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NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO VOICE CONCERN FOR AMHS SERVICE GAPS!

House Transportation Committee to convene in Cordova for in-person testimony this Friday

CORDOVA ALASKA, July 22, 2019 – As concern rises over the new Alaska Marine Highway System’s draft winter ferry schedule, Cordovans are being offered the direct ear of legislators serving on the State House of Representatives’ Transportation Committee. The committee recently scheduled a special meeting in Cordova at the Cordova Center this Saturday, July 27th from 3:00-6:00pm. The meeting is open to the general public and is focused on hearing in-person testimony regarding the draft winter AMHS schedule.

“It is critical that all Cordovans concerned by the eight-month gap in service to Prince William Sound speak up now!” says Cathy Renfeldt, executive director of Cordova Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber urges residents to attend and share your stories about how this lack of service will directly affect you, your family, your business and the community as a whole.

“Do not give up yet, as I haven’t,” urges Representative Louise Stutes, chair of the House Transportation Committee regarding the Alaska Marine Highway System. There are two other opportunities to voice your concern regarding the AMHS winter ferry schedule. One is to write your comments and submit them via email by Friday, July 26th to dot.amhs.comments@alaska.gov. The second is to call in to the DOT’s public teleconference on Monday, July 29, 2019 at 1 :30 p.m.

Those in Cordova who’d like to participate in the teleconference may meet at the Cordova Center on Monday, July 29th. Doors will open at 1pm in Community Room A&B. Testimony is often limited to 1 minute per person, so preparing brief personal remarks ahead of time is often helpful. If you’d like to call in on your own, the toll free number is: 1-515-604-9000, access code 279613.

The Cordova Chamber of Commerce is governed by a 16-member board of directors and comprised of approximately 140 members. In addition to operating the Cordova Visitor Center, the Chamber’s work is divided into four program areas: maintaining residential quality of life, economic development, destination marketing and leadership development. Contact the Chamber at 907-424-7260 for more information or visit cordovachamber.com.

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