

Presented by: The Manager
Introduced: 01/23/2017
Drafted by: Mayor Kendell D. Koelsch

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2784

A Resolution Affirming the City and Borough of Juneau's Continuing Support of the Juneau Access Project.

WHEREAS, the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Juneau Access Project has been completed by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities; and

WHEREAS, all state and federal funding has been identified to complete the construction of the East Lynn Canal Highway under the Preferred Alternative 2B; and

WHEREAS, this project has substantially received all permits and necessary funding for construction; and

WHEREAS, both houses of the Twenty-fourth Alaska State Legislature, by resolution during the 2005 session, recognized the importance of road access to the Capital City; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Legislature has consistently supported the East Lynn Canal Highway by appropriating necessary state funding for this project; and

WHEREAS, road access would provide additional less expensive opportunities for constituents to interact with their legislators and state government; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan has identified that the completion of the East Lynn Canal Highway is a major component in helping resolve the many transportation issues in Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway System remains an important mode of surface transportation for Juneau and Southeast Alaska, and needs to continue to receive adequate state funding; and

WHEREAS, one of the 2004 published goals of the CBJ Assembly is to "Support enhanced access, including road access," and it is the responsibility of Juneau, as Alaska's Capital City, to improve access in every way possible, including electronic, air, marine and road services; and

WHEREAS, the East Lynn Canal Highway will provide convenient and inexpensive vehicle access for the residents of Juneau, Haines and Skagway while improving ferry service for other communities; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has chosen not to move forward on this project.

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

Section 1. That the City and Borough of Juneau continues to support the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities efforts to complete the construction of the East Lynn Canal Highway.

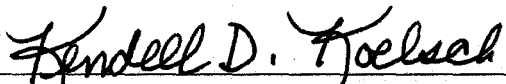
Section 2. That the City and Borough considers the completion of the East Lynn Canal Highway as a major project priority for the community of Juneau.

Section 3. That the City and Borough of Juneau asks the Juneau Legislative Delegation to support maintaining previously appropriated statewide funds for the Juneau Access project to be held available to allow the project to proceed.


Section 4. The City and Borough of Juneau asks the Alaska Legislature to maintain previously appropriated statewide funds for the Juneau Access project to be held available to allow the project to proceed.

Section 5. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

Adopted this 23rd day of January, 2017.


Kendell D. Koelsch, Mayor

Attest:


Laurie J. Sica, Municipal Clerk