Resolution 2022-11

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY TO APPROVE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS TO REPLACE RUANE ROAD CULVERTS

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage is expected to receive approximately $57,376,742 in the second round of American Rescue Plan Act funding, in May, 2022, and,

WHEREAS, among other needs, the Recovery Fund allows a local government to spend up to $10 M on traditional government services, such as road building, maintenance and other infrastructure; health services; police, fire and other public safety services including purchase of equipment; and

WHEREAS, Girdwood was profoundly impacted by flooding in October 2021 during a storm that dumped 10 inches of rain in under 24 hours and caused extensive damage to roads, trails and culverts throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, culverts under Ruane Road washed out during the storm; emergency replacement necessitated culverts that are undersized for anticipated flow levels of California Creek and are not compliant with current fish passage standards; and

WHEREAS, Ruane Road is a critical infrastructure to Girdwood, connecting the community to the Alaska Water and Waste Water Treatment Plant, MOA Solid Waste transfer station, Girdwood Street Maintenance Facilities, and industrial park where road equipment is stored, and

WHEREAS, MOA Project Management and Engineering has determined that replacement of culverts of adequate size and compliant with fish passage requirements in this location will be $2.0 M.

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves its support for the Anchorage Assembly to approve $2 million in disbursement of ARPA funds, to be used to replace the culverts on Ruane Road.

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

Amanda Sassi, GBOSt Roads and Utilities Chair

Date 5/6/22

Attest