

## Meeting Report

**Project:** Interior AK Transportation Plan

**Reporter:** Nicole McCullough

**Date:** 10/19/06

**Location:** Nenana

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**Presenters:** Dave Sanches, DOT&PF, Nicole McCullough, ASCG

### Attendance:

Edna Hancock, Tribal Administrator, Native Village of Nenana

Willie Lord, Jason, Council Member, Nenana Native Council

Jason P. Mayrand, Mayor, City of Nenana

George Albert, Nenana

Valerie Olin, Nenana

Nita Marks, Council Member, Native Village of Nenana

Theresa Clark, Toghothele Corporation, Nenana

### Meeting Summary:

*Multi-modal Access.* “We are the transportation hub for Interior Alaska. We have all five transportation modes” - Edna Hancock. We have roads, railroad, highways, aviation and river transportation.

*Tourism.* Tourism is up again from last year. For the past three years, the cultural center has been promoted. This year they saw a great increase in sales.

*Resource Access.* It is important to consider Nenana Basin when discussing resource development in the Interior. The road to Totchakat would access the Nenana Basin for potential gas or minerals as well as agriculture lands. The last estimate for this route was \$72 million. Andax went into this area and did seismic studies in 2001-2002.

*Nenana Regional Landfill.* There was discussion about a regional landfill in Nenana. The Denali Commission is looking at this.

*Bridges.* There is a need to widen the bridges north and south of Nenana. The right of way in Nenana is only 60 feet, instead of 200 feet which is more common.

*Nenana Railroad Bypass.* The Parks Highway Study recommended a bypass around Nenana to avoid the circuitous route. If this were done the railroad would save seven minutes.

*Dust Control.* Dust control is needed on the roads in Nenana.

*Backhaul.* There is a backhaul program for eliminating metals and other waste in the villages along the river system. The material is transported to Nenana, crushed and transported to Anchorage via the Railroad. The Intertribal Watershed Council is concerned about potential pollution along the river system.

*Dock.* The city is applying for improvements including dock upgrades. There are 40 villages that are served from Nenana. The best person to talk to about the Crowley operation in Nenana is Endil Moore.

*Nenana Totchakat Access Road.* The Tribe applied to Denali Commission for Nenana Totchakat Road funding last year. The road accesses off of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The State and the City of Nenana have about \$50,000 (total) to do a feasibility study for the route which includes updating the cost estimate. The City will manage the project.

*Parks Highway Weight Limits.* There are discussions about removing the weight limits along the Parks Highway. The Truckers' Association is supporting the removal. They are unable to bring full loads which impacts the amount of freight they bring into Nenana for the barge.

*Aviation.* There is an agreement with the military about flying around Nenana during sensitive subsistence times.

*Emergency Evacuation.* There is limited access in and out of Nenana which is a concern when there is an emergency.

## Interior Alaska Transportation Plan – Public Meeting

### Nenana, Alaska

#### Sign In Sheet

October 19, 2006, 11:00 – 1:00 p.m.

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