

**Municipality  
of  
Anchorage**



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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 2022-09  
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT  
FOR STATE OF ALASKA CAPITAL GRANT FUNDING OF GLACIER CREEK BRIDGE TO  
REPLACE THE HAND TRAM ON THE WINNER CREEK TRAIL/ALASKA LONG TRAIL**

WHEREAS, Girdwood Parks and Recreation (GPR) is part of the Municipality of Anchorage Girdwood Valley Service Area, providing recreation opportunities to the 2,500 year-round residents and estimated 297,500 annual visitors to the Girdwood Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Trails Committee (GTC) guides GPR regarding Girdwood's trails, trail design and development, and has provided input and direction on decommissioning of the hand tram and solutions for its' replacement; and

WHEREAS, GTC reviewed the Feasibility Study and Concept design, voting 51 in favor, 0 opposed at their January 4 2022 meeting to recommend GBOS provide and secure funding for design and construction of a suspension bridge to span Glacier Creek at this location; and

WHEREAS, Girdwood has been working with federal, state and local partners in securing funding for this project, including the US Forest Service, Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area, Rasmuson Foundation, Friends of Girdwood Trails and Alaska Trails; and

WHEREAS, completion of this project will reconnect miles of local trails in Girdwood with safe, year-round crossing, which can be used by all trail users; and

WHEREAS, completion will add connectivity through Girdwood for the Iditarod National Historic Trail and the proposed Alaska Long Trail, both of which are ambitious projects with significant state and national support and matching Girdwood's role as a hub of trail use and recreation in Southcentral Alaska.

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves its support for State of Alaska Capital Funding of \$1.2M to complete this project.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 4 to 0 this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

Briana Sullivan, GBOS Co-chair and Parks and Recreation Supervisor

May 4, 2022  
Date

Attest