

DOT & PF Community Engagement Meeting

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Date: Jan 11, 2016

Location: Northway

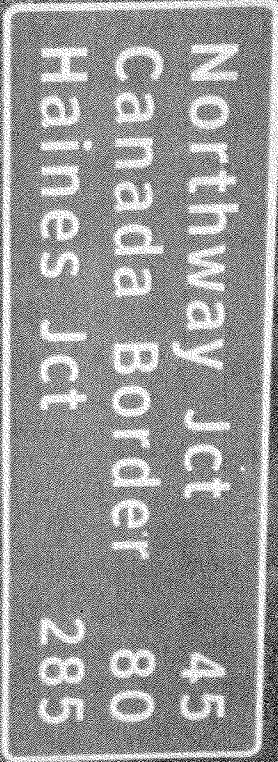
- 65 attendees

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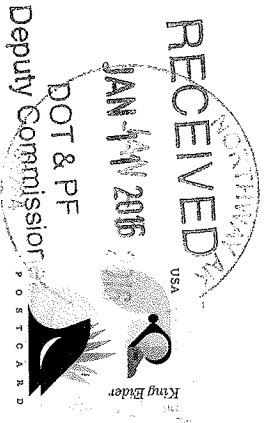
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East Thomas
**PLEASE STOP THE CLOSURE OF THE
NORTHWAY DOT STATION**

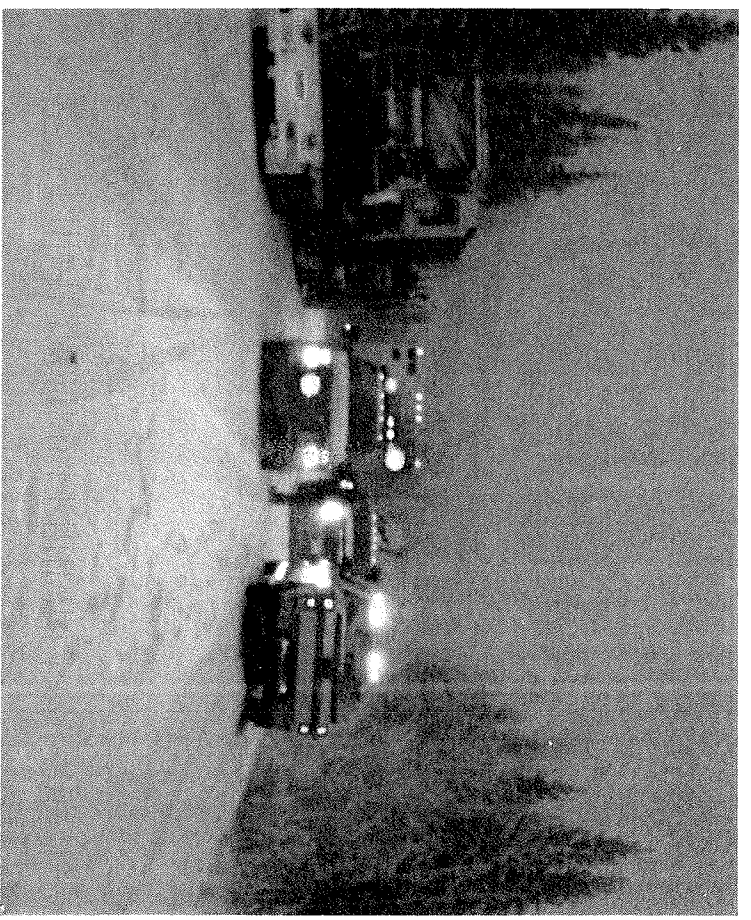
*PO BOX 413
Northway
Alaska
99754*

- The Northway DOT Station maintains the section of highway which is the main artery to the great state of Alaska. It supports:
- The primary supply route for goods.
 - 50 tractor trailers hauling freight a day.
 - 1,004 travelers passed the ALCAN point of entry per month between October and April.
 - The 5,000 fully lighted, IFRVOR, FAA runway, which is a customs point of inspection.
 - Safe and efficient travel for Northway's residents including 18 miles of school bus routes and EMS routes.



