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Dear Mr. Adler,

A Homer resident has brought to the City's attention that DOT&PF, as part of the Lake Street Rehabilitation Project, wishes to remove the Regent Church property's access to its western driveway. This driveway adjoins Pioneer Avenue at the four-way stop intersection with Lake Street and is shared by three entities: Regent Church, Boss Hogz Restaurant and the Kenai Peninsula Borough's maintenance facility. It is also crossed daily by high school students walking a footpath that directly connects the High School to businesses on Pioneer Avenue.

While we understand that driveways at intersections may pose safety concerns, this particular driveway has been established and in use for many years, and furthermore will stay in use by Kenai Peninsula Borough employees if we understand correctly.

We are writing to recommend that AK DOT&PF allow the Regent Church property to continue its shared access to the western driveway for two main reasons:

Traffic safety: Restricting access to the Regent Church property to its eastern driveway (adjoining East End Road between Lake Street and the Homer High School entrance) will congest traffic flow on East End Road and from the Lake Street intersection as cars attempt to turn left into and out of the property. East Road does not provide a dedicated turn lane to this driveway, which will create backed up traffic and an increased likelihood of collisions.

Pedestrian safety: Allowing high school students their customary access to Pioneer Avenue allows them to cross Pioneer Avenue more safely at a controlled intersection. Vehicular access to the driveway does not conflict with normal high school pedestrian traffic at the intersection.

Sincerely,

Ken Castner, Mayor
on behalf of the Homer City Council

