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HIGHWAY TO HIGHWAY UPDATE

Friends and Neighbors,

Last week, the Anchorage Daily News reported on a new development regarding the [Highway to Highway](#) project. Despite my ongoing requests to the Parnell administration for information to pass along to my constituents, I had to read it in the newspaper just like you.

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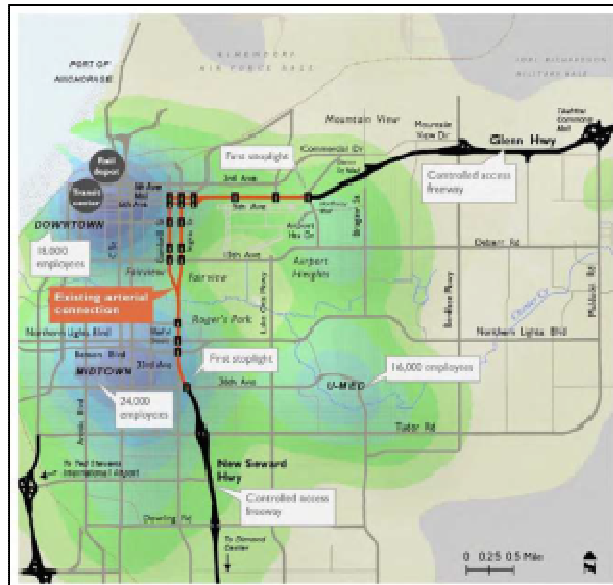
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In case you missed it: click [HERE](#) for the Anchorage Daily News article. You can click [HERE](#) to read the Department of Transportation's letter to the Mayor, and [HERE](#) to read the Mayor's letter in response.

These letters confirm that there is likely to be insufficient Federal funding for any major project to connect the Seward and Glenn highways and that the state will pursue smaller incremental projects along the existing road bed of the highways. Mayor Sullivan has recommended that the first incremental project be the construction of a highway overpass at 36th and Seward.

For many Anchorage residents, this development is good news. The intersections on Seward Highway between 36th and Fireweed are congested and potentially dangerous. But the public must not be locked out the decision making process. When the Parnell administration shut down the public process last year, it created enormous uncertainty for homeowners and small business owners along the proposed routes. I know many of my constituents have delayed home improvement projects because they didn't know if a new highway might come through the front window of their living room. This is bad for families, and bad for business.

Along with Representatives Gara and Gardner, I will continue to fight for the neighborhoods we represent. Decisions about major upgrades to highways through Anchorage's urban core must involve the participation of local communities. I have repeatedly asked the Parnell administration to keep this process open to the public, and I will continue to

do so.

Miss Alaska 2011

Congratulations to Katy Lovegreen. I am pleased to share that Katy was crowned [Miss Alaska 2011](#) on June 25th. I have been honored to know Katy's parents, Mark and Cheryl Lovegreen, for many years and they have certainly done a fantastic job raising this promising young woman.



Katy Lovegreen, recently crowned Miss Alaska with her parents Mark and Cheryl Lovegreen and Senator Ellis.

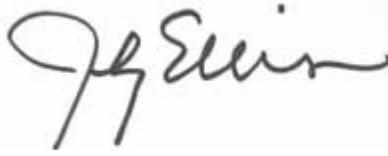
The 2011 Miss Alaska pageant was Katy's second attempt. Last year she was the second runner up to Miss Alaska 2010, Abby Hancock. With hard work and dedication Katy was able to claim top honors in this year's pageant. Katy wowed the judges with her Irish Treble Reel Dance and her platform, "Speak Out. Promoting Public Speaking and Debate Programs for Youth". Having studied K-8 Education at Alaska Pacific University, Katy hopes to become an elementary school teacher. I have no doubt Katy will prove to be an outstanding addition to any school lucky enough to have her.

As Miss Alaska, Katy will compete for the title of [Miss America 2012](#) in January. Beyond pageantry, the [Miss America Organization](#) is the world's leading provider of scholarships to young women and has enabled thousands of women to continue their education.

Katy is a talented young woman with a very bright future. I know she will proudly represent Alaska on the national stage when she travels to Las Vegas to compete for the crown of [Miss America 2012](#). Be

sure to tune in and cheer on a wonderful Alaskan.

Until Next Week,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Johnny Ellis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent dot over the 'i' in "Ellis".

Senator Johnny Ellis

P.S. [Renewable Energy Alaska Project \(REAP\)](#) will hold its annual Renewable Energy Fair on Saturday, August 13th on the Anchorage Park Strip from 11 am – 9 pm. Come enjoy live music, food, and learn about do-it-yourself projects, informational booths and projects around the state. Enjoy!