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Dear Ms. Leary,

I hope this letter finds you well. We are reaching out to propose a collaborative effort aimed at enhancing the region's transportation infrastructure and planning processes. Facilitated by the Alaska Municipal League (AML), and in partnership with the US Forest Service, the Federal Highway Administration, and the State of Alaska Department of Transportation, we are excited to announce upcoming workshops focused on long-range transportation planning in Southeast Alaska.

These workshops are crucial opportunities for us to gather insights, identify priority transportation projects, foster dialogue on transportation issues that profoundly impact our communities and pursue successful funding for priority transportation projects. The primary goal of these workshops is to facilitate discussions that inform both long-range transportation planning and equity transportation planning initiatives. By bringing together stakeholders from tribal and local governments, state and federal agencies, and community organizations, we aim to collectively address the unique transportation needs and challenges faced by Southeast Alaska.

We cordially invite you and your team to participate in a one-day workshop. Your presence and contributions will be instrumental in shaping the future of transportation infrastructure and policy in Southeast Alaska. Furthermore, we kindly request your assistance in hosting this workshop at a municipal facility. By providing a venue and logistical support, you will not only facilitate greater participation but also demonstrate your commitment to fostering collaboration and addressing the transportation needs of your constituents.

We are proposing to hold a virtual Gustavus workshop the week of August 26<sup>th</sup> – August 30<sup>th</sup> and we are eager to work with you to determine a schedule that aligns with your availability and preferences.

Anticipated participants include:

- FHWA
- State of Alaska DOT&PF
- United States Forest Service
- Gustavus Visitor Association
- National Park Service

Additionally, please let us know if you have an idea for other relevant stakeholders within your network who may benefit from participating in these workshops. Your partnership and engagement are crucial to the success of this endeavor, and we look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with you.

Thank you for considering our invitation, and we anticipate your positive response. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Britta Hamre at [britta@akml.org](mailto:britta@akml.org) or 907-575-6418.

Warm regards,

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