- Dept. of Trans. & Public Facilities
Commissioner Marc Luiken
3132 Chained Dr. #300
Juneau, Alaska 99801
- The Northway DOT Station is the only station after crossing the ALCAN border.
 - The Northway DOT provides daily, integral maintenance during the summer to fix pot holes, sink holes, and rough spots on 123 lane miles of highway, 18 miles of

community and village roads, and airport



*As of 1/20/2016 - we have received
33 postcards requesting that the
Northway Maintenance Station remain
open.*



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We welcome written comments. Thank you for taking the time to be involved.
COMMENTS:

[Redacted]
a few years back,
was traveling home
from Fairbanks,
skipped from Delta
to TWC - worst
part was near/on
Robertson Bridge
about a foot or
more snow on a
narrow bridge,
& that's Tok DOT
area. If Tok can't
handle that area
now are they suppose
to handle Northway/
Alcan area!!
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How did you hear about this meeting?

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~~Is safety even considered?~~

Is safety even being considered?
There will be lives at risk.
will the state be liable for it?

KEEP Northway D.O. To open
we are the main road into Alaska

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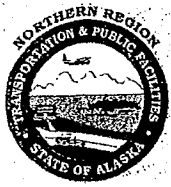
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I am a mother of 2 young children, if my kids have an emergency and the road is not maintained, how am I going to get my children to Tok or Fairbanks?? I will go after the state if the road is not maintained or if my children get worse.

My children also play on the Northway Road. My kids will be unsafe due to no maintained road.

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COMMENTS:

I think they need to get Staff in Office,
 + what they need in Maintenance.
 I need road + lots of Elders, School.
 + that they need just enough as 3 people here.
 I see truck up + down road + pick up doing
 nothing at all + sitting when they are not
 needed. Lots of pay for nothing.

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As a senior citizen bus driver, how many of us will be out of a job if the Northway station gets closed down? Will the current employees for DOT be taken care of? No employment will the door just be closed on them?

The Governor + Legislature need to reconsider the Northway station! Port of Entry, Tourism, Factor - Travel Budget & Merchandise into the state, safety,

As a comm member, look from the top to the bottom for answers, how many may in session for legislature? Income for that, we need our station to be operational.

How did you hear about this meeting? Flyer

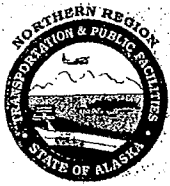
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How are we ~~going to~~ ^{going to} get to school, work, and other places that's important. I am 13 years old and I ride the bus daily. You are putting my life at risk by closing the Northway Maintenance camp. How is Tok going to service the highway road within the priority timeline requirements? If anything happens to myself or my family because of the road not being fully maintained, will the State be liable to what happens?

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COMMENTS:

Northway, AK. being the first
 Dot station into the main corridor
 of Alaska.
 Should stay open, even we are
 small, we have a school, Clinic, Airport
 and sick people that should be
 considered.

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Closing The Northway DOT is a concern because of road maintenance in the Tok area. I have seen with heavy snow fall Tok DOT is unable to keep up with the large amounts of snowfall. As a first responder attempting to respond to calls of service is difficult or we are simply unable to make it because of the snow fall. I understand the state of Alaska is in a pinch, but I believe closing the Northway DOT camp would greatly affect the first responders in Northway (AST & EMS). Additional there is no cell phone service from approximately mile 1305 to the border at mile 1224 on Hwy. People can't dial 911.

How did you hear about this meeting? Village members of Northway.

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DOT OPEN!!!

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If Northway's maintenance camp is shut down with ^{Northway} only being a priority level of 3, how will Tok DOT know the road & level conditions? Will they drive daily to Northway and further along the Alaskan Highway? How will they know if there are multiple accidents and/or deaths? Northway DOT has saved many lives driving daily routines and seeing accidents off the road. Many lives would be put at risk if this camp shuts down. ~~then~~ Who will be the priority then? Budget cuts or people's lives? Think about that.

