



October 20, 2021

Mayor Harry Brower
North Slope Borough Mayor's Office
P.O. Box 69
Utqiagvik, Alaska 99723

RE: Letter of Support for the ASTAR Triangle Road Project

Dear Mayor Brower:

Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC) is writing to express the conceptual support of the Arctic Strategic Transportation and Resources (ASTAR) Project Triangle Road Project. This project would connect the communities of Atkasuk, Utqiagvik and Wainwright via a road network. We understand the ASTAR Project is a partnership between the North Slope Borough (NSB) and the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources (AKDNR) that will identify infrastructure projects that would have great value for the North Slope and its communities.

The proposed Triangle Road Project would provide many benefits to the people of Atkasuk, Utqiagvik and Wainwright. For all three communities, year-round road access offers the potential for increased economic opportunity, increased social and cultural connections, lower costs of goods and services, enhanced subsistence access, improved emergency response services, greater access to educational opportunities and expanded options for training and workforce development.

ASRC feels that this partnership is a very important first step towards the furtherance of possible future road interconnectivity within our region. The North Slope faces many obstacles from the isolation of our communities due to the lack of any all-season roads. ASRC strongly supports the ASTAR partnership as we need to connect our communities to provide residents with the benefits and overall sustainability similar to other road connected areas of Alaska as well as the rest of the country.

As a landowner in the region and particularly along the Triangle Road Project, ASRC has vested interest in this route. Along with the general benefits to our shareholders, ASRC has surface/subsurface ownership south of Utqiagvik and subsurface ownership below the Olgoonik Corporation lands around Wainwright. Within ASRC's landownership, our lands may hold critical gravel resources that will be required should this project be constructed. ASRC would like to be actively involved in the evaluation, planning, final

route selection and construction in any infrastructure that is developed as a result of the ASTAR project.

Sincerely,
ARCTIC SLOPE REGIONAL CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erik Kenning", is positioned above the printed name.

Erik Kenning
Sr. Director of Lands & Natural Resources