

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly Supporting the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities improvement project at the Haines Airport.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has already repaved the ramp at the Haines Airport and repaired drainage issues; and

WHEREAS, the Haines Borough 2025 Comprehensive Plan identifies the following Transportation Goals, "Provide a safe, convenient, reliable and connected transportation network to move goods and people to, from and within the Haines Borough"; and

WHEREAS, Haines Borough residents are increasingly relying upon air travel as ferry service from the Alaska Marine Highway System becomes less frequent and less reliable; and

WHEREAS, Haines Borough residents rely on airplanes to bring our mail; and

WHEREAS, 2020 has seen limited road access into and out of Haines due to the closure of the Canadian border due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, which further isolates Haines Borough residents and increases reliance on air travel; and


WHEREAS, the State's proposal to repave the runways and taxiways, reroute and pave the helipad access road, upgrade the lights and rebuild associated drainage culverts contribute to both the safety and economic viability of air travel into and out of the Haines Borough; and

WHEREAS, the state's proposal to add a Snow Removal Equipment Building (SREB) near the helipads will provide a heated building for a snow blower which will increase safety at the airport as well as increase the response time to snow events;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the Haines Borough supports the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities project at the Haines Airport and appreciates the ongoing DOT commitment to Haines and its residents to keep air travel safe and convenient for both travel and the transportation of essential goods.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 22nd day of September, 2020.

Attest:


Alekka Fullerton, CMC, Borough Clerk




Jan Hill, Borough Mayor