

**From:** [Wendel, Courtney E. \(DOT\)](#)  
**To:** [Tribe Administrator](#)  
**Cc:** [dot.stip](#)  
**Subject:** RE: 2018-2021 STIP Amendment #3  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 01, 2019 2:08:38 PM

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Good afternoon Millie,

Thank you for taking the opportunity to provide comments to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Alaska's federally required four-year program for transportation system preservation and improvement. Alaska's surface transportation program is primarily driven by federal funds and therefore project funding must be amended periodically to meet project development schedules and federal requirements. This process ensures that Alaska will receive the maximum amount of federal funding available to maintain and improve its surface transportation program.

Thank you for taking the time to comment on the Kivalina project in Amendment 3. The Department sincerely values your support.

*Courtney Wendel*

STIP Planner III

**From:** Tribe Administrator <tribeadmin@kivaliniq.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 01, 2019 1:21 PM  
**To:** dot.stip <dot.stip@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** 2018-2021 STIP Amendment #3

Good afternoon,

First of all, thank you for including the Kivalina Evacuation and School Access Road and Bridge in the amendment. I fully support this amendment and appreciate your generous consideration for the Kivalina project! We have experienced severe erosion on the Chukchi Seas side of the spit o gravel we are on last fall, that the City of Kivalina declared a disaster.

millie

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**From:** [Wendel, Courtney E. \(DOT\)](#)  
**To:** [Hansen, Margaret A. \(CED\)](#)  
**Cc:** [dot.stip](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Comment on Draft STIP  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 01, 2019 2:29:11 PM

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Good afternoon Margaret,

Thank you for taking the opportunity to provide comments to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Alaska's federally required four-year program for transportation system preservation and improvement. Alaska's surface transportation program is primarily driven by federal funds and therefore project funding must be amended periodically to meet project development schedules and federal requirements. This process ensures that Alaska will receive the maximum amount of federal funding available to maintain and improve its surface transportation program.

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*Courtney Wendel*  
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**From:** Hansen, Margaret A (CED) <margaret.hansen@alaska.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 01, 2019 2:26 PM  
**To:** dot.stip <dot.stip@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Comment on Draft STIP

Hello. I am a resident within the Northwest Arctic Borough and fully support the Kivalina Evacuation road funding.

Being a life long resident of the borough, I know how important it is to have an evacuation site for the residents who

Have experienced having to be evacuated by plane and helicopter due to high winds and erosion more than once.

Not only will this be used for an evacuation place but for a way to get their students to school. Once this road

is built, their new school can start to be built which is fully funded. Their current school is very old and has sewer smell

in the school due to problems with their equipment over the years.

I also understand that the contractor who completed phase I and II have their equipment and man camp still in place

so having the funding for this would save the State and borough a lot of funding to fund it now because of demobilization

costs that would occur if no funding is in place now.

Thank you for this time to comment.

Margaret Hansen

**From:** [Wendel, Courtney E. \(DOT\)](#)  
**To:** [Dolly Foster](#)  
**Cc:** [dot.stip](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Comment: 2018-20121 STIP / Amendment 3 Proposed Changes  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 01, 2019 3:09:18 PM

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Good afternoon Dolly,

Thank you for taking the opportunity to provide comments to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Alaska's federally required four-year program for transportation system preservation and improvement. Alaska's surface transportation program is primarily driven by federal funds and therefore project funding must be amended periodically to meet project development schedules and federal requirements. This process ensures that Alaska will receive the maximum amount of federal funding available to maintain and improve its surface transportation program.

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*Courtney Wendel*

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**From:** Dolly Foster <dollyfoster@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 01, 2019 2:45 PM  
**To:** dot.stip <dot.stip@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Comment: 2018-20121 STIP / Amendment 3 Proposed Changes

Good afternoon,

This is Dolly Foster, I am one of the IRA Council Members, and I would like to express gratitude for the consideration of this Amendment 3 ! Which supports the Kivalina Evacuation and School Access Road.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [Wendel, Courtney E. \(DOT\)](#)  
**To:** [Leroy](#)  
**Cc:** [dot.stip](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Comment  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 01, 2019 4:27:32 PM

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Good afternoon Leroy,

Thank you for taking the opportunity to provide comments to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Alaska's federally required four-year program for transportation system preservation and improvement. Alaska's surface transportation program is primarily driven by federal funds and therefore project funding must be amended periodically to meet project development schedules and federal requirements. This process ensures that Alaska will receive the maximum amount of federal funding available to maintain and improve its surface transportation program.

Thank you for taking the time to comment on the Kivalina project in Amendment 3. The Department sincerely values your support.

