

MEMORANDUM

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State of Alaska

Department of Transportation & Public Facilities

TO: Barry F. Morehead
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
Juneau, Alaska
Attn: Gary Wilson

DATE: September 22, 1988

FILE NO:

TELEPHONE NO: 474-2413

FROM: John F. Bennett P.L.S. *JFB*
Engineering Supervisor
Northern Region

SUBJECT: Authorization to
Research ARC/BPR/FWHA
Documents located in
Federal Records Center

Due to pending and possible future litigation regarding the justification and location of several Rights of Way conveyed from the Federal government to the State of Alaska, we are requesting a letter of authorization from FHWA in order to allow us to review and copy documents located at the Seattle branch of the National Archives/Federal Records Center which are still under the legal custody of FHWA.

The bulk of the records in question were transmitted to the Federal Records Center on August 11, 1961 and consist of the inactive records of the Alaska Road Commission and Bureau of Public Roads including closed projects, case files, plan and profile drawings, annual reports, correspondence, fiscal records, etc. from 1920 to 1958 and FHWA records after 1958.

Once the records have made the transition to the National Archives they are open for review by the general public, however as long as they remain in the Federal Records Center, a letter of authorization from the legal custodian is required before access is allowed.

Perhaps a general letter of authorization can be provided such that we could submit a copy of it with our requests for research and document copies. My contact at the National Archives is:

Joyce Justice, Archivist
National Archives, Seattle Branch
6125 Sand Point Way N.E.
Seattle, Wa. 98115
Ph: 206-526-6507

We believe that this point of contact for research will be of great benefit in our defense of "Omnibus Act" Rights of Way.

*Talked to Joyce 9-22-88, she would pull documents
and copy @ 35¢/ea upon authorization & request*
JFB

October 3, 1988

Re: ARC/BPR/FHWA Documents

National Archives, Seattle Branch
6125 Sand Point Way N.E.
Seattle, Wa. 98115
Attn: Joyce Justice, Archivist

Dear Joyce,

As we discussed over the phone on 9-22-88, this letter represents my first request for copies of specific documents held for the Federal Highway Administration in the Federal Records Center. Please find attached a letter of authorization from the Juneau office of FHWA for access to documents that have not been transferred out of their custody. In order to facilitate the recovery of specific documents I will submit with each request a highlighted copy of a page of the transmittal from FHWA to the Federal Records Center indicating which documents from which boxes should be copied. According to the information I received from you when I visited your office back in March of 1988, the main group of FHWA documents were transmitted on August 11, 1961 and is referenced as Record group 30 and Accession no. 62-A78.

Davis Road

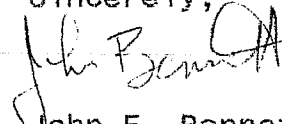
The first set of documents we are interested in relate to a road built in Fairbanks between 1950 and 1952 under the Local Farm Road Program now known as Davis Road. Specifically we are looking for a document which would establish the date of construction. Attached are a cover sheet and eight pages of the FHWA transmittal with sixteen documents highlighted which may shed some light on the status of the Local Farm Road program during that period. Please recover and copy those documents.

Ester Dome Road

There is only one document of potential interest relating to this road. The highlighted transmittal sheet is attached.

Unless you require payment for copying before you can send the documents, please send the invoice with the documents and it will be paid promptly. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



John F. Bennett, P.L.S.
Right of Way Engineer
Northern Region

Attachments: As stated

DOT/PF

Name/Section J. Bennett / Engr

TELEPHONE/CONFERENCE DATA

PEOPLE INVOLVED

REPRESENTING

Date: 3-9-88

Time: _____

Project No./Name _____

Joyce Justice Archivist
NATIONAL ARCHIVES Seattle Branch.
6125 Sand Point Way N.E.
Seattle Wa 98115
206-526-6507

TOPICS: Discussed disposition of ARC-BPR Archives - Record Group 30 -
Accession No. 62-A78 from BPR Region 10 - Transmitted Aug 11, 1961 -
352CF TRANS - "Inactive Records ARC & BPR Incl. Closed projects
case files, profiles & drawings, correspondence, fiscal records, etc.
from 1920-1958 & all FHWA After That.

Most of these records are still under legal custody of FHWA.
Any Research would have to be done @ Archives office except
that Gary Wilson could have select boxes shipped to Juneau for
review.

