

including: (a) No Action; (b) new road links between Sitka and new ferry/marine terminals on the east side of Baranof Island with ferry service links to other communities, and; (c) all marine alternatives linking directly to Sitka or to a transfer facility and then Sitka. Below is a brief description of several possible alternatives that may meet the goals of the proposed project.

(1) Constructing a new road from Sitka north and east to Rodman Bay and constructing and operating a new ferry/marine terminal with ferry service links to other communities. This would allow marine transportation and freight services to avoid the restrictive Sergins Narrows.

(2) Constructing a road due east of Sitka to Warm Springs Bay and constructing and operating a new ferry/marine terminal with ferry service links to other communities. Included in this road would be an approximately two-mile-long tunnel through mountainous terrain. This alternative would allow marine transportation and freight services to completely avoid the Peril Straits.

(3) Constructing an AMHS transfer facility on Chatham Strait where passengers and freight would disembark and re-board a vessel that is not restricted by the tidal currents in Sergins Narrows such as a fast shuttle ferry. These fast shuttle ferries would then connect to the existing Sitka Terminal.

(4) Fast Vehicle Ferry service linking Sitka to Juneau, Petersburg or other surrounding communities.

During the scoping process, the FHWA and the ADOT&PF will solicit input from the public and interested agencies on the alternatives to be considered and the nature and extent of issues and impacts to be addressed in the EIS and the methods by which they will be evaluated.

Questionnaires, public notices and newsletters describing the proposed action alternatives and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, tribes,

private organizations, and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal.

Public scoping meetings will be held between December 2004 and January 2005 at each of the following communities: Angoon, Baranof Warm Springs, Elfin Cove, Gustavus, Hoonah, Kake, Pelican, Port Alexander, Sitka, Tenakee Springs, Juneau and Petersburg. As the meeting dates approach, a public notice announcing the exact date, time and location of the meetings will be published in the *Juneau Empire*, *Sitka Sentinel*, *Petersburg Pilot*, and the *Capital City Weekly*. The comment period will be provided.

Contact information for people with special needs will be included in the public notice announcements.

Two agency scoping meetings, one in Juneau and one in Sitka, will be held in December 2004. Agency staff will be given an opportunity to express their concerns, ask questions, and provide written comment. The ADOT&PF will contact the agencies by mail with the exact date, time, and location of the meetings. The agency comment period will be provided.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA or the ADOT&PF at the addresses provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Appointment of Members to the Legal Division Performance Review Board for Fiscal Year 2004

Under the authority granted to me as General Counsel of the Department of the Treasury, including the authority conferred by 31 U.S.C. 301 and Treasury Department Order No. 101-5 (revised), and pursuant to the Civil Service Reform Act, I hereby appoint the following individuals to the General Counsel Panel of the Legal Division Performance Review Board for Fiscal Year 2004:

James W. Carroll, Jr., who shall serve as Chairperson;

Thomas M. McGivern, Assistant to the General Counsel (Legislation, Litigation, and Disclosure);

Russell L. Munk, Assistant General Counsel (International Affairs);

Kenneth R. Schmalzbach, Assistant General Counsel (General Law and Ethics);

Roberta K. McInerney, Assistant General Counsel (Banking and Finance);

Marilyn L. Muench, Deputy Assistant General Counsel (International Affairs);

Peter A. Bieger, Deputy Assistant General Counsel (Banking and Finance);

Daniel P. Shaver, Chief Counsel, United States Mint;

Robert M. Tobiassen, Chief Counsel, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau;

Barbara C. Hammerle, Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control;

Judith R. Starr, Chief Counsel, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; and

Brian L. Ferrell, Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt.

Dated: October 27, 2004.

Arnold I. Havens,
General Counsel.

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