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Re: Non-Metropolitan Local Official Consultation Process

Dear Mr. Serrano:

Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities' (DOTPF) two-year review of the non-metropolitan local official consultation process is complete. No comments were received during the review period and no changes made to the original process that was finalized on March 3, 2004. Below is a brief summary of the review activity:

An online public notice announcing the review was issued on the State of Alaska web pages February 15, 2006. It provided links to the existing documents on the DOTPF website, an address for providing written comments, and stated that comments would be accepted through May 1, 2006.

The same request for feedback was provided in a printed postcard mailed to each Alaska city and borough mayor on February 17, 2006.

Display advertisements announcing the review and requesting comment were run in Fairbanks (2/16), Anchorage (2/16), and Juneau (2/17) newspapers.

At the end of the review period, regional planning managers were queried by Division of Program Development to see if any comments had been received by the region offices. None had.

Analysis and Conclusion

It is unclear why we received no responses. If our most recent STIP review can be taken as indicative, certainly the perception from local government officials is that the Department is being responsive to their STIP concerns in conformance with our stated process. We conclude that the process, so far, appears to be working satisfactorily.

If you have questions, please contact Eric Taylor, Statewide Long-Range Plan Manager, 465-8958.

Sincerely,


Jeff Ottesen
Director

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