

RESOLUTION #93-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BETHEL, ALASKA, TO PURSUE, AS A MUNICIPAL PROJECT, ALTERNATIVE METHODS WHICH WILL INCREMENTALLY STABILIZE ROAD CONDITIONS IN BETHEL ON A CONTINUING BASIS.

WHEREAS, the City Council understands that road maintenance is performed with the best possible efficiency using current available resources by the Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, there are credible case studies in other Alaskan communities demonstrating that certain organic substances, such as grain glass (in particle form from crushing), clam, lobster and crab shells have a stabilizing effect when used as a road foundation material; and

WHEREAS, a fuel tax, with motor vehicles on municipal roads in mind, to garner revenues, through budgetary prioritization, will, eventually, result in smoother, safer, cost-effective surfaces for transportation in our town; and

WHEREAS, we must begin, at this time, evaluating our road construction, repair and maintenance in order to secure better conditions for future generations; and

WHEREAS, with a tentative decade-long schedule, we hope to have sustainable, reliable, paversable roads (the decision for which will be made through a later Council); and

WHEREAS, this is a resolution to register this Council's commitment to settle on official policy how we can best improve our road system.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Bethel City Council that the Mayor gather a committee together representing wide citizen interests at her discretion (totalling no more than three) to work in cooperation with the Public Works Committee, to formulate realistic scenarios which achieve this goal including specific recommendations regarding present road repair, maintenance, snow removal priorities, future use of organic materials in foundation stabilization, integrating other pertinent studies which may have a beneficial effect, and alternative taxing strategies that aim to manifest this resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 1993.

Donna J. Chris, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie Tucker, Acting City Clerk