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So during this little meeting, all I heard is about money from this dude, ~~but~~ ~~it~~ ~~is~~ ~~not~~ what I see is that money ~~is~~ is the problem right now, soon after a bunch of accidents happen people lose their lives then that's when lives comes before money, ~~is~~ I'm not just talking from roads, when roads are not maintained, properly, Troopers have an ~~emergency~~ call, but they go off the road or an medical call is needed, with airplane can't land, due to no maintenance, Give this budget out a few years then will think lives mean more then money, ~~it~~ after alot more have been ~~lost~~ lost

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I am a resident from Northway
 I work 7 days a week for an
 Elder here in the Village I drive
 18 miles one way 18 miles home
 I drive the Alasca highway and
 the maintenance here is real
 good plowed & gravel daily I am
 so proud of the A.D.T. workers
 doing a real good job and please
 keep this open
 Thank you

How did you hear about this meeting? sign at the local store

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My child is 7 yrs old and attends WNS in Northway. I live at Mile 1256 AK Hwy. She is picked up and dropped off by the bus at home. The ride to school is more than 15 miles. I'm concerned for her safety on the bus if the road isn't being maintained accordingly. I also have another child who will start riding the bus to school next school year. Also, I have lived at Mile 1256 for 14 years, right along the AK Hwy. And I have had to loan my phone to ^{numerous} travellers who had been in car accidents and who have went off the road into the ditch. Imagine if now the numbers would go up if the roads aren't properly maintained.

How did you hear about this meeting? Flyers, Community members

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turn over

and I could imagine more deaths also.
Is the state liable for accidents and deaths
if the road isn't serviced within the
priority timeline requirements?

These people are coming to my home at
all hours of the day and night. I am
giving them warmth, shelter and other important
services. In Northway, the weather conditions
are extreme. We have reached negatives in the
60's and lower. What would happen if they
were between my home and the border
which reaches around 40 miles with my
home and the other home in between.
I have a lot of concerns for the tourist,
travellers, etc... (army personnel)

My Main Concern is the
safety of the children
and travellers that drive
the road daily. The proposed
maintenance camp closures are putting
so much lives at risk not only the
ones I have stated, so much more
lives in other areas!

From: J Alaska <akhwycoalition@gmail.com>
Date: January 10, 2016 at 9:50:51 PM AKST
To: <dot.commissioner@alaska.gov>, <david.miller@alaska.gov>
Subject: DOT issue, Northway closure

Gentlemen,

The legislators told the DOT that they needed to cut the DOT budget. So now the state wants to institute maintenance station closures. We feel that there wasn't a thorough examination of business analysis and processes in the decision making. The DOT simply made rash decisions and cut even though they had several months to evaluate and make decisions to provide the best efficiencies for DOT.

Also, the cuts that were made were far beyond the capabilities of the people that made them. No offense to these DOT employees who rendered these decisions. This is an event of a very large magnitude that will not stop and will shape the future of this department. Using the "spin the bottle" process to close maintenance stations, leads to the foolheartiness that got us in this situation to begin with.

The DOT cut the Northway Maintenance station at mile post 1256 Alaska Highway. As of now, I am sure all of you know where Northway is and what its function is. Northway DOT cannot be cut and expect tourism and commerce to be used as a future endeavor to balance the fiscal problems that we face.

Really, what the DOT needs is restructuring. Whether this comes from the DOT, themselves, or with the help of the legislators, or maybe even a private entity, it has to be done and Alaskans know it. Common sense of the average person would say we understand that there are cuts and you want my dividend check and you want an income tax and you want a sales tax, and maybe even a pint of my blood, but you don't want to provide services for me to be able to move throughout Alaska. Why wouldn't DOT have brought in a restructuring team and restructured Northway??? Wouldn't that have been simpler or do I have to bring that up?

Wouldn't you imagine that in 60 days, a team could restructure Northway DOT and keep it open even at a bare minimum of one or two employees? This is surely way more cost effective than what has been planned. Would I have to spell this out for each and everyone of you? Isn't that what a Commissioner or Director would do? I think it would be easier for the public to understand some service, rather than no service. I hope the legislators, the DOT, the Governor and his Administration, and the commonwealth of Northway realize the foolishness of a complete closure. You could cut your costs in Northway and make it livable and useful, but by closing it you will triple your costs of what you are trying to save. Northway DOT at a reduced service is acceptable, a closure is absurd.