*Courtney Wendel*  
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**From:** Leroy <leroyadams@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 01, 2019 4:13 PM  
**To:** dot.stip <dot.stip@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Comment

My name is Leroy T. Adams and I am a City Council member of the Kivalina City Council. I would like to take this time to comment on 2018-2021 STIP Amendment 3. I am in support of this amendment as it is needed to complete projects that were initiated in previous years, thank you and have a great day.

**From:** [Wendel, Courtney E. \(DOT\)](#)  
**To:** [Annmarie O'Brien](#)  
**Cc:** [dot.stip](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Comment on Draft STIP  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 07, 2019 8:15:00 AM

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Good morning Annmaire,

Thank you for taking the opportunity to provide comments to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Alaska's federally required four-year program for transportation system preservation and improvement. Alaska's surface transportation program is primarily driven by federal funds and therefore project funding must be amended periodically to meet project development schedules and federal requirements. This process ensures that Alaska will receive the maximum amount of federal funding available to maintain and improve its surface transportation program.

Thank you for taking the time to comment on the Kivalina project in Amendment 3. The Department sincerely values your support.

*Courtney Wendel*

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**From:** Annmarie O'Brien <aobrien@nwarctic.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 06, 2019 10:01 AM  
**To:** dot.stip <dot.stip@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Comment on Draft STIP

On behalf of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District, I want to reinforce the importance of continued funding for the Kivalina Evacuation and School Site Access Road.

The importance of funding for this project in this year SIPS designations cannot be underestimated as any delay will impede the progress with access to begin construction on the New Kivalina School.

The construction of the New Kivalina school is a project long in the planning and the current school built in 1984 for a total of 60 students, already in severe disrepair, now has a total of 160 students.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any additional information to support this vital project in Kivalina.

Respectfully yours,  
*Annmarie*

Dr. Annmarie O'Brien  
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**From:** [Wendel, Courtney E. \(DOT\)](#)  
**To:** [Kathy Christy](#)  
**Cc:** ["Annmarie O'Brien"; "Margaret Hansen"; dot.stip](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Comment on Draft STIP  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 08, 2019 7:50:11 AM

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Good morning Kathy,

Thank you for taking the opportunity to provide comments to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Alaska's federally required four-year program for transportation system preservation and improvement. Alaska's surface transportation program is primarily driven by federal funds and therefore project funding must be amended periodically to meet project development schedules and federal requirements. This process ensures that Alaska will receive the maximum amount of federal funding available to maintain and improve its surface transportation program.

Thank you for taking the time to comment on Kivalina project 31778 in Amendment 3. The Department sincerely values your support.

*Courtney Wendel*  
STIP Planner III

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**From:** Kathy Christy <christykj@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 07, 2019 8:36 PM  
**To:** dot.stip <dot.stip@alaska.gov>  
**Cc:** 'Annmarie O'Brien' <aobrien@nwarctic.org>; 'Margaret Hansen' <mhansen@nwarctic.org>  
**Subject:** Comment on Draft STIP

On behalf of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District Administration and School Board I am writing in support of \$25 million in funding to construct the final phase of the Kivalina Evacuation and School Site Access Road - Kivalina Lagoon to Kisimiguiququ Hill Project, Need ID: 31778. This project will fund a crossing over the Kivalina Lagoon connecting the community of Kivalina to the new school site at K Hill. The lagoon crossing is essential to completion of access to the new school site.

A new school for Kivalina is desperately needed to replace the current overcrowded wornout building. Although the District has the funding in place for the new school, construction can not start until the access road to the new site is completed. The lagoon crossing is the final, critical component to completion of the road. If funded the road could be fully complete in 2020 and the construction of school project could be bid to coincide with the completion of the road.

The school will not only support the education of Kivalina's children but it will also serve as a safe haven and refuge for the community when fierce fall off shore storms threaten the residents of the Kivalina spit. Completion of this road project is a critical to the welfare of the community of Kivalina.

Kathy Christy

Northwest Arctic Borough School District  
Capital Projects Manager  
907-223-2999



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July 18, 2019

RE: STIP 2018-2021 Amendment 3 Comment

Dear Mayor Roach:

Thank you for taking an interest in the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The department values your comments regarding the Shageluk Airport Access Road project. Engagement and participation are important components to the success of the DOT&PF mission.

At this time we are unable to advance the project to FFY20 in STIP Amendment 3 due to fiscal constraint. Design is being finalized, and if funding should become available, the project could possibly proceed ahead of schedule. For the reasons you mentioned in your letter, constructing the airport access road and the utility improvements at the same time is logical.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Judy Chapman, the Northern Field Office Planning Chief at [judy.chapman@alaska.gov](mailto:judy.chapman@alaska.gov) or 907-451-5151.