Many Records have been destroyed, Gary is making us the
Transmitted Index of what remains.

Also note Historical Photo by Collection @ Alaska State
Library @ Juneau from 1912 onward.

ACTION ITEMS: _____

Copies To: _____

Signature: J.B.



National Archives—Seattle Branch

6125 Sand Point Way, NE Seattle, Washington 98115

RESEARCH ROOM INFORMATION

Please sign the Research Room Register each day.

Use the lockers and coat racks outside the research room for brief-cases and personal belongings. Researchers using textual records may bring nothing to the work table except writing tools and paper or note cards. Items brought into the research room are subject to search.

Agency Records: Records that have not been transferred to the legal custody of the National Archives are controlled by the agency that created them and stored in the Records Center. Researchers must obtain the agency's approval prior to review. Please allow 3 to 4 hours to work requests into the Records Center's daily schedule.

Archival Records: A Researcher Identification Card is required to use records that are in the legal custody of the National Archives of the United States. You will be asked to accept personal responsibility by signing a reference service order to be countersigned by the room attendant during your exit interview. Please notify the attendant or other staff of your departure and plans, if any, to return. Be sure a staff member knows if you have tabbed records for copying (see below).

Records are not to be marked, rearranged, or handled in any way likely to cause damage. We reserve the right to limit the number of boxes provided to a researcher at one time.

Archival Reproduction Orders: Records to be reproduced should be tagged properly and returned to the appropriate folder and box. Tagged documents must be listed on a reproduction order sheet. Ask the research room attendant for assistance. Photocopying costs 35 cents per page (50 cents for records still in the legal custody of one of the U.S. District Courts). Certification is available at \$2.00 per certification. We will not attempt to copy records if, in our judgment, they could be damaged thereby.

The Paul Kohl Research Room is open to the public between 7:45 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (excepting Federal holidays) and one Tuesday evening (5-9) and one Saturday afternoon (12-4) per month. A list of dates follows. Records to be used during evenings and weekends must be staged by 4 p.m. Tuesday and Friday, respectively.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES-
PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION
EXTENDED OPERATING HOURS
1988-1989

TUESDAY (5 - 9 p.m.)

September 27, 1988
November 1, 1988
December 6, 1988
January 3, 1989
February 7, 1989
March 7, 1989
April 4, 1989
May 2, 1989
June 6, 1989
July 11, 1989
August 1, 1989
September 12, 1989

SATURDAY (12 - 4 p.m.)

October 1, 1988
November 5, 1988
December 10, 1988
January 7, 1989
February 11, 1989
March 11, 1989
April 8, 1989
May 6, 1989
June 10, 1989
July 15, 1989
August 5, 1989
September 16, 1989

The Document Security Zone for textual researchers is located on the east (left, lighted) side of the research room. Other researchers are asked to stay in the Microfilm Reading Zone.

Rest rooms and water fountains are in the northwest corner of the research room.

No food, drink or smoking are permitted in the research room. There is a designated smoking area in the lobby.

There is no public cafeteria in the building, but there are vending machines and a snack area upstairs, and benches are provided outside. A deli, across the street, has sandwiches, cold drinks, coffee and snacks. There are no other restaurants within walking distance of the Archives.

A public telephone is located in the lobby for use by researchers. Federal regulations prohibit the use of government telephones for other than government business.

SPECIAL NOTES ON DOCUMENT HANDLING

Records used in the research room of the Pacific Northwest Branch of the National Archives are unique records. To protect their integrity, researchers are required to:

Maintain records in their existing order within their box, envelope, or folder.

Use records from only one container (box, envelope, or folder) at a time.

Replace file units in the same order and facing the same direction as they were received. If the records seem to be in disarray, notify the reference archivist who helped you.

Leave the green-coloured NA Form 14001 (Reference Service Slip) attached to the container.

Return records to the reference archivist who assisted you when research is complete.

Use only pencil or ball-point pen in the research room.

Take notes away from documents to prevent damage to the records. Notepaper is never placed on the documents for note-taking.

Do not use your writing instrument as a "pointer" when reading.

Do not make any marks or notations on the records.

Return all loose paper records to their containers when leaving the research table. Do not leave documents exposed to the light when taking a break.

