCT 04 2006

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE  
ANCHORAGE

October 14, 2005

Ms Miriam Valentine  
South Denali Planning  
P.O. Box 588  
Talkeetna, Alaska 99676

Dear Ms. Valentine:

The Alaska Travel Industry Association (ATIA) Board of Directors endorse moving forward with Alternative C as your office finalizes the Denali National Park and Preserve Draft South Denali Implementation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement.

From a travel and tourism perspective, ATIA supports the Parks Highway Alternative C (Curry Ridge area) alternative as the best plan to enhance and improve the Denali National Park area experience for visitors. The Curry Ridge location will provide a complete wilderness experience and views of the mountain, provide for multimodal access set in a wilderness setting (you cannot see the Parks Highway just 4 miles distant) and opportunities to connect with the Susitna River and the old train stop location of Curry. The Curry Ridge area includes forested and high alpine landscape, opportunity for numerous hiking trails and development of a visitor information center rivaling those at the entrance to Denali National Park

Congratulations on bringing this huge undertaking to a successful close that should benefit Alaskan tourism for many years to come.

ATIA looks forward to continuing cooperation with your office on matters related to tourism in Alaska, as we work to mutually grow visitors to Alaska and improve the quality of the visitor experience year round.

Thank you for giving ATIA and it's almost 1,000 tourism and travel members the opportunity to respond. We know that a cooperative National Parks/state joint use facility has worked effectively and efficiently elsewhere and believe it can provide a good venue for the Denali National Park experience.

Sincerely,

Ron Peck  
President & COO

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*cc: Jerry Lovan*

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DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES

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September 27, 2006



Commissioner Michael Menge  
Alaska Department of Natural Resources  
P.O. Box 111000  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Commissioner Menge,

After years of involvement with various committee and task force meetings, it was personally gratifying to see a site selected for a new visitor center in the South Denali region. The site located on Curry Ridge in Denali State Park will provide a location for a variety of activities in both Alaska State Park as well as Denali National Park.



With the adoption of the South Denali Implementation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, there is now specific direction for expanded visitor facilities and related activities.



The costs of construction including a visitor complex, campsites and other improvements is estimated to be \$28 million. There is a requirement of a 3.5 mile access road to be constructed from the parking area to the visitor center. The agencies have identified the access road as a priority to begin development and requests DNR submit \$7 million in the FY08 budget for road construction.

I encourage DNR to support funding the access road phase to begin construction of this highly sought after visitor destination.



Respectfully,

Dennis Brandon, President  
CIRI Alaska Tourism Corp.



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cc: Jerry Anderson



DEPARTMENT OF  
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ANCHORAGE

September 25, 2006

Ron Peck, President and COO  
ATIA  
2600 Cordova Street #201  
Anchorage, AK 99503

Dear Mr. Peck:

I am writing to express the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation's (AEDC) support for Curry Ridge South Denali project. As we understand the project currently, additional visitor facilities as well as the transportation infrastructure to access them would be constructed to support tourists wishing to view Mt. McKinley and the other mountains in the area. This project is especially attractive since it involves developing land within the Denali State Park which provides a real solution to the current congestion at the Denali National Park.

AEDC recognizes the importance of the Alaska tourism industry as a large employer of Alaskans, as a diversifying influence to the Alaska economy, and as a great way to showcase Alaska to potential future investors. Additionally, from an Anchorage perspective, we are very supportive of the development of visitor attractions that further enable tourists to use Anchorage as their base camp for their Alaskan adventure; the Curry Ridge South Denali project fits into this model well.

Thank you for the opportunity to lend our support to the ATIA and Matanuska – Susitna Borough's effort to move this project forward. Please let us know in what other ways AEDC can provide support.

Best wishes

Robert Poe, President & CEO  
Anchorage Economic Development Corporation

cc: John Duffy, Matanuska – Susitna Borough Manager

*Mat-Su!*

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

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Dear Commissioner Menge,

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The planning process reviewed several potential locations for new visitor facilities in the South Denali region. The site chosen for a new visitor center is on Curry Ridge in Denali State Park. It will provide a focal point for a variety of activities in Denali State Park and Denali National Park, including mountain and wildlife viewing, hiking, boating and camping.

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Denali has long been a popular visitor destination for residents and visitors. For 20 years there has been a shared vision among public land managers that the South Denali region should provide opportunities for greater visitor use. With the Record of Decision we have the opportunity to move forward in a timely manner to provide a south Denali visitor experience.

