

**Municipality  
of  
Anchorage**



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*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
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**Resolution 2017-17  
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors  
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT**

**FOR CONTINUED ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT PATROL OF THE SEWARD HIGHWAY**

WHEREAS, due to the State of Alaska's fiscal crisis, Alaska State Trooper patrol of the Seward Highway has been reduced to intermittent service shared state-wide through Bureau of Highway Patrol grant-funded program; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Troopers continues to discontinue service on sections of State highways that are located within some local government structure, regardless of the availability of police service to those communities; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Police Department (APD) has been patrolling the Seward Highway since October 1, 2017 with funding provided by a one-time State Grant, which is capped at \$200,000 and is expected to run out in March, 2018; and

WHEREAS, after State funding runs out, there will be no consistent law enforcement on the Seward Highway; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors views the short term grant funded APD service has already been an outstanding success in making the Seward Highway safer for all who travel on it; and


WHEREAS, although technically outside of the responsibilities of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors, the GBOS has long advocated for a proactive approach to making the Seward Highway as safe as possible through visible, consistent policing; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors believes that funding of Seward Highway enforcement is the responsibility of the State of Alaska as it is a state road, a vital transportation route for South Central Alaska, and an economic engine for this part of the state; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors strongly supports Municipality of Anchorage assistance with funding law enforcement on the Seward Highway as an interim solution until a sustainable solution from the State of Alaska is implemented;

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves by a vote of 5 to 0, its support of Municipal funding for Anchorage Police Department patrol of the Seward Highway from MP 111 to MP 75, to be scheduled at random times and locations and offset from existing Alaska State Trooper Bureau of Highway Patrol enforcement.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

  
Mike Edgington, GBOS

11/21/17  
Date

  
Attest