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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM NO. 97-71

DATE:

December 2, 1997

TO:

Councilmembers

FROM:

Sarah Palin, Mayor

RE:

Snowmachine Corridor

FYI Council:

I will keep you apprised of the coordinated efforts of the following entities re: a proposed snowmachine corridor through Southcentral Alaska:

- Anchorage Economic Development Corp.
- Alaska Snowmobile Representatives Alliance
- Governor Knowles' TRAAK Program and DOT-PF
- Mayor Mystrom's Office

A major portion of the proposed Peninsula-to-Fairbanks trail would link Anchorage with our Valley. The trail could give a huge boost to our local economy, encourage "off-season" tourism in our winter cities, and create a safer and more conducive environment for winter recreation in our area.



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December 2, 1997

The Honorable Sarah H. Palin Mayor of Wasilla 290 E. Herning Ave. Wasilla, AK. 99654-7091

Dear Mayor Palin,

I wish to thank you on behalf of the Board of Directors and members of the Alaska Snowmobile Representatives Alliance for your enthusiastic support.

I am sure that your letters to John Horn of the D.O.T. and Mayor Salmon of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough will strengthen the efforts to making the snowmobile access corridor a reality. We are certainly pleased with your interest in this effort. I know that the economic benefits to your city and the borough will be substantial. Please do not hesitate to call on me if I can assist in any way to accelerate the process to create the snowmobile corridor. Please know that you are always welcome at our board meetings. I regret not having been available when you attended a prior meeting.

Thank you again for your valuable support.

Sincerely.

Max J. Lowe, CHA

President, A.S.R.A.

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cc; Tim Borgstrom



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Rick Mystrom. Mayor

November 8, 1997

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Mr. John Horn, Regional Director
State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
P.O. Box 196900
Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6900

Dear John,

I write to express my full support for the proposed snowmobile access corridor between Anchorage and Eagle-River. It is clear from my discussions with the Alaska Snowmobile Representative Alliance and A.E.D.C. that this project is supported by a large group of enthusiastic users who are willing to contribute their time and energy toward making this trail a success.

All of us can certainly agree that completion of this trail would go a long way toward making Anchorage a more diverse winter city by being a key link in promoting snow machine access to the great snowmobiling areas in the Matanuska Valley and beyond. The access corridor would not only bring enhanced recreational opportunities to Anchorage residents and visitors, but would also have a positive economic impact on Anchorage businesses which service this growing sport.

I hope that you will lead us in this step toward making Anchorage a true winter city with a first-class access corridor for snowmobilers. If I can be of further assistance with this project, please do not hesitate to call my office. Thanks for your time and consideration in this regard.

Sincerely,

Rick Mystrom

Mayor

ce: Joe Perkins, Commissioner DOT/PF

John Tolley, DOT/PF

Max Lowe, President A.S.R.A.

Larry Crawford, Municipal Manager, MOA George Vakalis, Operations Manager, MOA

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November 6, 1997

Bob Bell Assembly Member Municipal Assembly 2610 Curlew Circle Anchorage, AK 99515

Dear Assemblymember Bell;

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the existence of our organization. We, the Board of Directors, feel that it is important that we appraise you of our mission and goals. It is also important that you know who the board members are, in the event that you need information concerning snowmobiling issues.

I am enclosing an informational packet with this letter for your perusal. We look forward to a positive relationship with you in the future. In the coming months, I'm sure you will hear much about our current #1 priority, an access corridor from Anchorage to Eagle River, Wasilia, and the "great beyond". We have been working closely with the appropriate agencies and user groups to bring the access corridor to reality. We hope to have a work session with the entire assembly at the appropriate time. In the interim, please feel free to call on any of us with questions or comments. Thank you for taking the time to read this. We know you are very busy.

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors.

Max J. Lowe, CHA General Manager

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