

Presented by: Mayor & Assembly
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1549

A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU'S SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED WEST DOUGLAS PROJECT PRESENTED BY GOLDBELT, INC. AND URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE TO CONTINUE FUNDING THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND DESIGN WORK ON THE NORTH DOUGLAS HIGHWAY ROAD EXTENSION.

WHEREAS, Goldbelt, Inc., a Juneau-based corporation having 2,700 shareholders, is pursuing its proposed West Douglas Project, and

WHEREAS, the project includes a 5.5 mile extension of the North Douglas Highway and the development of an industrial marine facility and boat harbor which would provide economic diversification, jobs, and new transportation links for Juneau, and

WHEREAS, the extension of the highway would not only provide access to the Goldbelt project, but would also provide access to 3,500 acres of city and borough land which would make available increased recreational opportunities, and

WHEREAS, in March 1991, the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly adopted Resolution Nos. 1494am and 1495 expressing support for the West Douglas project and requesting that the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOTPF) recognize the economic development potential of the project and give it high statewide priority, and

WHEREAS, the Assembly applauds the Governor and the legislature for their cooperation and support on this project in Fiscal Year 1992 with the first increment of funding for preparation of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on the road extension, and

WHEREAS, DOTPF has begun the necessary review of the environmental impacts of the highway extension, and

WHEREAS, additional work and state funding is necessary to continue work on the environmental impact statement and the design and engineering work on the extension of the North Douglas Highway, and

WHEREAS, the Assembly continues to support the West Douglas project as an important development for expanding economic diversification and enhancing recreational opportunities for residents of the City and Borough of Juneau;

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

1. That the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau reaffirms its support for the concept presented by Goldbelt, Inc. on the proposed West Douglas project.

2. That the Assembly respectfully urges the Governor and the Legislature to make available the next increment of funding for the continued work by DOTPF on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed 5.5 mile extension of the North Douglas Highway and the design and engineering work on this portion of the West Douglas project. The Assembly further urges the Governor to add the North Douglas Highway to his priority list of roads, including improvements to the existing road to assure the safety of North Douglas residents. Finally, the Assembly urges that DOTPF continue to recognize the economic development potential of the project and give it high statewide priority.

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

Adopted this 6th day of January, 1992.



Mayor

Attest:



Clerk