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CLERK'S OFFICE

AMENDED AND APPROVED

Date: 10-18-05

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

No. AR 2005-268

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING
CONSTRUCTION OF THE KNIK ARM CROSSING IN FURTHERANCE OF THE GOALS
OF THE ANCHORAGE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.**

WHEREAS, the *Anchorage Comprehensive Plan* was adopted to serve as a blueprint to guide community development during the years from 2000 to 2020; and

WHEREAS, the *Anchorage Comprehensive Plan* projected continued increases for Anchorage and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and, more recently, the Alaska Department of Labor and the Institute of Social and Economic Research at the University of Alaska Anchorage have estimated that the population of Anchorage and the Mat-Su combined will increase by 100,000 to 150,000 people by the year 2030; and

WHEREAS, the *Anchorage Comprehensive Plan* places a high priority on preserving quality of life issues in neighborhoods by protecting parks and greenbelts, and advocates mixed use, infill, and redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, a high percentage of homebuyers continue to prefer single-family homes in family-friendly neighborhoods, yet the remaining undeveloped land available in Anchorage for residential uses is insufficient to meet the needs of the growing population, thereby creating increased development pressures on greenbelts; and

WHEREAS, a Knik Arm crossing would enhance and support economic development in the south central region of Alaska by providing convenient access to undeveloped land in the Mat-Su that would support continued population growth and help meet the need for new residential, business, and industrial purposes; and

WHEREAS, a Knik Arm crossing would provide a much needed alternate emergency preparedness corridor for evacuation and disaster relief services and access to military bases, hospitals, and fire and police services; and

WHEREAS, a Knik Arm crossing would provide a much needed additional freight and goods distribution route; and

WHEREAS, a Knik Arm crossing would provide improved access to other transportation facilities, such as airports, ports, and industrial and commercial facilities; and

WHEREAS, a Knik Arm crossing would also reduce dependence on the Glenn Highway for travelers to and from portions of the Mat-Su Borough and points north along the Parks Highway, thereby reducing congestion in the Eagle River, Chugiak, Birchwood, Peters Creek, and Eklutna areas of the Municipality of Anchorage.

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2 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

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4 That construction of a Knik Arm crossing will help sustain the quality-of-life goals of the
5 *Anchorage Comprehensive Plan*, and that the Anchorage Assembly supports a Knik
6 Arm crossing, **subject to the resolution of the required economic and**
7 **environmental issues.**
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9 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 18th day of
10 October, 2005.
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13 Anna J. Fairclough
14 Chair
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16 ATTEST:

17 Beth S. Gundersen
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1	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT		DATE PREPARED	
	SUPPORTING CONSTRUCTION OF THE KNIK ARM CROSSING IN FURTHERANCE OF THE GOALS OF THE ANCHORAGE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN		10/17/05	
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2	DEPARTMENT NAME		DIRECTOR'S NAME	
	Assembly		Anna Fairclough, Chair	
3	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY		HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER	
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4	COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY	INITIALS	DATE	
	Mayor			
	Heritage Land Bank			
	Merrill Field Airport			
	Municipal Light & Power			
	Port of Anchorage			
	Solid Waste Services			
	Water & Wastewater Utility			
	Municipal Manager			
	Cultural & Recreational Services			
	Employee Relations			
	Finance, Chief Fiscal Officer			
	Fire			
	Health & Human Services			
	Office of Management and Budget			
	Management Information Services			
	Police			
	Planning, Development & Public Works			
	Development Services			
	Facility Management			
	Planning			
	Project Management & Engineering			
	Street Maintenance			
	Traffic			
	Public Transportation Department			
	Purchasing			
	Municipal Attorney			
	Municipal Clerk			
	Other			
5	Special Instructions/Comments			
	ADDENDUM - CONSENT AGENDA-RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION-OTHER			
6	ASSEMBLY HEARING DATE REQUESTED		PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED	
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