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SUBJECT: Knik Arm Crossing Environmental Impact Statement
Invitation to Attend Interdisciplinary Team Scoping Meeting on May 11, 2005
Federal Project No.: ACSTP-0001 (277)
State Project No.: 56047

Dear Ms. Bittner:

The Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority (KABATA), an arm of the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Alaska Division Office would like to thank your agency for participating in the Knik Arm Crossing project Interdisciplinary Team Scoping Meeting held on April 25, 2005. The draft notes and display boards of that meeting will be provided on disk at the next scoping meeting.

KABATA/DOT&PF and FHWA would like to invite you to attend the next Interdisciplinary Team Scoping Meeting at the following time and place:

Agency Scoping Meeting
Knik Arm Crossing Project
May 11, 2005
12:00 PM to 5:00 PM
CIRI Building (HDR Alaska, Inc.)
4th Floor Conference Room
2525 C Street
Anchorage, AK 99503-2632

The purpose of this **very important meeting** is to discuss alternative screening criteria and conceptual crossing modes. We will be reviewing and asking for your comments on:

- Alternative screening criteria
- Crossing concepts such as ferries, tunnels, and bridges
- Why some concepts may not be brought forward for full consideration in the environmental impact statement



In preparation for the meeting, several items will be emailed to you later this week, including the updated Purpose and Need Statement, the draft alternatives evaluation criteria, and the meeting agenda.

Similar to previous meetings, from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm, there will be an open house with lunch and poster displays depicting new information on various aspects of the project. The formal agency scoping meeting will begin at 1:00 pm.

Please note the following Knik Arm Crossing schedule for the next month:

- **May 12:** Written comments on the information presented at the first scoping meeting (March 29th), reports distributed prior to the meeting, and general comments on the project by May 12.
- **June 29:** The next interdisciplinary scoping meeting will be held the afternoon of June 22. The focus of this meeting will be to discuss proposed alternatives to discuss in the EIS.
- **July 20:** Final scoping comments due.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at (907) 586-7464 or through email at Edrie.Vinson@fhwa.dot.gov or contact Dale Paulson (KABATA/DOT&PF) at (907) 269-6641 or through email at dale_paulson@dot.state.ak.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edrie Vinson".

Edrie Vinson
FHWA Environmental Project Manager

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