

DOT & PF Community Engagement Meeting

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Date: January 15, 2014 Location: Central

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January 13, 2016

To: Marc Luiken, DOT Commissioner
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Diana Rotkis, DOT Manager Statewide Fleet
David Miller, DOT Northern Region Director
Steve Potter, DOT Northern Region Director M&O

Re: **DO NOT CLOSE CENTRAL, AK DOT STATION!!!**

Dear Sirs, Madame:

DO NOT CLOSE THE CENTRAL, AK DOT STATION!!!

I understand that the State of Alaska is under budgetary pressure, but the closing of the 128 Mile Central DOT station will put undue hardship on the towns of Central and Circle. Although we are small communities, we have a larger impact in the spring/summer/fall with the influx of summer residents, miners, and hunters.

We are already patient users: We have not complained about the frost heaves in the Hot Spring Road that turn it into a slalom course for more than a month in the spring. God knows that the road from Central to Circle is constantly in need of maintenance. The maintenance of the State roads over Portage Summit and up Deadwood Creek Road are a thing of the past. DOT's equipment in Central is old. And when is the one lane bridge in Central going to be replaced with a 2-lane bridge so that Federal fund can be approved to upgrade the road to Circle? Yeah, right.

Central DOT maintains more gravel road miles than any other DOT station. Summer is an important time for road travel of heavy equipment and fuel trucks from mining activity; and poor road quality will adversely affect both. Who is going to thaw culverts, address frost heaves, and washboard conditions from spring thaw, summer rains, and fall hunting season? This move just guarantees more complaints to DOT and legislatures.

How much money will be saved by closing Central's DOT Station? If staff is added to Montana Creek to cover the additional responsibilities, there won't be much of a savings there. In addition, productivity is cut by 2 hours of additional travel time to get from Montana Creek to and from the maintenance needs in Central and Circle. Airport maintenance will need to be contracted out for both airports in Central.

Closure of the Central DOT will unduly negatively impact Central and Circle with maintenance cuts. There are other ways to fund DOT transportation, such as Permanent Fund dividends or an income tax. We suggest that these are more equitable than road maintenance cuts in Central and Circle.

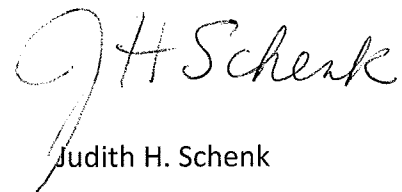
We would have been happy to attend the Central Meeting in person to express these views but we already had previous commitments at the same time. We hope that you will consider our position. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Do not lose the Central DOT Station, **PLEASE**.

Sincerely,

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Fred W. Schenk

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Judith H. Schenk

January 13, 2016

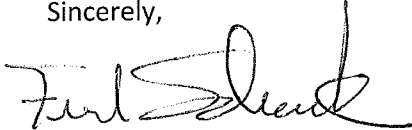
To whom this may concern:

My name is Fred Schenk and I have been a resident of CENTRAL for more than thirty years. During that time I've noticed the improvements made to Montana Creek DOT station happen on a regular basis while up-grades to the CENTRAL station are few and far between. And now that the budget committee is having to tighten up its belt, their answer is to close Central down. Look, there's a hundred miles of gravel road to maintain (from the end of the pavement to Circle, plus the Hot Springs Road, and airport); and CENTRAL is right in the middle of all this. Are you telling me it is going to be more cost-effective to maintain all this from Montana Creek? You're fooling me, right? If this is going to be the approach to saving money, it's a real shocker to me. The DOT crews are going to get more windshield time driving to and from than actual time spent working on the road surface. There's more to maintenance than scraping the snow off two summits; there's also culverts to thaw, wash-outs to fill, and pot-holes to fix, and I cannot see how this can be done from a satellite station further from the situation. If you need to add personnel at Montana Creek to handle these increased responsibilities, what have you really saved? This is putting the cart in front of the horse.

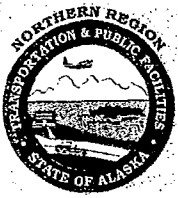
I regret that I am unable to attend the CENTRAL meeting in person to discuss these views with your representative, but prior commitments prohibit that.

Please don't close the CENTRAL DOT Station under the pretence of saving money because you're only fooling yourself.

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COMMENT SHEET



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING

FRIDAY, JAN. 15, 2016

11:30 A.M. to 1 P.M.

CENTRAL MAINTENANCE STATION

We welcome written input and ideas from the public. Thank you for taking the time to be involved.

COMMENTS:

Keep Central DOT open close 80 mile 50 mile cost too much

Agree ~ Kelli
Agree

How did you hear about this meeting?

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