Thank you for your time and for making the right decision in keeping Northway open.



January 8, 2016

David Miller
ADOT&PF Northern Region Director
2301 Peger Road
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Dear Mr. Miller:

The Alaska Travel Industry Association is the state's leading non-profit trade association for the travel industry representing over 700 member businesses. While we recognize the fiscal challenges Alaska is facing and tough choices need to be made across all budgets, we are concerned about the proposed closure of the Northway Maintenance Station.

Border crossings from last summer show over 60,000 visitors entered Alaska on the Alcan and traveled throughout the state via RV, motorcoach and private vehicle. Highway visitation is projected to increase this year due to low gas prices and other favorable market forces. These visitors spend money in local communities located along the highway which is critical to their economy.

If maintenance for the 123 miles of road that the Northway Maintenance Station is responsible for is shifted to a station over 90 miles away, road conditions will be negatively impacted. Without adequate maintenance, the road could become unmanageable for operating a commercial or recreational vehicle for travelers. ATIA is concerned that highway travel and visitors will decrease as a result.

Thank you for considering our comments as you work with communities to develop a plan for FY17. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Leonard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sarah" being more prominent than the last name "Leonard".

Sarah Leonard
President & CEO

RECEIVED DEC 17 2016

The Department of Transportation has taken steps to close the Northway Maintenance Station due to proposed budget cuts within the Alaska State budgeting process for fiscal year 2017.

This would have detrimental impacts on our community's travel, safety, and business. Our community concerns are:

- Timeliness maintenance of 30 miles of school bus routes
- Wastewater and Water delivery services
- Unsafe conditions for fuel delivery, Emergency Medical Services, Alaska State Troopers, & Customs Personnel at inspection location
- Dangerous driving conditions within Northway to Walter Northway School, Northway Village Council, Northway Washeteria, Northway Clinic, US Post Office, Federal Aviation Administration, Head Start, Upper Tanana Senior Meals, Airport, Garbage/Refuse Dump, Community Hall & Naabia Niign store

Closing this station does not provide a cost savings to the state. This is a primary artery to Alaska as a major commerce supply route, tourist access, and community road. A closure would result in the imminent danger and potential deaths of those who travel the road near this U.S. Port of Entry. There is no alternative commercial or State entity outside of the Northway DOT that could properly or efficiently maintain this section of highway. The next closest DOT camp was also subjected to budget and personnel cuts and cannot properly maintain their section as well as the Northway section. The Northway DOT handles all emergency communications and acts as first responders on the Alaska Highway.

We, the undersigned, oppose the proposed closure of the Northway DOT Camp.

