

Presented by: Mayor, Deputy Mayor  
& Assembly

Introduced: 12/08/97

Drafted by: J.R. Corso

## **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**

**Serial No. 1911**

### **A Resolution Supporting Improved Access to Juneau.**

WHEREAS, the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau supports all means of improving access to the capital city, by air, water, surface, or electronic means, and

WHEREAS, the Assembly supports maintenance of Alaska Marine Highway System capacity sufficient to meet present and projected future demands for service in Southeast Alaska generally, and the Lynn Canal corridor in particular, and

WHEREAS, the Assembly supports deployment of Alaska Marine Highway System ferries in a manner calculated to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the entire regional transportation system, and

WHEREAS, increasing the capacity of the regional transportation system, including extension of existing road access would stimulate economic activity; improve social relations between communities; increase access to medical, educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities for people and communities throughout the region; and improve access to the state capital for all Alaskans, and

WHEREAS, the Assembly supports a source of public funding for increased road access to Juneau that would preserve the resources available for other state or local transportation projects or other public needs, and

WHEREAS, improved marine, road and air access to the capital would increase the general efficiency of the regional transportation system, and

WHEREAS, the Assembly supports consideration in the Alaska Department of Transportation Draft Environmental Impact Statement of the East Lynn Canal alternative as one of several needed road links in Southeast Alaska which in the long term will provide improved access to the entire Southeast Alaska region to and from the rest of the state; and which will provide needed infrastructure upon which to develop more cost-efficient and service-oriented Alaska Marine Highway System connections, and

WHEREAS, Juneau has both short-term and long-term transportation needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

**Section 1.** For the near term, the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau supports:

(A) improvements to the Alaska Marine Highway System component of the regional transportation system, including consideration of private-sector ferries and daily ferry service in the Lynn Canal Corridor, and

(B) evaluation by the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, with the same degree of review given to other alternatives numbered 4, a new Alternative 4E which would consist of operating the *Malaspina* as a day ferry.

**Section 2.** For the long term, the Assembly supports consideration of road access from Juneau to Skagway and the rest of the state of Alaska, including, in concept, the East Lynn Canal alternative.

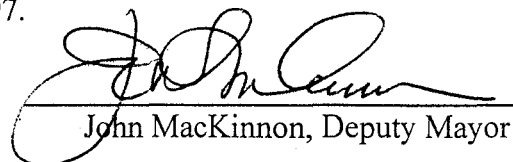
**Section 3.** The city and borough will take an active and timely role in planning for changes and impacts that can be anticipated from the road and in addressing the concerns of Haines, Skagway, and Hoonah.

**Section 4.** For the final Environmental Impact Statement, the Assembly asks that the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities re-evaluate the cost of Alternative 2 to include the cost of upgrading and repairing Glacier Highway from Echo Cove to Peterson Hill.

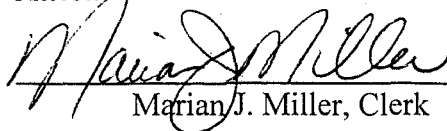
**Section 5.** That minutes of the special meeting, along with the written testimony submitted be provided to the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities with a cover memo indicating that these comments from Juneau residents were gathered as a result of a public hearing held by the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly on Monday, December 8, 1997.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1997.

  
John MacKinnon, Deputy Mayor

Attest:

  
Marian J. Miller, Clerk