

A Resolution of the Sand Lake Community Council requesting the Rehabilitation and Realignment of the Campbell Creek Trail Crossing Under Minnesota Drive

1. Whereas the Campbell Creek Bicycle Trail is a highly appreciated, prized and utilized community asset in the Municipality of Anchorage, Taku Campbell and Sand Lake Community Councils, and
2. Whereas the existing problems with flooding, mud deposition and spring ice build up at the Minnesota Underpass of the Campbell Creek trail make it unusable for significant parts of the year, and
3. Whereas significant erosion has taken place to cause continuous flooding for over two uninterrupted weeks after the heavy rains of August 18, 2006, and
4. Whereas continued erosion to the point of totally washing out the pavement and trail bed is all but assured, and
5. Whereas there are few and limited options for Cyclists, Pedestrians, Rollerbladers or Special Needs Conveyances to connect the two trail segments East and West of Minnesota Drive, and
6. Whereas the trail constitutes a means for School children to walk or ride to Mears Middle School or Dimond High School from areas East of Minnesota Drive, and
7. Whereas a significant number of the members of the communities in the area commute to work, play, sport or community functions on this trail, thereby easing traffic congestion, air pollution issues and environmental impacts, and
8. Whereas APD, Parks and Rec and AFD Emergency Services use this trail in the execution of their missions, be it directly associated with trail events or indirectly for access to other parts of the City, and
9. Whereas the trail and underpass areas are dark and underused in the winter and "shoulder" seasons, now therefore:

Be It Resolved That:

The Sand Lake Community Council requests that the appropriate agencies within Municipal and State governments, or both, develop, design and execute a plan and process to remediate the existing deficiencies present in the Campbell Creek Trail Crossing under the bridge ways of Minnesota Drive in Anchorage, Alaska. The existing deficiencies include excessive Northern Bank erosion due to lack of sufficiently robust barrier material ("rip rap"), Ice buildup in the Spring, Mud accumulation from the Roadway Bridges above and recurrent flooding accompanied by more mud deposition during periods of heavier than normal rain. It is further requested that trail lighting be incorporated via the existing CEA undergrounding process on this section of trail under the bridges and extending to Northwood and Angela Place street terminations to discourage vandalism and encourage both winter and shoulder season trail use.

Passed by Vote of xx Yea xx Nay xx Abstaining

Respectfully Submitted,

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