The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) invites you to a public hearing regarding the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Seward Highway MP 105-107 project. This project is designed to improve a dangerous stretch of the Seward Highway from MP 105 to MP 107, known as Windy Corner. This is a rescheduled event. In-person hearings originally planned for June 2020 were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the Draft EA and the DOT&PF’s final action on the land exchange, which is expected to fall into place in late 2020. The hearing is open to the public and will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Historic Turnagain Arm Building at 27000 Turnagain Arm Blvd, Anchorage, AK 99502. The public may also comment on the Draft EA online via the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) website at www.windycorner.info.

The Draft EA Preferred Alternative will replace the existing Seward Highway with a new highway, including a mixture of interior hard-surfaced and paved roads, in both directions separated by a median and paved shoulders. The Alaska Railroad Corporation tracks will be relocated from the current location to an area within the project footprint. The new highway will be constructed with approximately one million cubic yards of aggregate, riprap, and armor stone from material locations within Chugach State Park to transportation use and DOT&PF relinquishing 14.7 acres of land within the existing jurisdiction (Department of Natural Resources Commissioner) over the Section 4(f) property is included in Section 4(f) evaluation was conducted and the preliminary view of DOT&PF and the official with jurisdiction (Department of Natural Resources Commissioner) over the Section 4(f) property is included in the Draft EA. A final action on the land exchange is expected in Fall 2020 with construction anticipated to start in 2022, depending on availability of funding.

Public and Agency Comments, are available for review at DOT&PF Central Region Office located at 3205 Willow Point Circle, Anchorage, AK 99515. All documents are available at www.windycorner.info.

As always, I’m honored to serve and represent Senate District M. Please contact my office with any issues or concerns you may have. I love hearing from you. This week I celebrated my daughter’s birthday and enjoyed a successful halibut fishing trip. It was nice to focus on family outside our own back door. Last week my family and I were fortunate to spend time in Seward for a couple of weeks. I hope everyone has been able to take advantage of the sunny days of summer and explore areas. The Alaska Division of Elections is making sure everyone has an opportunity to vote using an absentee ballot. The Alaska Division of Elections is making sure everyone has an opportunity to vote using an absentee ballot. The Alaska Division of Elections is making sure everyone has an opportunity to vote using an absentee ballot. The Alaska Division of Elections is making sure everyone has an opportunity to vote using an absentee ballot. The Alaska Division of Elections is making sure everyone has an opportunity to vote using an absentee ballot. The Alaska Division of Elections is making sure everyone has an opportunity to vote using an absentee ballot. The Alaska Division of Elections is making sure everyone has an opportunity to vote using an absentee ballot. The Alaska Division of Elections is making sure everyone has an opportunity to vote using an absentee ballot.

I was honored to host a small BBQ this week to join with Rep Gillis in presenting our Abbott Loop Ski Racing Team with the International Nordic Ski Coach of the Year - Jan Buron! Jan is a coach with an amazing story. He is the son of Gus Buron, a track and field coach from Seward. AVTEC offers a variety of training programs under one year in duration. Examples include the Technical Vocational Education Program (TVEP) which provide training to Alaskans in their service areas. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth program provides training to youth and adults, including services for youth with disabilities and youth who are low-income and veterans. The department also operates the State of Alaska’s Vocational Technical Training Center (AVTEC) in Anchorage.

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Alaskans can access training funds to address employment skills and credential barriers to meaningful employment.