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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1573

A RESOLUTION URGING THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES TO CONSIDER AN INLAND ALIGNMENT FOR A PORTION OF THANE ROAD.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities is engaged in a reconnaissance study of Thane Road for the purpose of developing a design for the upgrade of the road, and

WHEREAS, that part of Thane Road between the downtown ferry terminal and Mt. Roberts Road is of particular concern to both the state and the city and borough because of its potential impact on the downtown waterfront, and

WHEREAS, the state has studied a variety of alternate routes for the renovation of Thane Road, including some new routes located substantially further inland and higher in elevation than the current road alignment, and

WHEREAS, the city and borough is concerned about the preliminary cost estimates that have been developed for some of the alternates for the renovation of Thane Road which show very high costs for upper inland alignments, and

WHEREAS, the state's initial study shows that the renovation of Thane Road on the current alignment would have the lowest apparent construction cost, however this alignment would also have a detrimental effect on the ability to redevelop the portion of the downtown waterfront owned by the Alaska Electric Light and Power Company/AJT Mining Property, Inc., and

WHEREAS, AEL&P/AJT has encouraged the state to consider a modified inland route which would be located slightly inland from the current alignment and would pass through the AEL&P/AJT warehouse, and

WHEREAS, the ALE&P/AJT warehouse is at the end of its useful life, although it is eligible for inclusion on the National Historic Register, and

WHEREAS, the state will initiate a historic register evaluation of the warehouse if the AEL&P/AJT preferred route is designated as the state's preferred alternative, and

WHEREAS, the AEL&P/AJT preferred route would result in a new road alignment that has flatter grades and wider curves, and

WHEREAS, the AEL&P/AJT preferred route would also establish a shoreline property with substantial development potential which would result in greater economic benefits for both the landowner and the public, and

WHEREAS, AEL&P/AJT has expressly stated its preference for the modified inland route, as has the City and Borough of Juneau Planning Commission, and

WHEREAS, the state has requested a statement of the City and Borough of Juneau's position on the Thane Road route alignment issue, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and its Special Waterfront Committee have met and discussed this issue with DOT/PF staff and other interested parties in order to assist the Assembly in its consideration of this matter;

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

1. That the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities is urged to adopt the AEL&P/AJT modified inland route as its preferred alternative for the renovation of Thane Road for at least the next phase of the design process, provided that the Assembly may reconsider its position depending on the outcome of additional study by the state, including the historic evaluation of the AEL&P/AJT warehouse.

2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 1st day of June, 1992.



Mayor

Attest:



Clerk