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**Subject:** The Kake Road

I read the environmental document prepared by the Corps of Engineers that approved the permit for the road. They missed adding the 2016 findings from the Federal Highway Administration (with the concurrence from the State) that stated that there was No Purpose or Need for this road. The findings from Fed Highways was based on the comments received in both the Kake and Petersburg communities. The determination was made after three years of analysis and offering two proposed actions for analysis.

Having the road built won't change the issues that were presented in the discussions. However, it does raise potential challenges for the Borough.

How will this road be maintained?

- The State rep at the Fed Highway meetings noted that with lower Federal and State dollars available for road maintenance in general, it's unlikely the Kake Road will receive regular maintenance.
- No maintenance vehicles are located in or near this road to maintain this road year-round (which is the purpose of the road)
- Is Petersburg comfortable with using our road crews, as proposed by the State, to maintain these roads? During the winter, this crew is normally busy trying to maintain local roads and the airport runway.
- Does the State 2021-22 budget fund this maintenance? Has anyone looked? The road will be open for public use in October. Have local contractors been contacted regarding potential contracts for transporting equipment and crew. How comfortable are they transporting equipment and crew in Frederick Sound during the winter season?
- Where would EMS or Search and Rescue staff come from if needed? Would we defer this work to the Coast Guard? Petersburg is already short-handed with EMS staff trying to respond to local emergencies, has anyone discussed any Borough obligations regarding responding to incidents along this road?

With the Federal Infrastructure Bill potentially being passed sometime this year; it might be a good idea to start a "wish list" for things that are needed to support the work on this road. (Maintenance shed for equipment, equipment, contract for maintaining equipment, contracts for running this equipment, etc...)

The handful of people who will use this road is unlikely to be enough to support any long-term maintenance given the State budget situation and other higher priorities. Sad to see such a waste of money...

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