

Public Comment:

1. Patricia Macdonald – I am a council member of Healik Village Council in Healik, AK. Wanting to point out the importance of you looking at our own laws here in Alaska with regard to the Ore Haul from Tetlin. Why are we not following our own laws with regard to industrial hauls? Why is the TAC Committee meeting when we heard from Kinross this week – I don't understand why the State of Alaska is not willing to take into consideration the price that people in these areas will pay – we have bridges that are not safe – we have b trains – I am an experienced Ice Road Trucker – years on the North Slope – you are putting Alaskans at risk by allowing this industrial Ore Haul to travel thru the corridor from Tetlin to Fort Knox. I would like an answer as to why they are allowed to begin hauling when the TAC Committee has not come up with any recommendations? Will our comments be answered?
2. Berry Santana – structural engineer – curious about how you're going to deal with the pavement damage? What about the bridges? Fatigue Analysis done? I think bridge monitoring is an extremely good idea if you go thru with this very unsafe project – the state will be paying a lot of maintenance on this – I don't know if you think this will come from federal money, but I know Alaskans will be paying for a lot of it.
3. James Squyres – I would like to see a show of hands of the folks in that room who cross these bridges. These are two bridges going to be used for the Ore Haul. Slated to be replaced but the hauling is going to occur before then – the commercial truck traffic is going to increase by 200% - worried about snow and visibility and the danger that that brings – think you have a super dangerous situation with this – zero visibility – this is like watching a slow-motion train crash.
4. Frank Williams – I live in Esther AK, in all of these projects I have heard talk about money, but I have not seen anything published about macroeconomics? I am hoping that the team, you, can publish something about that? How much money actually comes from the taxes on the diesel fuel from the transportation? How much money flows Kinross? How much does it cost us in AK to maintain this? The pullouts, the extra people on board monitoring the weight of the trucks. Im not sure the overall picture couldn't be addressed and resolve some of our issues.