Return
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25	Dense Fleming	P/O BOX 432 TOK, AK 99780	Dense Fleming	11/27/15
26	Kenny Lessie	Box 557 ORT, AK 99764	Kelly Lessie	4/18
27	Ryanne Albert	PO Box 532 Northway AK 99764	Ryanne M. Albert	11/27/15
28	Matthew Galen	PO Box 504 Northway AK 99764	Matthew Galen	11/27/15
29	Desiree Demit	P.O. Box 504 Northway, AK 99764	Desiree Demit	11/27/15
30	Kathrina Dillard	Box 458 Northway AK 99764	Kathrina Dillard	11-27-15
31	Alexy Dillard	Box 450 Northway AK 99764	Alexy Dillard	11-27-15
32	Jessica Dillard	PO Box 450 Northway AK 99764	Jessica Dillard	11/27/15
33	Todd Demit	P.O. Box 466 Northway AK 99764	Todd Demit	11-27-15
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35	Shane Sam	P.O. Box 487 Northway AK 99764	Shane Sam	11-27-15
36	Violet Vandenberg	P.O. Box 461 Northway AK 99764	Violet Vandenberg	11-27-15
37	Danny T. Adams	HE 63 BOX 1266.3 TOK AK 99780	Danny Adams	11.27.15
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40	Tim Glazier	HE 63 BOX 1266.3 TOK, AK. 99780	Tim Glazier	11-27-15
41	Emma Hildebrand	Box 498 Northway, AK. 99764	Emma Hildebrand	11-27-15
42	Sharon Emmy	PO. BOX 541 NORTHWAY AK 99764	Sharon Emmy	11-27-2015
43	Sony E. Samy	P.O. Box 473 Northway AK 99764	Sony E. Samy	11-27-15
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47	Katherine Albert	P.O. Box 437 Northway AK 99714	Katherine Albert	11-27-15
48	Thom Gallen	P.O. Box 504 Northway, AK 99714	Thom Gallen	11-27-15
49	GARY THOMAS	P.O. Box 423 " " 99714	Gary Thomas	11-27-15
50	Harold Gene	P.O. Box 532 Northway AK 99714	Harold Gene	11-27-15
51	Shelly Albert	P.O. Box 532 Northway AK 99714	Shelly Albert	11-27-15
52	Reuben Sam	P.O. Box 416 Northway AK 99714	Reuben Sam	11-27-15
53	Teddy Northwell	P.O. Box 403 Northway AK 99714	Teddy Northwell	11-27-15
54	Gene Lynn Williams	Box 450 Northway, AK	Gene Lynn Williams	11-28-15
55	Moya James	HC 63 Box 1854 Tok AK 99780	Moya James	11-28-15
56	DAVID JAMES	HC 63 Box 1854 Tok AK 99780	David James	11-28-15
57	Melissa Negron	P.O. Box 452 Northway, AK 99714	Melissa Negron	11-28-15
58	Jusie Goggin	Box 430 Northway, AK 99714	Jusie Goggin	11-28-15
59	Matthew Sam	Box 454 77A Northway & Coast, Alaska	Matthew Sam	11-28-15
60	Dena Paul	P.O. Box 433 Northway, AK 99714	Dena Paul	11/28/15
61	Sheree Nitting	P.O. Box 552 Northway AK 99714	Sheree Nitting	11/29/15
62	Taney Tides	P.O. Box 552 Northway AK 99714	Taney Tides	11/29/15
63	Richard Charles	Box 541 Northway AK 99714	Richard Charles	11/29/15
64	Chad Albert	Box 453 Northway AK 99714	Chad Albert	11-29-15
65	Tony Albert	Box 453 Northway AK	Tony Albert	11-29-15
66	Mark Dalton Sr	Box 458 Northway AK	Mark Dalton Sr	11-29-15

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67	Joselyn Dillard	P.O. Box 450 Northway AK	11-29-15	Joselyn Dillard	11-29-15
68	Mona L. Sam	P.O. Box 447 Northway AK	11-29-15	Mona L. Sam	11-29-15
69	Eldred Johnny	PO Box 52 Rivercreek VT 05340	11-29-15	Eldred Johnny	11-29-15
70	Elizabeth Hietala	PO Box 57050 North Pole AK 99705	11-29-15	Elizabeth Hietala	11-29-15
71	Jarvis M. Carlson	PO Box 483 Northway, AK 99764	12/2/15	Jarvis M. Carlson	12/2/15
72	Jerry Wright	PO Box 483 Northway, AK 99764	12/2/15	Jerry Wright	12/2/15
73	Shawnee Albert	PO Box 489 Northway, AK 99764	12/2/15	Shawnee Albert	12/2/15
74	Corra S. Derrit	P.O. Box 484 Northway AK	12-2-2015	Corra S. Derrit	12-2-2015
75	Ravena Sam	PO BOX 534 Northway AK	12-03-2015	Ravena Sam	12-03-2015
76	Tasha Derrit	PO Box 524 Northway, AK 99764	12-03-2015	Tasha Derrit	12-03-2015
77	Klaire Brodie	P.O. Box 427 Northway AK 99764	12-03-2015	Klaire Brodie	12-03-2015
78	Golon Frank	P.O. Box 427 Northway AK 99764	12-03-2015	Golon Frank	12-03-2015
79	Nehol Rella	PO Box 123 Tok AK	12-3-15	Nehol Rella	12-3-15
80	Carl Derrit Sr.	PO. Box 459 Tok AK	12-3-15	Carl Derrit Sr.	12-3-15
81	Shirley Kempner	PO Box 524 Northway AK	12-3-15	Shirley Kempner	12-3-15
82	Marianne Wilson	PO Box 443 Northway	12-3-15	Marianne Wilson	12-3-15
83	Shirley Kempner	PO Box 111 Tok AK	12-3-15	Shirley Kempner	12-3-15
84	Richard Kempner	PO Box 111 Tok AK	12-3-15	Richard Kempner	12-3-15
85	Jarvis MacManus	PO box 906 Tok, AK 99780	12-3-15	Jarvis MacManus	12-3-15
86	Janina Holmes	PO Box 977, Tok, AK 99780	12-3-15	Janina Holmes	12-3-15
87	Lila Glazier	HC 63 Box 126.3, Tok, AK 99780	12-3-15	Lila Glazier	12-3-15
88	Peter MacManus	PO box 906 Tok, AK 99780	12-3-15	Peter MacManus	12-3-15

