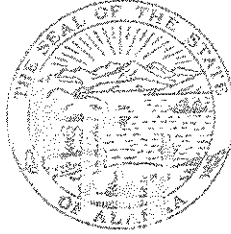


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Dear Commissioner Kemp:

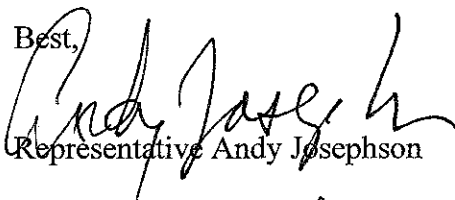
As you are likely aware, many of our constituents and community councils strongly oppose the proposed Northern Access U-Med Road. After speaking with engineers and officials at the department of Transportation and Public Facilities, we have learned that the \$20 million so far appropriated for this project will fund only the most basic road design. However, this will not be a basic road, as the proposed location(s) require it to traverse wetlands, forested areas, and trail systems. There are many concerns surrounding this project, and the two of us need to become as knowledgeable as possible about design methods that will mitigate impacts of its construction such that citizens' concerns are heard.

Additionally, while we understand engineering concerns relating to traffic congestion in the U-Med, we must continue to represent the interests of our constituents on a matter related to the Northern Access U-Med Road. With this in mind, could you please provide a report outlining the effects \$20 million would have on Anchorage's public transportation system? What lessening of traffic might we see in the local area, if / when the Northern Access is completed?

Furthermore, we have been told that the intersection at UAA Drive and Providence Drive has been declared a "failed intersection." Could you please provide a definition of that term and what exactly constitutes a "failed intersection" with a focus on Alaska transportation conditions, rather than any national models.

Thank you so much for your help with these matters.

Best,

  
Representative Andy Josephson



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