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Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities Alaska Marine Highway <u>Dot.amhs.comments@alaska.gov</u> Via e-mail

Subject: Summer Operating Plan

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you in response to your request for comments regarding the operating plan (May 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021) draft (Rev 1-22-21) to meet community service needs.

I recognize the impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the AMHS, it has had a significant impact to the community of Gustavus also. Availability of safe, reliable transportation for rural communities on the "vehicle" road system, such as Gustavus, is only available by our ferries.

Furthermore, medical appointments, food, materials for home repairs, or equipment for construction and other purposes can only come by ferry. Please keep these points in mind as you read the responses below.

The Gustavus City Council appreciates the recognition for the NEED of adequate ferry service. Although the three-times-per-month is one week short of optimal, the City Council also recognizes the challenges the pandemic has caused the state.

Thank you for listening to Gustavus and providing the Summer 2021 Operating Schedule, the Gustavus City Council supports this Schedule.

Sincerely,

Brittney Cannamore, Mayor

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