

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

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NORTH DOUGLAS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD TRANSPORTATION**

- 1) WHEREAS, the 2013 CBJ Comprehensive Plan (Plan) “promotes orderliness in growth, and institutes reusable and consistent controls over land development in order to protect and enhance the livability of Juneau, promote orderliness in growth, and institute reasonable and consistent controls over land development and public services;”
- 2) WHEREAS, the Plan proposes to “1. preserve, promote, protect, and improve the public health, safety, appearance, convenience, provision of services, and general welfare; 2. prevent overcrowding of land and exceeding the “carrying capacity,” or adequate level of service, of the land and infrastructure, such as roads;”
- 3) WHEREAS, the CBJ “should make a reasonable effort to provide to neighborhood associations an opportunity to review and comment on matters subject to notice as set forth in subsection (b) of this section, and all proposals which may significantly affect a neighborhood or bring about a change in the traditional character of the neighborhood;” (11.35.040 - Municipal Responsibilities)
- 4) WHEREAS, the character of North Douglas as a residential neighborhood has changed due to increased tourism and industrial traffic;
- 5) WHEREAS, the Plan calls for a “neighborhood plan for North Douglas to address current and anticipated neighborhood issues such as traffic, transit” and pedestrian safety, among other essential planning elements;
- 6) WHEREAS, the Plan recognizes that “the North Douglas Highway is a two lane paved minor arterial roadway with no sidewalk, separated pedestrian pathway or bicycle lane. It is also a local access residential street with over 500 driveways accessing directly to the road. This creates dangers to the local users and those passing through to recreation destinations”. The Plan further recognizes that the highway has experienced an increase in traffic over the years and this increase “is dangerous for pedestrians, joggers, bicyclists, and students awaiting school bus service.” Other year round users include non-vehicle users such as; pets, rollerbladers, wheelchairs, runners, community races and events;
- 7) WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Works (DOT) Planning Environment and Linkages (PEL) study found “inevitable increase in traffic” which presents an increased hazard caused by seasonal and year-around traffic to the Eaglecrest Ski Area and developing tourism and business properties. The type of vehicles has significantly changed from cars to commercial and industrial traffic;

- 8) WHEREAS, NDNA informal surveys demonstrate a majority of our residents consistently express deep concern regarding vehicle speeding, heavy vehicle stopping distances and too much traffic causing congestion on the shoulder and spurring unsafe passing behavior on North Douglas Highway;
- 9) WHEREAS, additional traffic from the proposed second channel crossing, cruise ship port and tourism complex on West Douglas will increase traffic;
- 10) WHEREAS, tourism land development, proposed second channel will increase the traffic on North Douglas Highway due to increased commercial kayaking, hiking, biking, Segway, Jeeps, new shuttle bus service providing tourists transport from the proposed port to Eaglecrest and Casino, etc.

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

**Section 1. Conduct a traffic safety study.** A traffic safety study and transportation master plan for North Douglas Highway must be conducted by DOT and CBJ to assess hazards to non-vehicle users and general road safety and to establish carrying capacity recommendations.

**Section 2. Bench Road Study.** Considering decades of Plans acknowledging the need for a North Douglas Bench road, a study shall be completed regarding development of a bench road to alleviate traffic and increase safety on North Douglas Highway.

**Section 3. Protect Non-motorized Users.** North Douglas Highway shoulder shall be retained and improved to provide local residents and tourists with safe non motorized use.

**Section 4. Permit Conditions.** CBJ must include transportation safety and guidelines as part of all CBJ commercial tourism and recreational permits pertaining to North Douglas and include these requirements in the Tourism Best Management Practices.

**Section 5. Provide Notice to NDNA.** Consistent with CBJ 11.35.040, current and future tourism and commercial development permits must be provided to NDNA for timely analysis and comment.

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