

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE  
URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-003**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A TRAIL REVIEW OF A NEW NON-MOTORIZED, MULTI-USE TRAIL APPROXIMATELY 1.0-MILE IN LENGTH CONNECTING THE TONY KNOWLES COASTAL TRAIL AND THE SHIP CREEK TRAIL IN DOWNTOWN ANCHORAGE.**

(Case 2025-0061)

WHEREAS, a request was received from the Municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department for a trail review of a new non-motorized, multi-use trail approximately 1.0-mile in length connecting the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail and the Ship Creek Trail in Downtown Anchorage, and

WHEREAS, public hearing notices were published, posted, and mailed, and a public hearing was held on June 11, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Anchorage Urban Design Commission that:

- A. The Commission makes the following findings of fact:
1. This trail is a critical connection for making a full loop in our greenbelt systems.
  2. The trail is consistent with Title 21 and Municipal plans.
  3. The trail will add an amenity for the community.
  4. The flood wall drainage was a point of concern because even with the sump pump there may still be ice.
  5. There are concerns for a tunneling effect with the design, lighting on the tunnel being enough for the safety of the users, and grade.
  6. There is some design compromises because of restrictions based on what is already there for utilities on the railroad properties and safety around the railroad tracks.
  7. There were robust stakeholder and public involvement meetings throughout the development of the plans.
  8. Comments from members of the public and reviewing agencies were mostly supportive of the trails project.
- B. The Commission approves of a new non-motorized, multi-use trail approximately 1.0 mile in length connecting the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail and the Ship Creek Trail in Downtown Anchorage, consistent with the application dated April 2, 2025.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Urban Design Commission on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.

ADOPTED by the Anchorage Urban Design Commission on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025. This is the final decision of the Commission. Any party may appeal this decision within twenty (20) days to the Board of Adjustment pursuant to Anchorage Municipal Code section 21.03.050A.

  
Melisa R.K. Babb  
Secretary

  
Edith McKee  
Chair