

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

**Between the
Government of Yukon
and the
State of Alaska
On the Improvement of the
Alaska Taylor Highway
and the
Yukon Top of the World Highway**

WHEREAS Yukon and Alaska are closely tied -- culturally, economically and geographically;
and

WHEREAS tourism is one of Alaska's and Yukon's important industries and the recreational vehicle and bus tour industry between Yukon and Alaska continues to grow and requires high quality highway facilities; and


WHEREAS the scenic route offered by the Alaska Taylor Highway and the Yukon Top of the World Highway, in combination with the Alaska Highway, is a highly attractive tourist destination; and

WHEREAS the Government of Yukon has commenced a four-year program to upgrade the Top of the World Highway between Dawson City and the Yukon/Alaska border in anticipation of its Gold Rush Centennial '98 Celebration; and

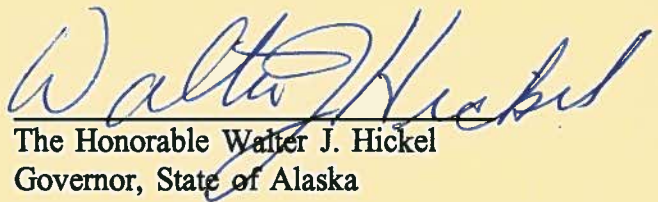
WHEREAS the upgraded route will enhance tourism opportunities, provide improved access to the area's vast natural resources, promote international trade, and improve the intermodal transportation link with the Yukon River;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the State of Alaska and the Government of Yukon will fully cooperate to expedite improvement of the Alaska Taylor Highway and the Yukon Top of the World Highway.

Dated at Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, this 27th day of October 1993.



The Honourable John Ostashek
Government Leader
Government of Yukon



The Honorable Walter J. Hickel
Governor, State of Alaska