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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 420

A RESOLUTION URGING THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS TO BUILD A PEDESTRIAN OVERCROSSING FOR THE MENDENHALL LOOP ROAD AND TO REEVALUATE THE NEED TO EXPAND THE MENDENHALL LOOP ROAD TO FOUR LANES.

WHEREAS, there is substantial motor vehicle pedestrian conflict on the Mendenhall Loop Road, and

WHEREAS, such conflicts create hazards to pedestrians crossing said road, and

WHEREAS, pedestrians crossing said road cause hazardous conditions for motorists, and

WHEREAS, there is an extremely high number of pedestrians who must, each day, cross said road in the area around the Trinity Drive intersection, and

WHEREAS, there is no traffic device or system now in use or which has been used in said area which provides a fully effective means of making said road safe for pedestrians to cross, and

WHEREAS, with a proper arrangement of fences and sidewalks, a pedestrian overcrossing could provide a more effective means of protecting pedestrians without impeding motor vehicle traffic flow, and

WHEREAS, sufficient right-of-way apparently exists to build such a pedestrian overcrossing and to provide an appropriate arrangement of fences and sidewalks, and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Highways now plans to widen said road to four lanes, and

WHEREAS, there may not be a present need for the proposed four lanes, and

WHEREAS, it is questionable whether there is a future need for four lanes on said road, and

WHEREAS, the congestion on the existing road can be decreased by improvements to the Egan Expressway/Mendenhall Loop Road intersection, elimination of road level pedestrian crossings in urbanized and school areas by the installation of pedestrian overcrossings and by other improvements;

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

That the city and borough strongly urges:

1. That the Alaska Department of Highways immediately build a pedestrian overcrossing in the vicinity of the Mendenhall Loop Road/Trinity Drive intersection.

2. That the Alaska Department of Highways plan construction of a pedestrian overcrossing in the vicinity of the Floyd Dryden School and Loop Road.

3. That the Alaska Department of Highways reevaluate its decision to expand a portion of the Mendenhall Loop Road to four lanes.

4. That the Alaska Department of Highways proceed with a project to construct shoulders and sidewalks on Loop Road in accordance with the present plans irrespective of whether there are two lanes or four lanes.

Adopted this day of 1976.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk