

Introduced by: Bob Herron
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Action: Passed
Vote: 6-1 (No – Rodgers)

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 04-50

A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE ROAD FROM CROOKED CREEK TO THE DONLIN CREEK MINE SITE

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel recognizes the need for economic development in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region and supports the development of Donlin Creek Gold Mine where 400-600 people are expected to be employed once the mine is fully operational;

WHEREAS, a 12-mile road from Crooked Creek to the Donlin Creek Gold Mine is essential to link the remote mine to the established infrastructure in Crooked Creek;

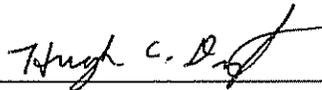
WHEREAS, The Kuskokwim Corporation expressed a need for barges on the Kuskokwim River to have access to the road in a resolution they passed in 2003 that supported a specific route for a road between Crooked Creek and the Donlin Creek Gold Mine;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities said in its October 2004 status report that it "looked at energy and mineral deposits to see if state investment in transportation systems would accelerate resource development" and found that "a port site, even seasonal, as close as possible to a mine and a direct road between port and mine is the best model;"

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel owns and operates the largest and busiest medium draft port in the State of Alaska and anticipates using it to serve Crooked Creek and the Donlin Creek Gold Mine;

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

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2004, BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Selena Malone, City Clerk

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