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The Honorable Sarah Palin
Governor
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Dear Governor Palin:

We understand that the State of Alaska has compiled a list of shovel-ready projects for the Economic Stimulus bill recently adopted by Congress and signed by President Obama. We wish to thank you for including the Seward Meridian Phase I in the list for the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

We respectfully request that the following two projects also be included in the list due to their critical need. The first project, Bogard Road Extension East, a Borough project, will provide a vital east-west link between 49th State Street and the Glenn Highway helping to relieve traffic congestion on the Palmer Wasilla Highway. The second project is approximately half of Phase II of the Trunk Road 4-lane upgrade from the Palmer-Wasilla Highway to Bogard Road. We understand the environmental document and permitting is complete, the entire ROW has been purchased for this portion of the project and the design is near the 65% level. We think ADOT&PF is up to the task of completing the design and getting this segment of the roadway out to bid in the allotted timeframe provided by Congress.

Both of these projects are needed to improve traffic safety, reduce congestion, and enhance community development. We understand that there are many competing demands for transportation funding. However we believe these projects merit consideration due to our past and current above average population growth, our lack of arterial roadways, and the overall danger faced by our residents on unsafe roads within the Borough.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request. If you have any questions or require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me at 907-745-9689.

Sincerely,

John Duffy
Borough Manager

cc: Frank Richards, Deputy Commissioner, DOT&PF
MSB State Legislative Delegation

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