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90	Shayla E. Sam	Box 534 Northway	Shayla E. Sam	12/3/15
91	Hezron Tivon	P.O. Box 486 Northway	Hezron Tivon	12/3/15
92	Dee Lial Tucker	P.O. Box 483 Northway	Dee Lial Tucker	12/3/15
93	Fred Sam	P.O. Box 416 Northway AK	Fred Sam	12-3-15
94	Alice Nuhing	P.O. Box 552 Northway AK 99769	Alice Nuhing	12/3/15
95	Dora D Baker	HC 63 Box 1258 Tak AK 99708	Dora D Baker	12/3/15
96	Talva Baker	HC 63 Box 1258 Tak AK 99708	Talva Baker	12/3/15
97	MALISSA BAKER	P.O. Box 493, Northway AK 99769	MALISSA BAKER	12-3-15
98	Mik Patchell	HC 63 Box 1221 Tak AK	Mik Patchell	12.3.15
99	Ruth Johnny	Box 21 Beaver Creek AK 99708	Ruth Johnny	12-3-15
100	DAVID JOHNNY SR	Box 21 Beaver Creek Y.T. 99708	David Johnny Sr	12-3-15

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102	Shannon Sam	P.O. Box 534 Northway, AK	Shannon Sam	12/4/15
103	Betty T. Denny	P.O. Box 284 Tok, AK	Betty T. Denny	12-4-15
104	Stanford Wilson	P.O. Box 736, Tok AK 99780	<i>[Signature]</i>	12/4/15
105	Billy Lance SR	Po Box 172 Tok AK 99780	Billy Lance Sr	12-4-15
106	Kenny Davis	P.O. Box 1663 Tok AK 99780	Kenny Davis	12/4/15
107	Alain Brunhann	PO BOX 24 Tok AK 99780	Alain Brunhann	12/4/15
108	Adawn Waterford	PO BOX 886 Tok AK 99780	<i>[Signature]</i>	12-4-15
109	Christy Leach	P.O. Box 174 Tok, AK 99780	Christy Leach	12/4/15
110	Louisa James	PO box 104 Tok AK 99780	<i>[Signature]</i>	12/4/15
111	Mary Lou Young	PO Box 504 Tok AK 99780	Mary Lou Young	12/4/15
112	Mary Torres	PO BOX 718 Tok, AK 99780	Mary Torres	12/4/15
113	Lois Smith	PO BOX 832 Tok, AK 99780	Lois Smith	12/4/15
114	Elsie Sanford	Bx 645 Tok AK 99780	Elsie Sanford	12/4/15
115	Kate Hamilton-Young	Bx 765 Tok AK 99780	Kate Hamilton-Young	12/4/15
116	Joseph Boyd	Bx 75 Tok AK 99780	Joseph Boyd	12/4/15
117	Joni Young	Box 78 Tok, AK 99780	Joni Young	12/4/15
118	Glen Buehler	Box 872 Tok, AK 99780	Glen Buehler	12/4/15
119	Kristie Garber	Box 813 Tok, AK 99780	Kristie Garber	12/4/15
120	Marianne Young	Box 121 Tok AK 99780	Marianne Young	12-4-15
121	M. L. Denny	P.O. Box 485 Northway, AK 99780	M. L. Denny	12-6-15
122	Henry Frank	Box 459 Tok AK 99780	Henry Frank	12-8-15

