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## Initiation Letters



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File #: STP-F-021-2 (15)/53577

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Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3565

**SUBJECT:** Seward Highway, Bird to Indian, MP 99 to MP 105, Initiation of Consultation pursuant to 36 CFR 800.3

Dear Ms. Bittner:

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If you have questions or comments related to this proposed project, I can be reached at the address above, by telephone at 907-586-7464, or by e-mail at [edrie.vinson@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:edrie.vinson@fhwa.dot.gov). However, I encourage you to include the DOT&PF, so that your comments and concerns may be immediately directed to project development. The point of contact is:

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Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities  
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Environmental Project Manager

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Sincerely,



Karen A. Schmidt  
Deputy Division Administrator

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- Laurie Mulcahy, DOT&PF HQ, Environmental Program Manager

**Project Consultation Options**

**Chugach Alaska Corporation**

Project Name: Seward Highway, Bird to Indian, MP 99 to MP 105

Federal/State Project Numbers: STP-F-021-2 (15)/53577

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If you have chosen to do so, please indicate the manner in which you wish to continue consultation:

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Phone:

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Name of CAC designated contact for this proposed project:

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sheri D. Buretta

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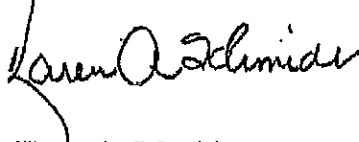
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**Project Consultation Options**

**Cook Inlet Region, Incorporated**

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Federal/State Project Numbers: STP-F-021-2 (15)/53577

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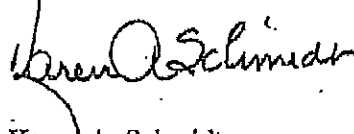
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Other: (please describe)

Name of Native Village of Eklutna designated contact for this proposed project:

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dorothy Cook

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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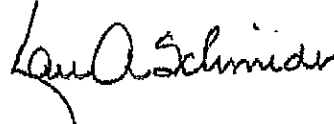
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Your timely response will greatly assist us in incorporating your concerns into project development. For that purpose, we respectfully request that you complete the enclosed Project

Consultation Options form and forward it to the FHWA within thirty days of your receipt of this correspondence.

Sincerely,



Karen A. Schmidt  
Deputy Division Administrator

Enclosures:

Figure 1 – Vicinity Map

Figures 2 through 5 – Area of Potential Effect

Table 1 – Alaska Heritage Resource Survey Sites from MP 99-105

Archeological and Historic Site Survey, Reger Archeological Consulting, 2001

Project Consultation Options form

cc w/o enclosures:

Jerry O. Ruehle, DOT&PF Central Region, Regional Environmental Coordinator

Laurie Mulcahy, DOT&PF HQ, Environmental Program Manager

**Project Consultation Options**

**Eklutna, Incorporated**

Project Name: Seward Highway, Bird to Indian, MP 99 to MP 105

Federal/State Project Numbers: STP-F-021-2 (15)/53577

Please check the appropriate response(s) from the list below and use the back of this form or additional sheets if you wish to make comments:

\_\_\_\_\_ There are no known places of traditional religious or cultural importance present or within the vicinity of the proposed project and further consultation is not requested.

\_\_\_\_\_ There are or may be places of traditional religious or cultural importance present or within the vicinity of the proposed project and further consultation is requested.

\_\_\_\_\_ Eklutna, Incorporated will continue consultations for this proposed project directly with Jerry O. Ruehle, Regional Environmental Coordinator, DOT&PF Central Region, and with the understanding that Eklutna, Incorporated may at its discretion resume consultations with the Federal Highway Administration.

\_\_\_\_\_ Eklutna, Incorporated has no interest associated with this proposed project and further consultation is not required.