Sincerely,

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Maren Brantner  
STIP Manager

cc: Judy Chapman, Chief Planning and Support Services, Northern Region, DOT&PF

## Brantner, Maren H (DOT)

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**From:** Chevie Roach <c.roach289@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 2:52 PM  
**To:** dot.stip; Woolery, April M (DOT)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Letter to State DOT  
**Attachments:** Letter to State DOT.pdf

Hello,

We also sent a hard copy in the mail to Juneau.

Thanks Chevie Roach

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Shageluk City Council <[shagelukcity2010@gmail.com](mailto:shagelukcity2010@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** May 17, 2019 at 2:49:27 PM AKDT  
**To:** Chevie Roach <[c.roach289@gmail.com](mailto:c.roach289@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Letter to State DOT

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## THE SHAGELUK CITY COUNCIL

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Date: May 17, 2019

To: The State of Alaska Department of Transportation

Re: Public Comment on Shageluk Road Project (ID 3687)

The Shageluk City Council is requesting the project to be moved forward from FY21 to FY20. Shageluk has received funds to begin the final phase of a water sewer project managed by ANTHC, which will finally bring running water and a healthier way of living to our community. This project is slated to start in 2020. One of the obstacles that we will face is getting material for construction. It will be beneficial to all parties involved if both projects start in 2020. The contractor that is tasked with getting the material can also haul material for the water and sewer project.

Our material site is above Shageluk on Innoko River about five miles and the only access is on the river via ice road or a barge during the summer months. The material needs to be drilled, blasted, and crushed. It makes most sense to mobilize a contractor to this site one time to accommodate both these projects. The best time to do that for the community of Shageluk is in FY20.

The airport road project, which is federally funded, has been on the board for several years. The community (Shageluk City and Shageluk Tribal Council) have been involved with the design phase of this project and do not see any hurdles that would suggest another year of design or logistics. The community is in full support of this project being slated to FY20.

It will also be in the best interest of the State of Alaska, whom has financially invested 25% into the water and sewer project at approximately 4 million dollars, to have an upgraded safe road before a three year 20 million dollar project begins. There will be increased traffic to and from the airport, causing more damage on a soft muddy roadway. By starting the road project in 2020 it will save the water and sewer project a large amount of money and time. Please consider this request.

Sincerely,

Chevie Roach, Shageluk City Mayor

## **Brantner, Maren H (DOT)**

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**From:** Brantner, Maren H (DOT)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2019 11:44 AM  
**To:** Mark Hilson  
**Cc:** Karl Amylon; Angela Pool; Lacey Simpson; Kara Jurczak; dot.stip  
**Subject:** RE: City of Ketchikan STIP Comments

Mr. Hilson,

Thank you for taking the opportunity to provide comments to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Alaska's federally required four-year program for transportation system preservation and improvement. Alaska's surface transportation program is primarily driven by federal funds and therefore project funding must be amended periodically to meet project development schedules and federal requirements. This process ensures that Alaska will receive the maximum amount of federal funding available to maintain and improve its surface transportation program.

Thank you for taking the time to comment on Amendment 3. The Department sincerely values your support.

### **Maren Brantner**

*STIP Manager, AKDOT&PF*  
(907) 465-2744

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**From:** Angela Pool <AngelaP@City.Ketchikan.Ak.Us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 23, 2019 4:01 PM  
**To:** dot.stip <dot.stip@alaska.gov>  
**Cc:** Karl Amylon <KarlA@City.Ketchikan.Ak.Us>; Lacey Simpson <LaceyS@City.Ketchikan.Ak.Us>; Kara Jurczak <KaraJ@City.Ketchikan.Ak.Us>; Mark Hilson <MHilson@city.ketchikan.ak.us>  
**Subject:** City of Ketchikan STIP Comments

Good afternoon,

The attached correspondence contains the City of Ketchikan's comments to proposed Amendment 3 to the 2018-2021 STIP.

Thank you,

Angela Pool  
Admin. Assistant | Public Works Department  
2930 Tongass Ave. | Ketchikan, AK 99901  
Desk 907.228.4727



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May 23, 2019

*SENT VIA EMAIL*

Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities  
Division of Program Development  
ATTN: STIP  
PO Box 112500  
Juneau, AK 99811-2500

To Whom It May Concern:

**Re: Amendment 3 to the 2018-2021 Alaska Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP)**

With regard to the above referenced subject, the City of Ketchikan is in support of Amendment 3 pertaining to the Water Street Trestle No. 1 Improvement Project and the South Tongass Deermount to Saxman Widening Project.

