

A. F. Chiglione, Commissioner of Roads

April 25, 1952

Chief, Real Estate Branch

Abandonment of Portion of Old Valdez-Copper Center Road Lying Within Sections 18, 19 and 30 T2N R1E GRM

This is to advise that all of the requirements of ARC Memorandum 86 having to do with the abandonment of a portion of the old Richardson Highway south of Copper Center have been met.

Public Notices were posted slightly after March 7, 1952, on bulletin boards, post offices and stores in Copper Center and Valdez. In addition, Public Notice was published in Jessen's Weekly at Fairbanks for two runs, or issues.

No objections to the proposed abandonment have been registered with Headquarters office by the District Engineers office at Valdez. It is known and understood by residents of the area that highway traffic has already been diverted to the new relocation of the Richardson Highway to the west of the former right-of-way.

All action necessary to complete abandonment having been completed and of legal sufficiency it is now in order for you to authorize the abandonment, as referenced above, by your administrative order.

Informative plat is attached.

Wm. B. Adams, Chief
Real Estate Branch

Attachment
cc-Administrative (Plat Attached)
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See Memo 86

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Memorandum

February 21, 1952

To: A. F. Ghiglione, Commissioner of Roads for Alaska
Wm. J. Niemi, Chief Engineer

From: Chief, Real Estate Branch

Subject: Policy Regarding Abandonment of Roads

Your attention is directed to ARC Policy Memorandum No. 86 dated August 30, 1950, entitled "Policy Regarding Abandonment of Roads", as it has to do with the complete and declared abandonment of the old road traversing the property of Robert Sheldon in Section 13, T7S, R5E, 1M, see plat attached.

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You are now advised that the three requirements of ARC Memorandum No. 86 have been completed and fulfilled to wit:

1. Mr. Robert Sheldon has requested that the old road be abandoned.
2. Mr. Frank Nash, former District Engineer ARC, by memorandum dated November 8, 1950, recommended that the old road be abandoned.
3. Mr. Frank Metcalf, Territorial Highway Engineer, by letter dated November 27, 1950, gave notice that the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners would offer no protest to abandonment action.
4. The public has been informed of the abandonment action by means of published notice in the Fairbanks Daily News Miner and Jessen's Weekly, the latter medium running the Public Notice, copy attached, from June 28 to July 19, 1951.
5. In addition, there were copies of this notice posted at the store at Birch Lake and Harding Lake.
6. Objections to the abandonment were raised by means of letter addressed to the Fairbanks District office by the following persons: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rust, Sr., Box 494, Fairbanks; E. F. Joy, Box 934, Fairbanks and Christia Stewart, Box 254, Fairbanks.
7. None of the objections challenge the legality of the abandonment or question the right of the ARC so to do, and can be regarded as record memoranda only.

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It is now in order that the Commissioner of Roads for Alaska formally authorize the abandonment of the old Birch Lake Road by his administrative order.

It is also in order that the Chief Engineer, if he so desires, notify the District Engineer that his mileage chart is to be reduced by the extent of the abandonment, which in this case is of no consequence.

Wm. B. Adams, Chief
Real Estate Branch

Attachments
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
Juneau, Alaska

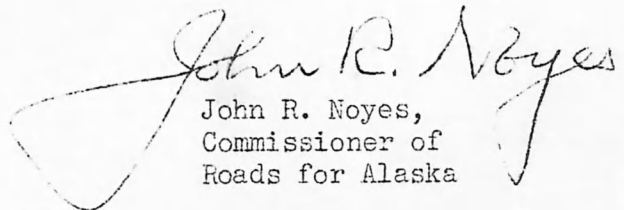
August 30, 1950

A.R.C. MEMORANDUM NO. 86

SUBJECT: Policy regarding abandonment of roads.

It shall be the policy of the Alaska Road Commission that roads within Alaska previously built or maintained by the Alaska Road Commission, will be abandoned only through the following procedure.

1. Formal written request for abandonment of any particular section of road must be received from the parties recommending such action or from the District Engineer of the Alaska Road Commission District concerned.
2. Formal concurrence in the recommended abandonment will be obtained from the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners.
3. The public will be notified of the proposed abandonment by advertisement in the local papers and by notices posted on public bulletin boards, specifically in the areas to be affected by such abandonment. All such notices will request formal objections from any parties interested in the continued use of the road in question and will provide a period of not less than 30 days for the submission of such objections.
4. Upon the completion of the above three requirements, formal abandonment of the road will be authorized by the Commissioner of Roads for Alaska by an Alaska Road Commission Order.


John R. Noyes,
Commissioner of
Roads for Alaska