If you have chosen to do so, please indicate the manner in which you wish to continue consultation:

Mail:

Phone:

Fax:

e-mail:

Other: (please describe)

Name of Eklutna, Incorporated designated contact for this proposed project:

\_\_\_\_\_ Please print

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Lee Stephan

Please mail to: Mr. David C. Miller, Alaska Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, P.O. Box 21648, Juneau, AK 99802

Or, fax to: Mr. David C. Miller, 907-586-7420

## Initiation Letter Attachments

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## **FINDINGS LETTERS**

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## **CONCURRENCE LETTERS**

# STATE OF ALASKA

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**DIVISION OF PARKS & OUTDOOR RECREATION**  
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August 13, 2010

File No.: 3130-1R FHWA

Laurie Mulcahy  
Cultural Resources Manager  
DOT & PF, Statewide Design and Engineering Services Division  
5800 E. Tudor Road  
Anchorage, AK 99507-1286

Subject: Seward Highway Improvements, MP 99 - 105`

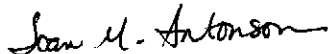
Dear Ms. Mulcahy:

We received your correspondence on July 14, 2010 regarding the referenced project. We reviewed this undertaking for potential impacts to historic and archaeological resources pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. We concur no historic properties will be affected by this undertaking if the following stipulation is met:

- Prior to ground disturbing activities in the vicinity of MP 102, DOT will locate and record the unrecorded historic archaeological site discussed in a phone call between Laurie Mulcahy and Judith Bittner on August 12, 2010. DOT will map the site's location and submit a completed Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS) card to the Office of History and Archaeology.

Please contact Tracie Krauthoefer at 269-8722 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,



Judith E. Bittner  
*Deputy* State Historic Preservation Officer

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**STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES  
STATEWIDE DESIGN & ENGINEERING SERVICES DIVISION**


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**TELEPHONE RECORD**

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**DATE** August 12, 2010  
**TIME** 11:45 am

**FROM** Judy Bittner  
**POSITION** SHPO  
**WITH** AK Office of History and Archaeology  
**LOCATION** Anchorage

**TO** Laurie Mulcahy   
**TITLE** Cultural Resources Manager  
**WITH** DOT&PF Statewide Office

**PROJECT** Seward Highway from Bird to Indian, MP 99 to 105  
**PROJECT NO.** 53577  
**REGARDING** Consultation on No Historic Properties Affected Section 106 findings letter

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Judy Bittner contacted me to talk about an unrecorded historic site in the vicinity of MP 102 that was not discussed in the Seward Hwy MP 99-105 paving project no historic properties affected finding letter or the accompanying report. This was a follow-up to an email from Tracie Krauthoefer, OHA Review and Compliance Archaeologist, on August 9<sup>th</sup>, which indicated the need for additional information before determining a SHPO concurrence.

Judy indicated that this site was identified during a previous construction Seward Highway project about 4 or 5 years ago. Judy along with Stefanie Ludwig, OHA Review and Compliance Archaeologist, did a site visit with DOT&PF Resident Engineer. I said that it probably was Jeff Brown (who has since retired). At the time, Jerry Ruehle was the Central Region Environmental Manager (now at the H2H project office) and Susan Wick (also retired) was the Environmental Team Leader.

At OHA, the site's location is known only to Judy. Apparently the site was west and north of a hillside cut on the west side of the highway and was avoided during construction. Site features are two cabin depressions and foundations and associated can dump. Judy indicated that DOT&PF had committed to documenting the site, but there has been no submittal to her office.

I explained to Judy that our proposed action in the vicinity of MP 102 was limited to repaving the existing highway travel surface, with the exception of a culvert replacement at Ball Field Creek (MP 102.7). We were not proposing any additional work on the shoulders or highway embankment. The direct APE footprint in the MP 102 vicinity was confined to the existing travel surface and would not involve the unrecorded site. However, we would commit to a field review to locate and record the site.

On August 18<sup>th</sup>, I spoke with Jerry Ruehle and also with Susan Wick. The previous construction project was for Seward Highway MP 96-102 and each verified that Jeff Brown was the Resident Engineer. Both said that they did not have any additional information to provide although Susan believed that the site was north of Bird Creek. Construction had worked directly with Judy.

