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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
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**A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE TO ENSURE THAT PLANNING FOR THE
LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED SOUTH EXTENSION OF THE COASTAL TRAIL DOES NOT
AFFECT THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF THE STATE OF ALASKA RIFLE RANGE AT POTTER
MARSH**

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Rabbit Creek Rifle Range is the only outdoor rifle range in the Anchorage Bowl; and

WHEREAS, the Rabbit Creek Rifle Range has a long history of useful service to the community for training in the safe use of firearms and as a location for recreational shooting; and

WHEREAS, rifle ranges must operate with a high regard for public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Project Management & Engineering Department is managing the work to complete the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Draft EIS for this project substantially addresses concerns about potential conflict between the trail/trail users and the rifle range; and

WHEREAS, the EIS concludes that all Coastal Trail alternatives will be physically separated from the rifle range.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

Section 1: That it is the Municipality's intent, as the Final EIS document is prepared and public and agency comments are addressed, the project's preferred trail alignment will not conflict with the existing uses of the rifle range.

Section 2: That it is the Municipality's intent to protect the longstanding use of the rifle range.

Section 3: That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this 8th day of June, 2004.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM465 -2004

Meeting Date: June 8, 2004

FROM: Chair Traini

SUBJECT: A Resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage to Ensure that Planning for the Location of the Proposed Extension of the Coastal Trail Does Not Affect the Long-term Viability of the State of Alaska Rabbit Creek Rifle Range at Potter Marsh.

The Municipality of Anchorage has been involved in planning efforts for the South Extension of the Coastal Trail Project since 1997. This effort has included project scoping, development of alternatives, and a public involvement process. In November 2002, the Project Team, comprised of staff from the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (ADOT&PF), the Municipality of Anchorage Project Management & Engineering Department, and consultants, completed a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). This document identified alternative routes for the trail and was published by ADOT&PF and the Federal Highway Administration, the federal funding agency for the project. The public comment period for this document ended in May 2003.

All build alternatives, as shown in the DEIS, lie within the Alaska Railroad right-of-way at the point they come nearest the Rabbit Creek Rifle Range. The Project Team has discussed rifle range issues extensively with the range managers and the Alaska Department of Fish & Game. Two main issues were raised by the range managers during project scoping: The safety of those visiting the down-range Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge, and the noise impact to trail users.

In response, trail siting and trail design reflect these concerns. Trail alternatives direct users as far as possible from the rifle range to reduce perceived noise effects (approximately 400 feet from developed areas of the rifle range). In addition, all alternatives are planned to be physically separated from the range by the railroad tracks and a fence, preventing access between the rifle range parking lot and the trail, thereby eliminating potential conflict between trail users and rifle range users.

The Municipality desires to complete the Final EIS and obtain a Record of Decision from the Federal Highway Administration. The Municipality can then proceed with design of this 12-mile extension to the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail from Kincaid Park to the Potter Weigh Station.

Completion of the Final EIS is being supported by Rasmuson Foundation funds.

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Respectfully submitted: Dick Traini, Chair

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