

October 20, 2016

Dear Madam Mayor and Assembly,

I would like to add an addendum to the request made earlier from the Tourism Advisory Board.

Haines Highway and Chilkat River Access:

After the recent request from TAB to support maintaining access to river points on the Chilkat River with the impending Haines Highway improvements, I had a long meeting with Jim Scholl of DOT. This conversation clarified many of the access concerns and relayed that DOT is very interested in working with the Borough, residents and commercial operators to maintain access to the river for subsistence, recreation and commercial use. From our last TAB meeting I was tasked with pursuing a working group to monitor this project that will include commercial operators, Fish and Game, local residents, Chilkat Indian Village and will plan to include Mr. Scholl in these discussions.

At this point TAB asks support through the mayor and manager to pursue this working group and to support efforts to maintain safe access to the Chilkat River for local and commercial use.

I encourage the Assembly to review the current documents at :

[http://dot.alaska.gov/sereg/projects/haines_hwy/assets/10.5.2015/06 Appx A Coord DNR Turnout Imprv 6-2015.pdf](http://dot.alaska.gov/sereg/projects/haines_hwy/assets/10.5.2015/06_Appx_A_Coord_DNR_Turnout_Imprv_6-2015.pdf)

I will be at the Tuesday meeting for further discussion and am happy to take the time to go over my findings from meeting with Mr. Scholl of DOT.

Thank you,
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