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125	Allen Frank Sr	PO Box 425 Northway AK 99764	<i>Allen Frank Sr</i>	12/6/2015
126	Jarvis Paul	PO Box 425 Northway AK 99764	<i>Jarvis Paul</i>	12/6/2015
127	Leslie Sam	PO Box 430 Northway AK 99764	<i>Leslie Sam</i>	12/6/2015
128	Harmony Skatnede	318 Turner Crescent, Whitehorse, YT	Harmony Skatnede	12/6/2015
129	Charles Johnson	318 Turner Crescent, Whitehorse, YT	<i>Charles Johnson</i>	12/6/2015
130	Chrissa David	PO Box 52 Tok AK 99780	<i>Chrissa David</i>	12/6/2015
131	Zane Paul	Box 391 Northway, AK 99764	<i>Zane Paul</i>	12-6-2015
132	Aileen Albert	PO Box 427 Northway, AK 99764	<i>Aileen Albert</i>	12-6-15
133	Ronda Paul	PO Box 420 Northway AK	<i>Ronda Paul</i>	12-6-15
134	Marilyn Paul	PO Box 391 Northway AK	<i>Marilyn Paul</i>	12-6-15
135	Gerrine K. Sam	Box 407 Northway AK 99764	<i>Gerrine K. Sam</i>	12-6-15
136	Jessie Sam	Box 416 Northway AK 99764	<i>Jessie Sam</i>	12-7-15
137	Cristalena Sam	PO Box 414 Northway, AK 99764	<i>Cristalena Sam</i>	12-7-15
138	Kenry Felix	Box 410 G AK	<i>Kenry Felix</i>	12-7-15
139	Nicholas Sam	Box 414 Northway, AK 99764	<i>Nicholas Sam</i>	12-8-15
140	Alicia Sam	Box 483 Northway AK 99764	<i>Alicia Sam</i>	12-8-15
141	Loise Frank	Box 561 Northway AK 99764	<i>Loise Frank</i>	12-8-15
142	Sylvia Pike	Box 423 Northway AK 99764	<i>Sylvia Pike</i>	12-8-15
143	Lyle Cronie	Box 555 Northway, AK 99764	<i>Lyle Cronie</i>	12/8/15
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148	BESSIE TITUS	Box 896 Tok, AK 99780	BESSIE TITUS	12-8-15
149	Michelle Massa	Box 858 Tok AK 99780	Michelle Massa	12-8-15
150	Eleanor David	Bx 76014 Junction, AK 99776	Eleanor David	12-8-15
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152	Selma Peters	Box 552 Northway AK 99764	Selma Peters	12-8-15
153	Don Adams	Box 388 Tok AK 99780	Don Adams	12-8-15
154	Yance Wilson	Box 388 Tok, AK 99780	Yance Wilson	12-8-15
155	MAYNARD JENSEN	PO Box 910 Tok AK 99780	MAYNARD JENSEN	12-9-15
156	CELESTE JEN	PO Box 414 NORTHWAY, AK 99764	CELESTE JEN	12-9-15
157	Brady Jimmie Jr	PO Box 481 Northway AK 99764	Brady Jimmie Jr	12-9-15
158	Wilfred Hesse	Box 9 Beaver Creek, AK 99764	Wilfred Hesse	12-9-15
159	BLAND PETERS	Box-35 Beaver Creek - Yukon	BLAND PETERS	12-9-15
160	LEE TITUS	Box 554 Tok AK 99780	LEE TITUS	12-9-15
161	Alan Bennett	Box 484 Northway AK 99764	Alan Bennett	12-9-15
162	Cherona Crow	Box 430 Northway AK 99764	Cherona Crow	12-9-15
163	Donovan Sam	Postoffice 184.5 Glenallen AK 99	Donovan Sam	12-9-15
164	Ah'Ce Jimmie	Box 481 Northway AK 99764	Ah'Ce Jimmie	12-9-15
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169	Glen K Manda	P.O. Box 455 Northway AK 99764	Glen K Manda	12/16/15
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To: Marc Luiken, DOT Commissioner

