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DOT&PF Notice of Proposed De Minimis Section 4(f) Finding: Ketchikan South Tongass Highway Rehabilitation

Project # 67571, 67685

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is requesting public comments on an intended de minimis Section 4(f) Impact Finding for the proposed project and Saxman Totem Park, which is protected under Section 4(f) of the USDOT Act of 1966.

Saxman Totem Park is a public park in the city of Saxman, Alaska just south of Ketchikan. The Saxman Totem Park consists of 25 historic Tlingit-style totem poles, a mixture of originals and replicas, arranged in a T-shaped park. In the late 1930's a collection of 200 original Tlingit wood carvings were salvaged from the abandoned Alaska Native towns and cemeteries of Old Tongass Village, Cat Island, Village Island, Pennock Island and Cape Fox Village.

The work proposed in this property as part of this project (South Tongass Highway: Saxman to Surf Pavement Rehabilitation and Deermount to Saxman Widening) would:

- Connect existing drives in Saxman along the South Tongass Highway
- Stabilize the slope in front of Saxman Totem Park

As a result of the proposed work, a potential proposed Right-of-Way permanent easement, exclusively for slope stabilization, as well as temporary construction easements for side slope stability and to connect S. Tongass Highway to existing drives may be necessary at Saxman Totem Park.

After consideration of impact avoidance, and minimization of harm, and coordination with the City of Saxman, DOT&PF intends to make a de minimis Section 4(f) finding that the proposed project would not adversely affect the activities, features, or attributes that qualify Saxman Totem Park for protection under Section 4(f).

Please submit your written comments to:

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To ensure that all possible factors are considered, please provide comments via email, fax, or mailing address by September 18, 2022.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by DOT&PF pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated November 3, 2017 and executed by FHWA and DOT&PF.

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