REFERENCE REQUEST—FEDERAL RECORDS CENTERS

NOTE: Use a separate form for each request.

SECTION I—TO BE COMPLETED BY REQUESTING AGENCY

ACCESSION NO. 62-A78	AGENCY BOX NUMBER OF	RECORDS CENTER LOCATION NUMBER
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DESCRIPTION OF RECORD(S) OR INFORMATION REQUESTED
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION RECORDS

BOX **Box #10 / FRC 65413 - Box #70 / FRC 65461 - Box #67 / FRC 65462**
Box #61 / FRC 65470 - Box #62 / FRC 65471

FOLDER (include file number and title)

REMARKS
For on-site review - wednesday 2-22-89.

NATURE OF SERVICE

FURNISH COPY OF RECORD(S) ONLY PERMANENT WITHDRAWAL TEMPORARY LOAN OF RECORD(S) REVIEW OTHER (Specify)

SECTION II—FOR USE BY RECORDS CENTER

RECORDS NOT IN CENTER CUSTODY RECORDS DESTROYED

WRONG ACCESSION NUMBER—PLEASE RECHECK

WRONG BOX NUMBER—PLEASE RECHECK

WRONG CENTER LOCATION—PLEASE RECHECK

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED TO IDENTIFY RECORDS REQUESTED

MISSING (Neither record(s), information nor charge card found in container(s) specified)

RECORDS PREVIOUSLY CHARGED OUT TO (Name, agency and date):

REMARKS

SBR
S/R
Wed 8:00 AM

DATE	SERVICE	TIME REQUIRED	SEARCHER'S INITIALS

SECTION III—TO BE COMPLETED BY REQUESTING AGENCY

NAME OF REQUESTER John F. Bennett	TELEPHONE NO. <input type="checkbox"/> FTS 907-474-2413	DATE 2-21-89	RECEIPT OF RECORDS
NAME AND ADDRESS OF AGENCY <small>(Include street address, building, room no. and ZIP Code)</small> Alaska Dept. of Transportation 600 University Ave. Ste 'F' Fairbanks, Alaska 99709			
Requester please sign, date and return this form, for file item(s) listed above, ONLY if the block to right has been checked by the Records Center. <input type="checkbox"/>			
SIGNATURE		DATE	

M E M O R A N D U M

S t a t e o f A l a s k a
Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
Northern Region Right of Way

To: Dave Truax
Planning
Northern Region

Date: March 6, 1989

File No:

Telephone No: 474-2413

From: John F. Bennett
ROW Engineering Supervisor
Northern Region

Subject: Chisana Aviation Field

Attached are fourteen pages of documents dating from 1928 to 1937 that I pulled from the Alaska Road Commission (ARC) file titled "Chisana SP-1". Other than the ARC annual reports, these were the only relevant documents relating to the Chisana Airport that I was able to locate at the Federal Records Center in Seattle.

Chisana Airport was given the ARC designation of "54A" and referenced in each ARC Annual Report that I reviewed from 1930 to 1937.

The 1930 report noted that \$1,494.63 was spend for the air field construction. Also noted was that the project was "entirely supported by Territorial funds", "The area was cleared of large stones and leveled, proper markers were placed" and "This landing field, 150 ft. by 1000 ft., is located just north of the Village of Chisana.". The report also stated that a detailed description could be found in the 1929 annual report, however that report was missing from the records.

The 1931 report noted \$250 spent for maintenance and improvements. The following reports to 1937 did not report any additional construction or maintenance.

Hopefully this information will be of some value.

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Attachments: as stated



U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal Highway Administration

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September 28, 1988

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Northern Region DOT & PF

John F. Bennett, P.L.S.
Engineering Supervisor
Northern Region, Alaska DOT&PF
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Bennett:

You or your designated representative are hereby authorized access to Alaska Road Commission, Bureau of Public Roads and Federal Highway Administration records presently located at the Federal Records Center in Seattle, Washington. You may copy records of your choosing. However, the cost for providing such copies is the responsibility of the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and not that of the Federal Records Center or the Federal Highway Administration.

If you have any questions, I may be reached by telephoning (907) 586-7413.

Sincerely yours,

Barry F. Morehead,
Division Administrator

By: Michael G. Ritchie
Administrative Manager

cc: Joyce Justice, Archivist
National Archives, Seattle, WA

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