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Point MacKenzie Community Council

18297 Point MacKenzie Road, Wasilla, AK 99654

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June 12, 2009

David Navecky
STB Finance Docket No. 35095
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: Proposed Rail Corridor

Dear Mr. Navecky:

The Point MacKenzie Community Council is concerned with the impact the proposed rail routes might have on our community. Although our community is sparsely populated compared with other areas of our borough, the route selected could have adverse affects on the development and economical growth of our area. With the growth of our port facility, the construction of the Goose Creek Correctional Center, and new industrial and commercial ventures, our community is realizing the importance of planning to avoid unfavorable uses and impacts to our community's economic, recreational and environmental resources. The population of our community will accelerate as new businesses and economic opportunities are developed.

The areas identified by our residents and the comprehensive planning team for our town site and business areas are located near the junction of Burma, Ayrshire, and Point MacKenzie Road intersections. Another area planned for development is in the vicinity of Alsop Road and Point MacKenzie Road (**see attached map**). Two of the proposed rail routes would bisect these areas resulting in limited access to business, agricultural, residential, and recreational opportunities. The growth of the city of Wasilla has been heavily impacted by the railroad bisecting the community and limiting areas of growth. We would like to avoid the same types of problems by routing the rail away from our core area..

Existing wildlife corridors between the Goose Bay Game Refuge and the Susitna Flats Game Refuge areas must also be protected from development and appropriate measures taken to insure natural migration routes are not jeopardized by physical barriers.

The members of the Community Council support the route located to the west identified as "Mac West and Connector 1". This route has the least impact on our community, recreation, and wildlife and would allow our town site to develop unimpeded.

Board Members

Toby Riddell, President

Jeff Wendt, Vice President

Wilma Gonzales, Treasurer

Tammy Hoerauf, Secretary

Donald Thomson

We invite you to participate in our meetings and we look forward to working together towards developing our economic assets while protecting our community's resources. Please do not hesitate to call me at 355-9830 if you have any questions. Thank you.

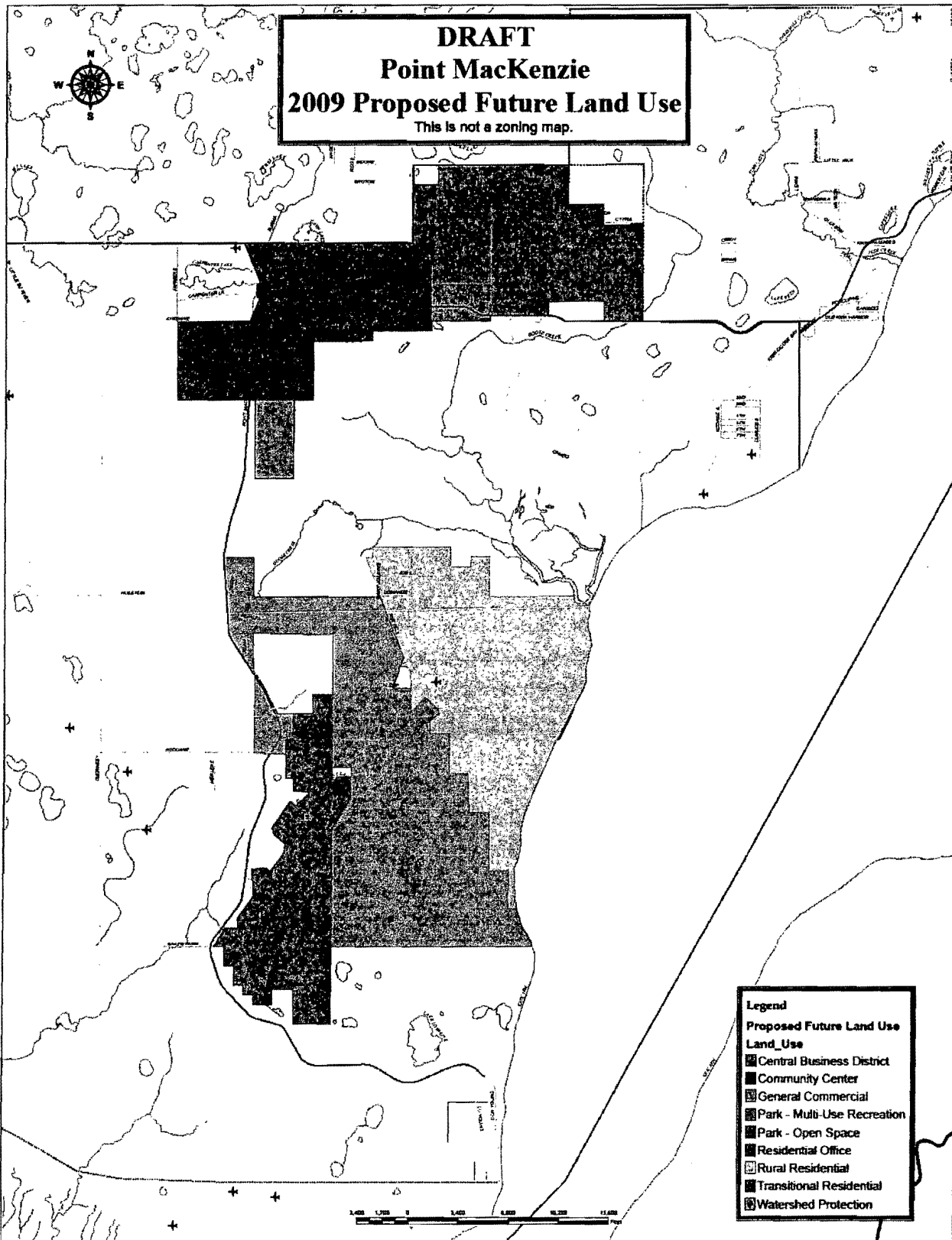
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Toby Riddell', written in a cursive style.

Toby Riddell
President

cc: Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly
Alaska Railroad Corporation
Point MacKenzie Comprehensive Planning Committee

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Point MacKenzie
2009 Proposed Future Land Use
This is not a zoning map.



- Legend**
- Proposed Future Land Use**
- Land Use**
- Central Business District
 - Community Center
 - General Commercial
 - Park - Multi-Use Recreation
 - Park - Open Space
 - Residential Office
 - Rural Residential
 - Transitional Residential
 - Watershed Protection