The Mat-Su CVB board of directors encourages DNR to support funding the access road phase to begin construction of this world-class visitor destination.

Sincerely,



Dan McDonough  
Mat-Su CVB President



# Holland America Line Inc.

John Shively  
Vice President  
Government and Community Relations

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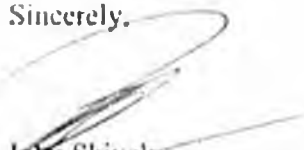
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Sincerely,

  
John Shively  
Holland America Line

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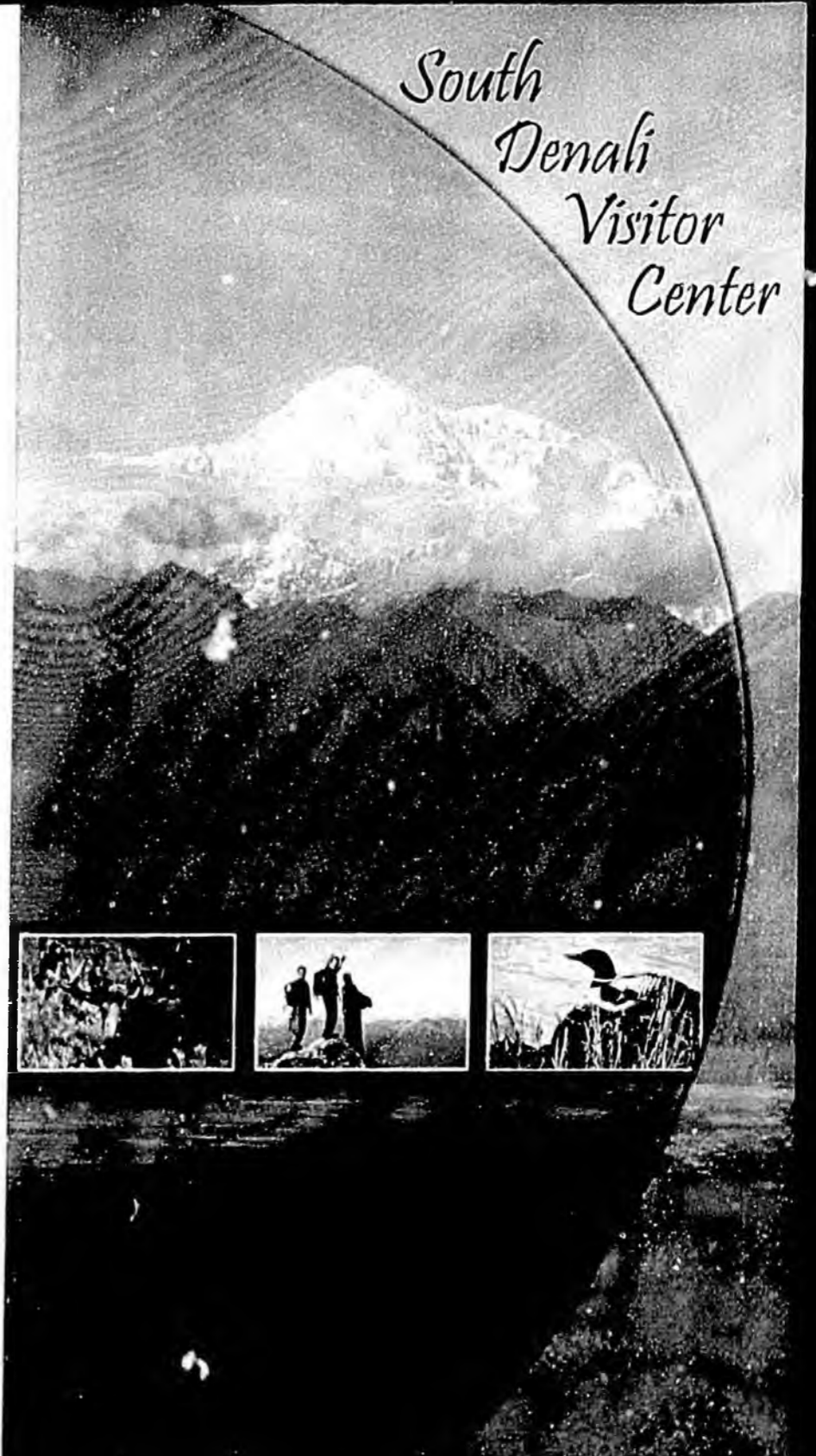
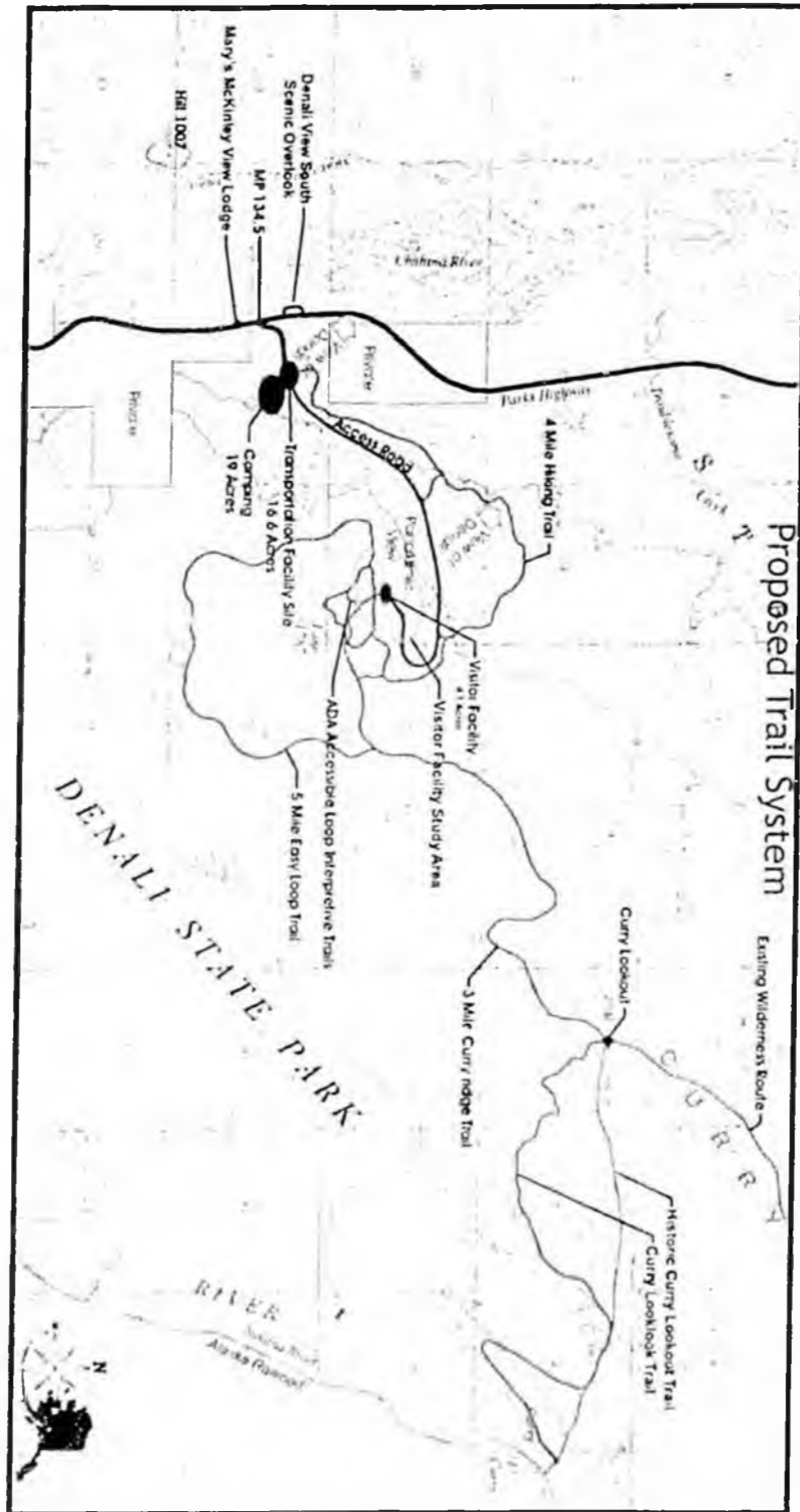
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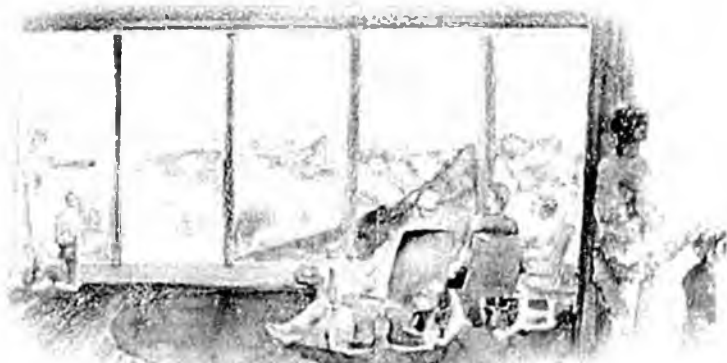
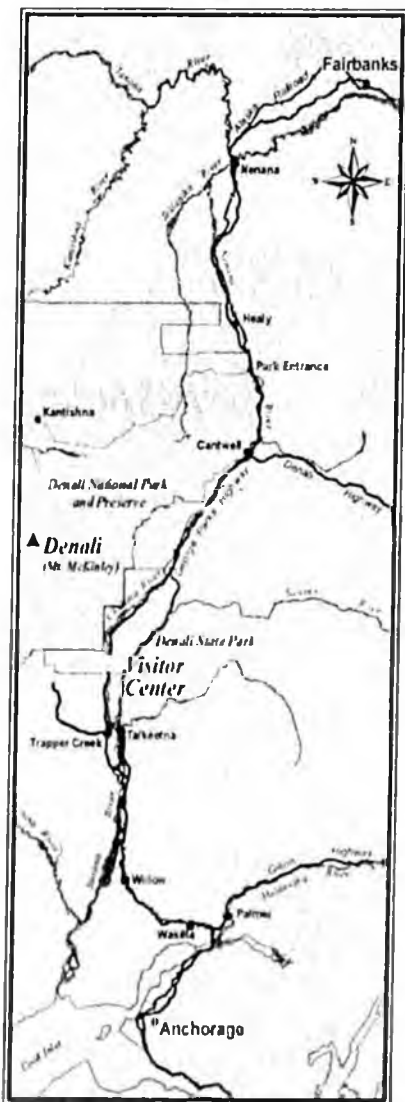
### South Denali Implementation Calendar

Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four
Design Access Road to Visitor Center	Construct Access Road	Design Intermodal Transportation Facilities	Design Visitor Complex
		Construct Visitor Complex	Construct Intermodal Transportation Facilities





*Just out the panoramic windows, you will come face to face with the sheer scale of Denali and the Alaska Range.*



Tucked into the landscape of Curry Ridge, the South Denali Visitor Center will be easily accessible, yet feel miles away. At this center, the road will remain open when snow begins to fly. The South Denali Visitor Center will provide a year-round recreation destination.

For families with young children, for people who get around in a wheelchair, for hikers seeking solitude in the backcountry, South Denali will give all kinds of visitors easy access to remoteness.



Whether it's getting out on a crisp winter day or gathering the blueberries of summer, the South Denali Visitor Center will be the starting point for adventure and discovery.

**SB**

**226**

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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 2/13/08

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_

Finance Committee considered

SENATE BILL NO. 226

SB 226 VEXATIOUS LITIGANTS

"An Act relating to litigation brought by a vexatious litigant; amending Rules 3, 4, 12, and 41, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

be replaced with  SCS or  CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)

adopt previous  SCS or  CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)

attached amendment(s)

adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Intent

further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

SENATE BILL:

- Same Title
- New Title

HOUSE BILL:

- Same Title
- Technical Title Change
- New Title w/ SCR # \_\_\_\_\_

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#
LAW	1/31/08			✓	1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	Elton			✓	
	Thomas	✓			
	Huggins			✓	
	OLSON			✓	
CO-CHAIR:	HOFFMAN			✓	
CO-CHAIR:	STEPANNA			✓	

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
Bill Version: SB 226  
(S) Publish Date: 2/13/08

Identifier (file name): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: LAW  
Title An Act relating to vexatious litigants. RDU CIVIL  
Component Torts & Workers Compensation  
Sponsor Judiciary  
Requester Senate Judiciary Component Number \_\_\_\_\_

**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
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</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>								
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>								
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
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1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: 0.0

**POSITIONS**

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The bill would amend current statute and the Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure in order to allow the Alaska Court System to more appropriately manage the problem of vexatious litigation. The bill would enable the court system to: prohibit, under certain circumstances, the commencement of an action by a vexatious litigant who is subject to a pre-filing order or who fails to provide court ordered security; prohibit the issuance of a summons upon the filing of a complaint if the complaint is filed by a vexatious litigant or if a complaint has been mistakenly filed and is considered invalid; establish that a party to an action mistakenly accepted for filing by the clerk of court need not file an answer or other responsive pleading under certain circumstances; and permit the clerk of court to dismiss a mistakenly filed case. Enactment of the bill is not anticipated to fiscally impact the Department of Law.

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