

# Municipality of Anchorage



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## 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 Recuse 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.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 XX to XX this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

Amanda Sassi, GBOS Roads and Utilities Chair

Date

Attest

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**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 Historic 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 XX to XX this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

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

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## Resolution 2022-10

### **RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 411**

WHEREAS Girdwood has several economic development needs including, but not limited to, building additional commercial property and office space and provision of adequate attainable-cost housing to support a local workforce; and

WHEREAS time-limited tax exemptions are one of the tools available to municipalities to encourage economic development; and

WHEREAS in 2017 the 30th Alaska legislature passed SB100 which modified AS 29.45.050(m) to broaden the options for municipalities to provide property tax exemptions for economic development property; and

WHEREAS SB100 also added a new prohibition to those same economic development tax exemptions from applying to taxes levied by an elected Service Area Board, even if the service area board is in favor of the tax exemption; and

WHEREAS the community of Girdwood provides itself an extensive set of local services through Girdwood Valley Service Area (GVSA) including Police service, Fire protection, Roads & Drainage and Parks & Recreation; and

WHEREAS GVSA is managed by an elected Board, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS); and

WHEREAS almost half of the taxes levied in Girdwood are for GVSA-provided services, so are currently ineligible for tax exemption under AS 29.45.050(m), significantly limiting the value of any such economic development incentives; and

WHEREAS the 32nd Alaska legislature is currently considering bill HB411 to allow tax exemptions on economic development property in service areas with an elected board, with a mechanism for that elected board to pass a timely veto to the application of the tax exemption within the service area if they so decide.

THEREFORE, GBOS urges support of HB411 to allow communities such as Girdwood the full application of municipal property tax exemptions for economic development property

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

Mike Edgington, GBOS Co-chair and Land Use Supervisor

Date

Attest