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File No.: 3130-1R. FHWA/Knik Arm Crossing

SUBJECT: Knik Arm Crossing Project, Initiation of Section 106 Consultation

Edrie Vinson
Federal Highway Administration
Alaska Division
P. O. Box 21648
Juneau, AK 99802

Dear Ms. Vinson,

The Alaska State Historic Preservation Office has received your Initiation of Consultation letter regarding the referenced project on March 22, 2005. Due to the high potential of direct and indirect effects of this project on historic properties, we are very interested in actively participating in consultation throughout the project.

Currently our major concern is definition of the area of potential effect (APE). The APE as defined in your letter and attached figures does not include indirect affects such as increased road infrastructure and development on the Matsu Borough side of Knik Arm. According to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, assessment of effects to historic properties should include consideration of indirect effects. Furthermore, "adverse effects may include reasonable foreseeable effects caused by the undertaking that may occur later in time, be farther removed in distance or be cumulative" [36 CFR 800.5(a)(1)].

We look forward to working with Federal Highways Administration and the other consulting parties. Please contact Stefanie Ludwig at 269-8720 if you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



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State Historic Preservation Officer

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