

**Municipality  
of  
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*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Jerry Fox & Robert Snitzer, Co-Chairs  
Eryn Boone, Mike Edgington, Christina Hendrickson*

**Resolution 2018-16  
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors**

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT  
for the  
Improved Seward Highway Interchange at Girdwood**

**Whereas:** The Seward Highway is a critically important connection that links all communities south of Anchorage, and

**Whereas:** The Seward Highway continues to present major safety concern for fatal and nonfatal accidents, and

**Whereas:** The Girdwood Volunteer Fire Department is the first responder to the tragic volume of fatal accidents on the Seward Highway, and

**Whereas:** Projected traffic volumes for both Alaska residents and tourists on the Seward Highway continue to increase, and

**Whereas:** Cruise lines are projecting a more than 5 to 7 percent growth each year over the next five years, bringing additional passengers and traffic on to the Seward Highway, and

**Whereas:** The Alaska Department of Transportation (DOT) currently has important work underway on Phase 1 of the Milepost 75-90 Project which starts at the base of Turnagain Pass and ends at the Girdwood Interchange, and

**Whereas:** DOT projects Phase 2 of the Milepost 75-90 Project to begin near the Girdwood Interchange in 2020, and

**Whereas:** DOT has previously done important Right-of-Way work at the Girdwood Interchange in preparation for much-needed redesign and rebuilding of the increasingly congested and unsafe Interchange, and

**Whereas:** Including design and construction of the Girdwood Interchange in Phase 1 of the Milepost 75-90 Project would maximize efficient use of DOT planning and construction resources, contractor mobilization resources and costs, and minimize traffic disruption, and

**Whereas:** Additional delays in realignment of the Girdwood Interchange will further increase monetary costs of the project, as well as increase health, safety and economic costs due to fatal and nonfatal accidents that could have been avoided.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

That the Girdwood Board of Supervisors urges the Alaska Department of Transportation to include the Girdwood Interchange in Phase 1 of the Milepost 75-90 Project.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 5 to 0 this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.

Jerry Fox  
Jerry Fox, GBOS Co-Chair

10/30/18  
Date

Margaret Tyler  
Attest

10/31/18  
Date