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Scott Thomas Central Region Traffic Engineer Alaska Department of Transportation P.O. Box 196900 Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6900

Dear Scott,

The Girdwood Board of Supervisors has received a request from residents of Crow Creek Road to lower the speed limit on the .7 mile section of paved road from 30 MPH to 25 MPH. Lowering the speed limit would be consistent with residential speed limits throughout the Girdwood Valley Service Area, which range from 20-25 MPH.

Bikers, runners, dog walkers, and travelers of all ages use this road to access between nearby trailheads, community facilities such as the park, library, grocery store, school bus stop, and the Girdwood Pre-K-8 School. There is no dedicated pedestrian corridor along the road and the shoulder is quite narrow. In winter, with icy conditions on the roadway and berms from snow plowing, the situation is even more dangerous. Additionally, winter recreation of trail corridors has increased significantly with the popularity of snow bikes. These factors, paired with limited sight lines and weather that can often be challenging, creates an unsafe situation.

There are commercial and residential properties along this portion Crow Creek Road, and both of those groups have expressed support of lowering the speed limit to 25 MPH. Please let me know how we can pursue this interest of the community with the Alaska Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,

Jerry Fox

GBOS Co-Chair & Public Safety Supervisor