Introduced by: Wally Baird,
City Manager
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Action: Passed
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CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution #05-39

A RESOLUTON OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA, ENCOURAGING COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES TO MAINTAIN A SCHEDULE FOR COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CHIEF EDDIE HOFFMAN HIGHWAY CORRIDOR IN 2006

WHEREAS, The City of Bethel is genuinely appreciative of the efforts which the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has made in maintaining and improving this and other facilities operated by the Department within Bethel;

WHEREAS, The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has within and a part of an overall transportation plan to repair and otherwise reconstruct the Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway in Bethel;

WHEREAS, Existing conditions at various locations on this highway have deteriorated to the extent that users of the road are paying premium prices for automobile repairs and maintenance;

WHEREAS, The conditions referred to above have caused an inordinate amount of time and money for the maintenance of the roadway and have caused undue stress and consternation for the local Department of Transportation and Public Facilities employees notwithstanding that several places on this roadway remain in extremely poor condition and significantly below Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Standards;

WHEREAS, Notwithstanding the efforts by Department employees, several places on this roadway remain in extremely poor condition and significantly below Alaska Department of Transportation standards;

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WHEREAS, The proposed 2006-2008 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) draft shows the funding for this project to be delayed another two years in addition to the delays which have already occurred. City Council is opposed to this delay and requests that the project be completed as shown in the 2004-2006 STIP;

WHEREAS, the removal of the asphalt on a portion of the highway was completed this past summer in anticipation of improvements occurring during the 2006 construction season, and it is necessary to protect the health and safety of the residents and businesses adjacent to the portion of the highway by completing the improvements and minimizing the hazards;

WHEREAS, Residents and visitors to the City of Bethel have been more than reasonably patient considering the current condition of various places along the Highway as well as various places along Ridgecrest Drive;

WHEREAS, These needed and improvements to the Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway are critical in nature and should not be delayed for any length of time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT by the City Council of the City of Bethel, that the Commissioner of the Alaska State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities is hereby encouraged and persuaded to insure that this critical project is initiated at the beginning of the 2006 construction season and completed by the end of the 2006 construction season.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Bethel supports reconstruction and repair of this highway as a priority item because of the existing condition of the roadway and waiting for one or more years would only cause additional, preventable, and unnecessary costs for repairs to the street and to the vehicles that travel on this street.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER 2005, BY A UNANMIOUS VOTE IN FAVOR.

R. Thor Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra Modigh, City Clerk
City of Bethel, Alaska