

Introduced by: Bob Herron
Date: August 19, 2008
Action: Passed
Vote: 5-2
(Rodgers,Trantham)

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 04-47

A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL OPPOSING THE Y-K ROAD PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Northern Region, is seeking feedback on the Yukon-Kuskokwim Road Project, which is the proposed construction of a road between the communities of Holy Cross on the Yukon River and Crooked Creek on the Kuskokwim River;

WHEREAS, Bethel's economy relies on its role as a hub community on the Kuskokwim River serving 56 Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta villages in the area, including Crooked Creek;

WHEREAS, Bethel has the third busiest airport in the state of Alaska;

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel owns and operates the largest and busiest medium draft port in the State of Alaska;

WHEREAS, the Port of Bethel serves villages upriver by transferring goods from large seafaring barges from Seattle and Anchorage to smaller river barges capable of transporting goods to Crooked Creek and the Donlin Creek mine site;

WHEREAS, the Y-K Road Project threatens to destabilize the economic wellbeing of Bethel and retard growth by not allowing Bethel to continue to act in its capacity as a major transshipment point in the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council is opposed to the Yukon-Kuskokwim Road Project.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2004, BY A 5 – 2 Vote.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Selena Malone, City Clerk