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November 28, 2022

Via U.S. Mail & Email

Barbara Schuhmann 520 Marshall Drive Fairbanks, Alaska 99712

Re:

Revised Public Records Request of November 17, 2022

Partial Denial of Request

Dear Barbara:

Upon review of the documents requested in your revised public records request, DOT&PF determined that some of the documents requested related to its current deliberations regarding matters of bridge inventory rating factors in the Tetlin-Fort Knox corridor fall under the deliberate process privilege. The deliberate process privilege is a judicially recognized exemption to disclosure requirements of the Public Records Act. As such, your request is denied, in part, as to the records listed on the enclosed Document Log related to DOT&PF's current deliberations regarding matters of bridge inventory rating factors in the Tetlin-Fort Knox corridor under the deliberative process privilege.

DOT&PF will continue to track documents responsive to your request that are subject to the deliberative process privilege and intends to release to you (at no cost) all withheld documents upon conclusion of its deliberations not later than March 1, 2023.

All non-privileged documents responsive to your request have been produced by email. These documents have been marked DOT&PF (11/28/22) - 00001-00049.

You may administratively appeal the partial denial of your request by complying with the procedures in 2 AAC 96.340. An administrative appeal requires no appeal bond. You may also request immediate judicial review of this partial denial of your request by seeking an injunction from the superior court under AS 40.25.125. An election not to

See Gwich'in Steering Comm. v. State, Office of the Governor, 10 P.3d 572 (Alaska 2000).

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purse injunctive remedies in superior court shall have no adverse effects on your rights before DOT&PF. Pursuant to 2 AAC 96.335(c), a copy of 2 AAC 96.335-350 is enclosed.

Thank you for your assistance with this request.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Log of Withheld Documents

Copy of 2 AAC 96.335-350

Document Log

All documents withheld pursuant to the deliberate process privilege.

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1	10/4/2022	Schacher	Marx	Walli Chon Ore Truck Semigration
2	10/7/2022	Marx, Elmer	Schacher, Sarah	Manh Choh Ore Truck Configuration
2	10/7/2022	Schacher	Kemp, Joseph & Sakalaskas, Jason	Manh Choh Ore Truck Configuration
3			Kemp, Sakalaskas	Bridges- Alaska/Rich/Steese
4	11/4/2022	Schacher		Manh Choh Ore Truck Configuration
5	11/22/2022	Sakalaskas	Schacher	
-	11/22/2022	Schacher	Crook, Andrew	Bridge estimates
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As of 11/28/22