



Congress of the United States
Washington, DC

March 26, 2026

The Honorable Chairman Cole
Chairman, House Committee on
Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ranking Member DeLauro
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Shotgun Cove Road Extension – Trinity Point Access Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Whittier, located at P.O. Box 608 Whittier, AK 99693.

The funding would be used to improve access to recreational lands and support long-term development opportunities near Whittier. The road will provide new access to areas of the Chugach National Forest and surrounding lands that are currently difficult to reach. The project will help support tourism growth, increase outdoor recreation opportunities, and provide access to potential future housing areas.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will open access to currently inaccessible federal, state, Native corporation, and municipal lands while supporting the City's long-term plans for community expansion.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicholas J. Begich III".

Nicholas J. Begich III
Congressman for All Alaska