I also spoke with Jeff Brown on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Jeff said that he knows the site well and confirmed that it had been avoided during project construction. He agreed to a field visit with DOT&PF to relocate the site. I suggested this to happen during the week of August 23<sup>rd</sup> and that it would be coordinated with Central Region PD&E.

cc (electronic copy via email):

Judy Bittner, SHPO

Tracie Krauthoefer, OHA, Review and Compliance Archaeologist

Brian Elliott, DOT&PF Central Region, Regional Environmental Manager

Linda Heck, DOT&PF Environmental NEPA Manager, Central Region



July 29, 2010

**ENGINEERING SERVICES**

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Ms. Laurie Mulcahy  
Cultural Resource Manager  
Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities  
5800 East Tudor Road  
Anchorage, Alaska 99507

Subject: Seward Highway Improvements, MP 99 to MP 105

Dear Ms. Mulcahy:

Thank you for your letter of July 12, 2010 regarding improvements to the Seward Highway (MP) planned by the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF). Your letter provided a copy of a report titled *Archaeological Field Survey and Visual Assessment of Proposed Alternatives for Improvements to the Seward Highway between Mileposts 99 and 105*, and requested comments on that report.

We reviewed the letter and report relative to Alaska Railroad resources, and have no substantive comments.

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to comment. Please contact me at (907) 265-2313 if you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Barbara C. Hotchkin  
Manager, Project Permits & NEPA

From: [Boydston, Mark A \(DOT\)](mailto:Boydston.Mark.A@DOT.ak.us)  
To: [Weiss-Racine, Holly F \(DOT\)](mailto:Weiss-Racine.Holly.F@DOT.ak.us)  
Subject: FW: Seward Highway MP 99-105  
Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2010 11:09:49 AM

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See below.

Mark Boydston  
Environmental Impact Analyst II  
Preliminary Design and Environmental  
DOT&PF  
(907) 269-0524

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From: Davis, Tom G. [mailto:[DavisTG@ci.anchorage.ak.us](mailto:DavisTG@ci.anchorage.ak.us)]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2010 10:08 AM  
To: Boydston, Mark A (DOT)  
Cc: 'Jessen, Julie K.'  
Subject: FW: Seward Highway MP 99-105

Mark -

As provided below, the Anchorage Historic Preservation concurs with the ADOT&PF findings that no historic properties will be affected by the proposed on the Seward Highway MP 99-105 project (STP-F-021-2(15)/53577).

The Commissioners reviewed the proposed project information individually and conferred by email between Monday, July 20 and today, Wednesday July 22, when the Chair sent me the Commission's findings below.

I'd like to thank the Commission Chair Julie Jessen for gathering the individual commissioners' comments so quickly.

Thank you,

*Tom Davis*  
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From: Jessen, Julie K. [mailto:[Julie.Jessen@hdrinc.com](mailto:Julie.Jessen@hdrinc.com)]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2010 9:51 AM  
To: Davis, Tom G.  
Subject: Seward Highway MP 99-105

The Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission concurs with the ADOT&PF findings on the

Seward Highway MP 99-105 project.

Julie K. Jessen, MSHP  
Senior Public Involvement Specialist

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### **Summary of Changes in Project Scope**

The Seward Highway Milepost (MP) 99 to MP 105: Bird to Indian project was originally evaluated as an Environmental Assessment (EA) with 3 design alternatives: (1) No-Action Alternative; (2) resurfacing, restoration, and rehabilitation (3R) with Passing Lanes Alternative; and (3) Passing Lanes and Frontage Road Alternative. During the early planning process, rerouting the road into Turnagain Arm was discussed, but was ruled out due to cost and environmental concerns. The attached technical report may discuss multiple alternatives. However, the Categorical Exclusion (CE) document only relates to Alternative 2, 3R with Passing Lanes, which is the proposed design that is being carried forward. It is anticipated that there has been no change in the built and natural environment since the attached study was completed.



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