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To Whom It May Concern;

In 2017, the Petersburg Indian Association (PIA) proposed the construction and maintenance of a pedestrian trail from the Severson Subdivision to Haugen Drive adjacent to the Fire Hall. In April 2017, the Petersburg Planning and Zoning Commission recommended that the Borough Assembly support PIA's proposal and further recommended that parking areas be constructed at either end of the trail. In May 2017, the Borough Assembly wrote a letter of support for this project as recommend by Planning and Zoning. Additionally, there seemed to be an overwhelming sense of support from the community for the trail.

Unfortunately, all momentum on the project came to a halt after receiving a letter from the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. The letter addressed reasons why PIA could not be granted access to the unused land for the purpose of building the trail.

Recently there has been a renewed interest in this project. In October 2021, the Petersburg Parks and Recreation Board held a public work session to take input on local trail development. When asked about existing trails and trail development, the most common comment from the public was to add more trails and trail connectivity in our community. The second most common comment was to move forward with a cross-town trail connection, specifically the proposed trail link between the Severson Subdivision and the Fire Hall.

The Severson Subdivision trail would offer many benefits, including providing more access and a safer route for pedestrians. PIA continues to support this project for the betterment of our community.

Please contact Chad Wright at tribaladmin@piatribal.org or (907) 650-7769 if you have any questions about the content of this letter.

Sincerely,

Cris Morrison
Tribal Council President