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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR NO. 2002- 404

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE REQUESTING THE STATE OF
2 ALASKA TO SEPARATELY FUND AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAIL FOR THE
3 PROPOSED ANCHORAGE COASTAL TRAIL SOUTHERN EXTENSION
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6 WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Department of Transportation released the Draft
7 Environmental Impact Statement on the "preferred route" for a south extension of the Anchorage
8 Coastal Trail on Nov. 13 of this year and held public hearings on Dec. 11 and 12 in Anchorage;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the public has through March 7, 2003, to submit written comments to the
11 state about the proposal; and

12 WHEREAS, the cost of constructing the 13.3 mile-long trail is conservatively estimated
13 by the state to be in the neighborhood of almost \$40 million, about 90% of which is proposed to
14 come from Federal Highway funds through the Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation
15 Solutions (AMATS) with the balance from state funds; and

16 WHEREAS, the southern extension of the coastal trail is not the top priority on the
17 AMATS approved list of trail projects, it would consume, in effect, the entire AMATS trail
18 budget for four-to-six years; and

19 WHEREAS, after the state completes the trail, the Municipality is expected to be
20 responsible for operation and maintenance, paid entirely by Anchorage property taxes; and

21 WHEREAS, Anchorage residents only recently were provided notice that the preferred
22 route selected by the state would require partial – and in three instances total – acquisition or
23 condemnation of 177 parcels of primarily residential property along the bluff; and

24 WHEREAS, portions of the state selected preferred route runs below the bluff along the
25 refuge area used by large mammals, including bears, raising concern for trail users safety; and

26 WHEREAS, the proposed route would place the trail near the South Anchorage rifle
27 range raising concerns for the continued operation of the range now used by many residents for
28 teaching, practicing and competing.

29 NOW THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

30 Section 1. That due to the significant scale of this project, that the State commit a
31 separate allocation of funds for this project including design and construction that is above and
32 beyond the annual funding to AMATS.

33 Section 2 That the state provide more thorough detail about the costs of construction,
34 operation and right of way acquisition, the anticipated environmental consequences including
35 potential interaction between trail users and wildlife, and the state's commitment to the
36 continued operation of the South Anchorage rifle range.

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1 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Assembly this 17th day of December, 2002

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Chair of the Assembly

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| 1 | SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT Request to the State of Alaska concerning Anchorage coastal trail southern extension | DATE PREPARED December 12, 2002 |
| | | Indicate Documents Attached <input type="checkbox"/> AO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AR <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> AIM |
| 2 | DEPARTMENT NAME Mayor's Office | DIRECTOR'S NAME Mayor Wuerch |
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| | Municipal Manager | |
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| | Employee Relations | |
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| 5 | Special Instructions/Comments | |
| | <i>Addendum -</i> | |
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| 6 | ASSEMBLY HEARING DATE REQUESTED December 17, 2002 | 7 |
| | | PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED _____ |

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