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MEMORANDUM FOR Department of Transportation
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FROM: Alaskan Command/J4
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SUBJECT: Comments on the Draft Purpose and Need (4 May 2005) for the proposed Knik Arm Crossing and the Draft Screening Criteria for Reasonable Alternatives (6 May 2005)

1. Alaskan Command (ALCOM) appreciates the opportunity to participate as a cooperating agency on the Knik Arm Crossing Project. We have reviewed the above referenced documents and offer the following comments:
 - a. p. 8, Item (3), Last Line of paragraph 3: We concur that proximity to the military installations and international airport (as well as Merrill Field and Lake Hood) places Anchorage at risk to man-made hazards such as air transportation accidents.
 - b. p. 8, Item (3), Last Line of paragraph 3: We do not concur that Anchorage's proximity to military installations and an international airport makes it vulnerable to terrorist activities. Recommend verifying this with the Department of Homeland Security.
2. Draft Purpose and Need Statement for the Knik Arm Crossing, dated May 4, 2005
 - a. We have no comments on the Screening Criteria.
 - b. We ask that any future alignments being submitted for military review first be screened and determined reasonable (i.e., satisfying Purpose and Need Screening Criteria) and accompanied by your reasonableness analysis.
3. Draft Screening Criteria for Reasonable Alternatives (6 May 2005)
 - a. We have no comments on the Screening Criteria.
 - b. We ask that any future alignments being submitted for military review first be screened and determined reasonable (i.e., satisfying Purpose and Need Screening Criteria) and accompanied by your reasonableness analysis.
4. If you have any questions please contact Mr. James Spell, 907-552-1695 or MAJ Bobby Stone, 907-552-3791.


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