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*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Mike Edgington and Briana Sullivan, Co-Chairs  
Jennifer Wingard, Amanda Sassi, Guy Wade*

**Resolution 2022-02**

**Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A  
SUSPENSION BRIDGE TO REPLACE THE HAND TRAM TO SPAN GLACIER CREEK**

**WHEREAS**, the hand tram at Glacier Creek has been an iconic element of Girdwood Trails since it was permitted and constructed in the 1990's; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past 20 years, use of the Winner Creek Trail has exceeded the capacity of the hand tram, resulting in review of alternatives that will match trail use, provide year-round access, and will be accessible by all trail users; and

**WHEREAS**, Girdwood Trails Committee has recommended study, design and construction of a suspension bridge to provide crossing of Glacier Creek in the location of the current hand tram, which will require removal of the hand tram components and use of one of the existing tram terminal buildings to house an interpretive display to commemorate the concept, engineering and construction of the hand tram; and

**WHEREAS**, the Girdwood Valley Service Area is working closely with partner organizations, including Anchorage Parks and Recreation, Municipality of Anchorage, Heritage Land Bank, US Forest Service and Alaska State Parks, as well as other regional organizations and groups to assist in bringing this ambitious project to completion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Girdwood Trails Committee voted 51 in favor, 0 opposed at their January 4, 2022 meeting and the Girdwood Land Use Committee voted 10 in favor, 0 opposed at their January 10, 2022 meeting to recommend this Resolution of Support;

**THEREFORE**, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors commits to allocating funding from the Girdwood Parks and Recreation Capital Account in the amount of \$500,000, matched with funds committed by the Municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department, to support the design, engineering and construction of a suspension bridge to replace the Hand Tram to span Glacier Creek and creation of an interpretive display to commemorate the Hand Tram.

Passed and approved by a vote of 4 to 0 this 17th day of January 2022 and amended this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022.

Briana Sullivan, GBOS Parks and Rec Supervisor

February 14, 2022

DATE

Attest