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P.O Box: 390 Girdwood, Alaska 99587 <u>http://www.muni.org/gbos</u> David Bronson, Mayor GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Briana Sullivan and Jennifer Wingard, Co-Chairs Mike Edgington, Amanda Sassi, Guy Wade

Resolution 2023-14 Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING IN THE GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA

WHEREAS, Girdwood Valley Service Area (GVSA) transportation planning is currently under the 2001 Girdwood Commercial Areas and Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the existing plan was written to coincide with the outdated 1995 Girdwood Area Plan which has been found to not be in alignment with modern community sentiments; and

WHEREAS, the existing plan does not address key areas of Girdwood's transportation infrastructure, including Alyeska Highway, Seward Highway, Girdwood Airport, Crow Creek Road, and the Alaska Railroad, and

WHEREAS, the existing transportation system lacks secondary access and egress of the Girdwood Valley and the current proposed plan appears unfeasible, requiring an update to this critical element in basic transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, efforts for GVSA application for grants to improve roads with federal funding has received feedback that GVSA needs to have a plan that identifies these projects in order for applications to be seriously considered; and

WHEREAS, the GVSA will require funds from outside the Girdwood Valley Service Area property tax base in order to achieve certain road construction or significant road repair projects; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that a comprehensive transportation plan will need to be funded, which will likely require commitment of GVSA funds as well as funds from other sources, which will have to be discussed and approved; and

WHEREAS, this action has been discussed and considered by the Girdwood Land Use Committee, which voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed and 7 abstaining to recommend this resolution at their July 10, 2023 regular meeting.

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors supports comprehensive transportation planning in the Girdwood Valley Service Area, to include local and state roads within and adjacent to the Girdwood Valley Service Area as well as other transportation elements such as the Girdwood Airport and Alaska Railroad.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed this 21st day of August 2023.

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Margaret Tyler

Attest

Amanda Sassi GBOS Police, Roads and Utilities Supervisor