Subject: Northway DOT Closure

Date: January 17, 2016

On January 11, Dave Miller, Northern Region Director, presented at a community engagement meeting in Northway hosted by the State DOT and the Northway Village Council at the local community hall. There were 61 people in attendance including the post master, the local DOT employees who will lose their jobs, elders, the school principal, a long-time local teacher, children who attend the local school, the corporation president, the chief, school bus drivers, elder transportation driver, health services representatives, representatives of the Northway Village Council, and many concerned local residents. The residents in attendance felt that the meeting was quite disturbing. It appeared at this meeting that what has been described to this community and the media as a proposal for closure was already confirmed and in motion. And the purpose of the 'community engagement' meeting requested by DOT was lost upon all Northway residents in attendance. Dave Miller stated that the proposed closure would save \$400k but in the same breath stated that they would have to utilize the Northway station because the distance from the neighboring maintenance station is too far to carry supplies.

The claim of a \$400k savings does not include but should consider the following:

- \$20k to outsource Airport maintenance
- \$20k on closure and clean-up costs – employee time, fuel & equipment to move all the equipment and supplies located at this full-time use camp.
- \$5k conservative estimate on annual upkeep costs to the building.
- \$10k to winterize the water & sewer system, and secure/board the place as break-ins are likely.
- Ongoing costs to leave sand (salt, other materials) at this location (pit, transportation, employee time).
- \$20-30k heating costs if one of the buildings has continued heating for extreme winter temperatures.
- Costs of fuel to transport back and forth almost daily (140 extra lane miles plus 60 lane miles from Tok to the Northway section = 200 extra lane miles per Tok employee, if there is an event such as freezing rain, it would take two employees to do this in a day (maybe) so 2 employees x 200 miles = 400 miles of fuel in a day for one event?).
- Millions needed in the future to repair these roads due to the quick deterioration of the Alaska Highway after extended periods of neglect and lack of consistent maintenance.
- Hundreds of thousands needed to re-open the DOT station (building upkeep, new equipment, transportation of supplies back to the camp, inspections, etc.) once it is left to sit through a few seasons of extreme cold and heat.

What about the domino effect to other industries? Should these cost impacts be considered or should the DOT ignore them and let the other state departments take the financial hit? If the five salaries of our local, permanent residents are cut - the impacts cost the state money. The salaries of these five state employees funds the local store in winter months which also employees four local residents in a place with no economy but tourism. They also contribute to the local school to help with sports and extracurricular activities costs where we receive little funding compared to major schools like Dimond High School or Lathrop High School. The loss of the salaries causes the five guys to apply for unemployment, reduction of jobs at our local store (people who must also apply for unemployment and social services), loss of funds to the local school, reduced fuel services to our homes, reduced water/sewer services to our homes, reduced spending in Tok by our elders for supplies and health care due to cut elder transportation if roads are too dangerous, increased damages to vehicles for wear and tear and accidents due to bad roads.

What about the tremendous financial impacts on the tourists who are part of the only growing industry in Alaska? What will the state do when tourists start experiencing serious vehicle issues due to lack of summer maintenance? For example, a RV losing an axle to a pothole in a section with no cell service and have to be towed 90 miles to Tok and have to spend a week and a half waiting for a part which happens quite a bit as it stands now. All the money they would spend at our businesses is now lost and others won't travel to our state.

What about deaths? What is a life worth? Unlike the Marine highway cuts, this cut WILL cause deaths. What happens if the state doesn't address the Alaska Highway within proposed times of 2-3 days and someone is killed? Is the state now liable for the death? Wouldn't the liability payment for an accidental death due to the state's negligence just about equate to the \$400k Dave Miller claims to be saving?

THERE IS NO COST SAVINGS by closing this station. It is important to think clearly and make wise decisions in difficult fiscal times, and this is not a wise or well thought out decision. Some service is better than the proposed no service. Closing it is a great way to waste money, not save it.

Thank you for your time,



Jamie Marunde

Board Chair

Northway Natives, Inc.