MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
Office of the Commissioner

TO: Angie Spear
AIAS Director

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SUBJECT: AIAS Administrative, Leasing and Planning Actions

This memo clarifies the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) Commissioner's role in the Alaska International Airport System (AIAS), which is comprised of the Ted Stevens Anchorage (ANC) and Fairbanks International (FAI) Airports.

Overall, the DOT&PF Commissioner's role in AIAS is outlined in the DOT&PF Policy and Procedures, the Alaska State Statutes and Alaska Administrative Code. This memo is limited to the following actions: administrative, leasing and development, and planning and zoning.

Administrative Actions:
DOT&PF Policy and Procedure 01.01.030, Administrative Actions, sets out how the department delegates authority for interagency actions. For the Alaska International Airport System (AIAS), the Commissioner delegates responsibility for audits, in-state travel and moving expenses, and grant awards and acceptances to AIAS Director Angie Spear.

Before initiating contact with a state or federal elected official on any matter, ANC and FAI must route the proposed contact through the AIAS Director to the DOT&PF Legislative Liaison and the Commissioner for approval. Immediately after any approved contact, the airport must send a summary to the AIAS Director and the Legislative Liaison.

Leasing and Development Actions:
Article 2 of 17 AAC 42 governs authorizations to use property at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport and Fairbanks International Airport.

Obtain the Commissioner’s approval for any airport leasing or property development action that involves improvements valued at more than $10 million or may generate significant public interest. Secure approval before offering a lease, permit, concession, or other authorization to use airport property.

Planning and Zoning Actions:
17 AAC 42.145 outlines authorizations required for planning and zoning actions.

Before initiating any master planning actions, land use determinations, or zoning plans, share for awareness and comment from the Commissioner.