

A RESOLUTION OF THE HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE HAINES HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION AND CHILKAT BRIDGE REPLACEMENT MP 3.5-25.3 PROJECT WITH THE CHILKAT RIVER BRIDGE DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED TO THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE INDUSTRIAL STANDARD.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) is responsible for the planning, design, and implementation of the state transportation program; and

WHEREAS, the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is the state's four-year program for transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Haines Highway, including the Chilkat River Bridge, are part of the state transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the Haines Highway Reconstruction and Chilkat Bridge Replacement MP 3.5-25.3 project (hereinafter "Project") is included in the 2012-2015 STIP; and

WHEREAS, the Project will greatly address safety issues, including alignment, grades, curve radii, debris flow problems, and width, including installing 6-foot shoulders on both lanes for bicycle safety, as well as promote access, economic development, and jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Haines Borough Comprehensive Plan supports transportation safety improvements, access, jobs, and economic development, including ensuring that the Haines Highway can support the safe transport heavy industrial loads to and from the Yukon and Interior Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Haines Highway Reconstruction and Chilkat Bridge Replacement MP 3.5-25.3 project is important for future economic development opportunities that could provide a benefit to the Borough, State of Alaska, and the Nation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Haines Borough requests that the Governor, the Alaska State Legislature, and the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to support Haines Highway Reconstruction and Chilkat Bridge Replacement MP 3.5-25.3 projects, with the Chilkat River Bridge designed and constructed to the highest possible industrial standard;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Haines Highway Reconstruction and Chilkat Bridge Replacement MP 3.5-25.3 project schedules proceed through the STIP process as expeditiously as practicable.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 27th day of November, 2012.


Stephanie Scott, Mayor

Attest:


Julie Cozzi, MMC, Borough Clerk

