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Mayor Mike Navarre  
Kenai Peninsula Borough  
144 North Binkley Street  
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Dear Mayor Navarre:

We have reviewed your September 28<sup>th</sup> letter in which you discuss drainage issues along K-Beach Road, specifically in the area of mile 12.

We appreciate the thought, concern and commitment to working with the Department displayed in your letter.

You focus on two main themes in your letter: a temporary construction permit (tcp) and a potential drainage easement.

In regard to the tcp, this permit was opened some 18 months ago during a time of unusually wet conditions in the surrounding area. The Borough was in the process of, and has subsequently completed, work on roadside ditches, Buoy Avenue in particular, leading to the K-Beach roadside ditch. It is understood that the Buoy Avenue drainage improvements reduce the time of concentration of water, which increases the peak discharge into the K-Beach Road right-of-way. In recognition of this, we are asking the Borough to commit to continuing to work in good faith with the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities and respond to concerns expressed by our Maintenance & Operations Superintendent. If this is acceptable, we will suspend the permit requirements.

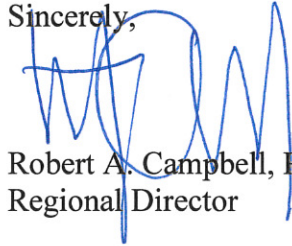
There was also discussion, and an attachment displaying a proposed drainage easement in the area of mile 12 of K-Beach Road; in your letter, members of your staff had contacted our Central Region Preconstruction Engineer, Ken Morton, P.E. While Mr. Morton did make a statement based on casual observation regarding the adequacy of the easement at mile 12, it was not a professional analysis on his part. Regardless, it is the Department's position that a cross culvert could be installed in the easement described in your attached drawing.

*"Keep Alaska Moving through service and infrastructure."*

While I recognize this may not be exactly what you want from us on this issue, I believe it provides a compromise that allows both agencies to provide reasonable protection and utilization of their facilities without extreme hardship to the other.

I hope we can continue our positive dialog as we work to "*Keep Alaska Moving*"

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Campbell', written over the printed name.

Robert A. Campbell, P.E.  
Regional Director