The City of Ketchikan appreciates this and any future opportunity to submit comments regarding the STIP. Should you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mark Hilson, P.E.  
Public Works Director

cc: Karl Amylon, City Manager  
Lacey Simpson, Assistant City Manager  
Kara Jurczak, P.E., Assistant Public Works Director

NANA Regional Corporation  
909 West 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

May 28, 2019

Mr. Ben White, Director of Program Development  
State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities  
ATTN: STIP  
P.O. Box 112500  
Juneau, AK 99811-2500

RE: Draft STIP Amendment No. 3 (Need No. 28109, IRIS # NFHWY00362)

Dear Mr. White,

NANA Regional Corporation supports the proposed Amendment 3 to the 2018-2021 STIP to fund Phase 3 of the construction of the Kivalina Evacuation & School Site Access Road. Phase II was completed ahead of schedule in April 2019 and the project is ready to move forward on Phase III in summer 2019, with the potential to complete the project as early as Fall 2020. Currently, no funds are available for Phase III until 2021.

The evacuation route is a critical safety feature for the community of Kivalina, which is exposed to significant coastal erosion and seismic sea waves (tsunamis). NANA is eager for project completion to assure the safety of its shareholders and other community members who live in Kivalina. NANA appreciates the work that ADOT/PF has done so far and the commitment of ADOT/PF and its contractors to completing the project safely and quickly.

Some of the materials for Phase III were delivered to the project site in winter 2019. The material site access road is complete and local workers have been trained and are currently available to continue the work. The passage of STIP Amendment 3 will reallocate \$25M in funds to 2019 to support the most cost-effective and efficient completion of the project by maximizing the use of trained local workers, minimizing the potential exposure of materials to weather damage, and reducing the potential effects of inflation on the funds that are currently allocated for use in 2021.

NANA appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Draft STIP Amendment 3.

Respectfully,



Lance Miller  
VP – Natural Resources





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July 18, 2019

RE: STIP 2018-2021 Comment – Kivalina Evacuation and School Site Access Road

Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for taking an interest in the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The department values your comments regarding the Kivalina Evacuation and School Site Access Road project. Engagement and participation are important components to the success of the DOT&PF mission.

We recognize that timeliness of the construction of the new road is important due to a number of factors including the financing of the new school and the erosion and flooding events experienced in the community.

We are excited to see this project through to completion. The final stage of construction will be funded in FFY19 as it is currently programmed in STIP Amendment 3.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Judy Chapman, the Northern Field Office Planning Chief at [judy.chapman@alaska.gov](mailto:judy.chapman@alaska.gov) or 907-451-5150.

Sincerely,

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Maren Brantner  
STIP Manager

cc: Judy Chapman, Chief Planning and Support Services, Northern Region, DOT&PF



May 31, 2019

*Electronic Filing ([dot.stip@alaska.gov](mailto:dot.stip@alaska.gov))*

A.K. Department of Transportation and Public Facilities  
Division of Program Development  
ATTN: Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)  
P.O. Box 112500  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Re: Arctic Slope Regional Corporation's Comments on Project 28106: Kivalina Evacuation and School Site Access Road and Bridge

Dear Program Development Directors:

This letter provides Arctic Slope Regional Corporation's (ASRC) comments on the 2018-2021 STIP Amendment 3 pursuant to the State of Alaska, DOT&PF Division of Program Development NOTICE: Amendment 3 to the 2018-2021 STIP availability for public review and comment (April, 30,2019).

Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC) and its subsidiaries strongly support the appropriation of funding necessary to complete the Kivalina Evacuation and School Site Access Road and Bridge for the community of Kivalina, our neighbors who reside just a few miles south of Point Hope. ASRC's values, traditions, and family ties have long been interwoven with Kivalina and now, more than ever, Western Alaska communities are experiencing the dangers presented by coastal erosion.

In the late fall of 2018, a storm nearly caused the Kivalina Airport to close as a result of severe coastal erosion near the runway. The remainder of this tiny island is constantly threatened by the effects of storm surge and rising ocean levels, which ASRC's coastal communities are also well aware of. Reports indicate that the island of Kivalina could be inundated by ocean water as soon as 2025.

