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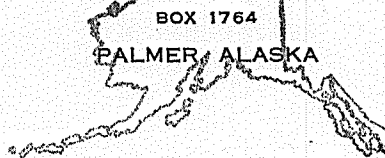
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LEAGUE OF ALASKAN CITIES

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November 18, 1957

The Honorable Louis S. Rothschild
The Under Secretary of Commerce for Transportation
Washington, D. C.

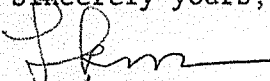
Dear Mr. Rothschild:

At its recent convention in Anchorage, the League of Alaskan Cities adopted two resolutions in regard to the Federal-Aid Highway Program in Alaska and directed that copies of these resolutions be forwarded to you for your kind consideration.

Apparent throughout the convention and often expressed was the city officials' satisfaction with the fine work being done by the Bureau of Public Roads in improving our Alaska highway program. At one of our luncheon sessions we heard from Mr. E. H. Swick a very complete and competent report about how the Federal - Aid and matching funds are allocated. We also heard from one of the members of the new Alaska Highway and Public Works Board - Mr. John LeFevre of Cordova. From these papers we learned that although very solid foundations are being laid for the highway network, progress in new construction will of necessity be slow because of the lack of adequate funds. It was the feeling of the convention that if any increase in available funds were sought it should be through increased participation in the Federal-Aid Highway Program. Inasmuch as existing Alaska highways are so important to the military effort and so much of their traffic is military, we believe that the extension of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways to Alaska is in the national interest. We also believe that the proposal merits the consideration of the Alaska Rail and Highway Commission. An increase in the area factor $(1/3) + \frac{1}{2}$ on which allocation of Federal-Aid Highway funds to Alaska is based seems justifiable. This would augment the funds for new construction and hasten the planned highway development needed now.

Enclosed are copies of the two resolutions described above. Should you desire more copies they may be obtained from Alaska's Delegate to Congress or from this office. If there is any way that the cities of Alaska may be of assistance to the Bureau or the Alaska Rail and Highway Commission, please be assured of our willingness to cooperate.

Sincerely yours,


Lucy Mick
Executive Secretary

cc: Director, BPR
Alaska Div. Engineer
E. L. Bartlett

also enclosed as copy of resolution
requesting ferry route as part of Alaska Highway system.

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LEAGUE OF ALASKAN CITIES

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE INCLUSION OF ALASKA IN THE NATIONAL SYSTEM OF INTERSTATE AND DEFENSE HIGHWAYS: OR IN LIEU OF SUCH INCLUSION, ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS BE AUTHORIZED ON A PERMANENT LONG-TERM BASIS.

WHEREAS, Alaska has been excluded from the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways authorized and designated by the Federal-aid Highway Act of 1956; and

WHEREAS, the authorization for appropriations for the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways over a thirteen year period exceeds twenty-seven billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, Alaska strategically is a highly important defense area which is evidenced by the millions of dollars expended by the Federal Government for defense installations in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, it is highly important that Alaska be connected and become a part of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the League of Alaskan Cities as follows:

1. That the League support and exert all its effort to obtain passage of the necessary legislation which would authorize the inclusion of Alaska in the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways; or in lieu of such inclusion, that annual appropriations be authorized on a permanent long-term basis.

2. That copies of this Resolution be distributed to the Governor of Alaska, Delegate to Congress from Alaska, Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of Commerce, Committees of the Congress, Alaska Highway and Public Works Board, and other appropriate government officials and agencies.

Passed and approved at Anchorage, Alaska, this second day of November, 1957.

Anton Anderson

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President
LEAGUE OF ALASKAN CITIES

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A RESOLUTION PLEDGING LEAGUE SUPPORT AND EFFORT TO OBTAIN PASSAGE OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY ACT OF 1956 WHICH WOULD INCREASE FROM ONE-THIRD TO AT LEAST ONE-HALF THE ALASKA AREA FACTOR USED IN CALCULATIONS FOR APPORTIONMENT OF FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY FUNDS.

WHEREAS, Section 107, Title I of the Federal-aid Highway Act of 1956 (Public Law 627 - Eighty-fourth Congress, Chapter 462 - Second Session, HR 10660; ALL 70 STAT. 374) provides that Alaska shall be included in the calculations to determine the basis of apportionment of such Federal-aid funds except that one-third only of the area of Alaska shall be used in the calculations to determine the area factor in the apportionment of such funds; and

WHEREAS, the above exception decreases the amount of Federal-aid funds available for construction of highways in Alaska and thereby retards the development of Alaska, including its cities and urban areas; and

WHEREAS, Alaska, its cities and urban areas are deficient in highways which are so necessary to the growth and development of Alaska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the League of Alaskan Cities as follows:

1. That the League support and exert all its efforts to obtain passage of an amendment to the Federal-aid Highway Act of 1956, which would increase the area factor used in Alaska from one-third to at least one-half to be used in the calculations of area factor in the apportionment of Federal-aid Highway Funds.

2. That copies of this Resolution be distributed to the Governor of Alaska, Delegate from Alaska, Secretary of Interior, Secretary of Commerce, Committees of the Congress, Alaska Highway and Public Works Board, and other appropriate government officials and agencies.

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