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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Cordova School District, I am writing to express our strong support for full funding in 2027 for the **Second Street Reconstruction Project (#32378)** and the **Whitshed Road and Pedestrian Improvements Project (#27049)**. Both projects are important to ensuring safe and reliable transportation for our students, families, and the broader Cordova community.

Our elementary school and district office are located on Second Street. Currently, the roadway is riddled with substantial potholes, causing drivers to slow abruptly, swerve, and alter their travel paths to avoid road damage. These unpredictable traffic movements create safety concerns, particularly during busy morning arrival and afternoon dismissal times. Additionally, our school buses travel the length of this street daily, and the deteriorating road conditions contribute to unnecessary wear and tear on district vehicles. Reconstruction of Second Street would provide safer access for our **211 elementary students and 130 families**, improve traffic flow, and create more organized parking and safer traffic patterns for everyone.

The Whitshed Road and Pedestrian Improvements Project is equally important to student safety. Students living along this road either walk to and from school, ride with their family, or rely on district-provided bus transportation. Poor drainage and persistent potholes create hazardous driving conditions and contribute to increased vehicle maintenance costs for families and the district. Of particular concern is the **lack of designated pedestrian space**, which places students walking along the roadway at greater risk, especially when vehicles must maneuver around potholes. Improvements to this roadway and its pedestrian infrastructure would significantly enhance safety for students and other community members.

Both projects have completed the design phase and are ready to move toward construction. Further delays may result in increased construction costs while allowing existing road conditions to deteriorate further. Providing full funding in 2027 would be a responsible investment of public resources while addressing important safety concerns for our community.

Cordova School District respectfully urges the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to fully fund both projects in 2027. Thank you for your consideration and for your continued investment in safe transportation infrastructure for Alaska's communities.

Sincerely,

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