The future of this community depends on the evacuation road and access to the school site. Without proper funding to complete the road, the future of the school project is in great peril. ASRC encourages the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities to consider the well-being of all Kivalina residents and the future of its youth when allocating funds as part of STIP Amendment 3.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit these comments on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Sincerely,  
ARCTIC SLOPE REGIONAL CORPORATION

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Rex A. Rock Sr.  
President & CEO



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July 18, 2019

RE: STIP 2018-2021 Comment – Kivalina Evacuation and School Site Access Road

Dear Mr. Rock:

Thank you for taking an interest in the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The department values your comments regarding the Kivalina Evacuation and School Site Access Road project. Engagement and participation are important components to the success of the DOT&PF mission.

We recognize that timeliness of the construction of the new road is important due to a number of factors including the financing of the new school and the erosion and flooding events experienced in the community.

We are excited to see this project through to completion. The final stage of construction will be funded in FFY19 as it is currently programmed in STIP Amendment 3.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Judy Chapman, the Northern Field Office Planning Chief at [judy.chapman@alaska.gov](mailto:judy.chapman@alaska.gov) or 907-451-5150.

Sincerely,

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Maren Brantner  
STIP Manager

cc: Judy Chapman, Chief Planning and Support Services, Northern Region, DOT&PF

## **Brantner, Maren H (DOT)**

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**From:** Brantner, Maren H (DOT)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 6, 2019 1:19 PM  
**To:** Rick Abboud  
**Cc:** dot.stip; Biloon, Joselyn (DOT); Adler, Clint J (DOT)  
**Subject:** RE: 2018-2020 amendment 3 comments  
**Attachments:** Rick Abboud, City of Homer.pdf

Good afternoon Mr. Abboud,

My apologies for the late reply to your comment. Please see the attached letter.

Thank you,

### **Maren Brantner**

*STIP Manager, DOT&PF*  
(907) 465-2744

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**From:** Rick Abboud <RAbboud@ci.homer.ak.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 23, 2019 10:54 AM  
**To:** dot.stip <dot.stip@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** 2018-2020 amendment 3 comments

Attached are comments of the City of Homer.

### **RICK ABBOD, AICP**

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August 6, 2019

RE: STIP 2018-2021 Amendment 3 Comment

Rick Abboud, City Planner  
491 East Pioneer Ave.  
Homer, AK 99603

Dear Mr. Abboud,

Thank you for taking the opportunity to provide comments on Amendment 3 to the 2018-2021 STIP, regarding Lake Street in Homer. We do anticipate the project being delivered as scheduled in the STIP, and we appreciate your enthusiasm regarding this project. Please contact your area planner, Joselyn Biloan (Joselyn.Biloan@alaska.gov) or the project manager, Clint Adler (Clint.Adler@alaska.gov) should you wish to discuss broadening the project scope to include a pedestrian crossing. Generally, crossings are only provided when they meet the requirements set by our safety and traffic sections or when the local municipalities agree to maintain them. Please contact your local area Planner or Project Manager for more information on either of these options.

We thank you for your comment and your engagement with the STIP process.

Sincerely,

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Maren Brantner  
STIP Manager

CC:

Clint Adler, Project Manager, Central Region Field Office  
Joselyn Biloan, Area Planner, Central Region Field Office



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May 21, 2019

State of Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities  
Division of Program Development, ATTN: STIP  
PO BOX 112500  
Juneau, AK 99811-2500

RE: STIP 2018-2021 Amendment 3

The City of Homer would like to comment on a project listed in the 2018-2021 Draft Amendment 3.

### Need ID 23197, Lake Street Rehabilitation

Lake Street is an essential route through Homer that supports auto-oriented businesses while functioning as one of the few roads that connect the two main East-West transportation options in town. Lake Street has not undergone a major rehabilitation project since 1997. The pavement routinely experiences major failures. The thin asphalt overlays applied to sections of the street in 2011 and 2013 are not expected to offer any structural correction of the deficiencies that will inevitably lead to reoccurrence of the frequent failures. Several public meetings have been held and a design has been produced that has been found to have the support of the city and residents.

Since the project has been designed, Grubstake Avenue has been extended and improved. Grubstake extends to Lake Street and forms a four-way intersection. It is nearly in the middle of the Lake street project, which does not have any designated pedestrian crossings between the Sterling Highway and Pioneer Avenue. The City of Homer requests that a pedestrian crossing be incorporated at Grubstake Avenue and Lake Street. We feel that it will offer pedestrians a reasonable option for a safe route between current areas of interest, which will certainly see more activity as the community grows and infill develops. A current infill project underway is the construction of a new police station on Grubstake Avenue and Snow Bird Street.

We urge the state to keep the project moving forward and not introduce any other additional delays.

Sincerely,

Rick Abboud, AICP  
Homer Alaska City Planner