

Hi Brian,

All of our trucks were under the weight limit Sumner had established for North Shore Drive, as enforced by the Jefferson County Sheriff, and it is unfair to single out one project when the road is used everyday by trucks. The project's vehicle traffic is no different than garbage trucks, delivery trucks for the restaurants, or septic pump trucks. Also, we hauled over the road when it was frozen and for only 3 days. I worked in the asphalt industry for 15 years before getting into excavating. The failure you would see from heavy vehicles would be rutting and pumping of the subgrade, not a few random pot holes. Pot holes are formed from repetitive freezing/thawing or when a snow plow blade plows over asphalt pavement that is broken / deteriorated and catches the smaller broken pieces of pavement, popping them out and forming a hole. We had a rough winter, lots of plowing, and it is my opinion that the damage was from snow plows and old / fatigued pavement.

Going through the initial permitting process I strongly got the impression that Sumner wanted a free road out of this project. In my opinion what Sumner is doing is extortion!

Good luck,

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