

OLD SEWARD OCEANVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL (OSOVCC)

Resolution 2019-01 – Klatt Road/Johns Road Intersection Concerns

A RESOLUTION OF THE OLD SEWARD OCEANVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL (OSOVCC) FOR A SAFETY REVIEW OF THE INTERSECTION/ROUNDBOUT AT KLATT ROAD AND JOHNS ROAD BY SOA/DOT AND MOA

WHEREAS, Klatt and Johns is a high traffic intersection. Research by SOA/DOT in 2013/2014 showed traffic flow levels at over 9,000 cars per day, a high Anchorage School District bus count, a substantial traffic increase at Oceanview Elementary at start/end of school times, and a high level of traffic from gravel and construction supply trucks during all seasons;

WHEREAS, in 2016/2017 the intersection was converted to a Roundabout designed to meet minimum federal safety standards;

WHEREAS, traffic flow levels have increased since the 2013/2014 engineering study period, and density population has increased with housing in the Old Seward and Oceanview areas;

WHEREAS, Eastbound on Klatt there are two lanes: one continues East, and one requires a right turn onto Johns. Although lane designations are marked by a sign located West on Klatt Road, the painted dividing line demarcation is not visible until vehicles drive over a slight hill to enter the Roundabout requiring drivers to make an immediate lane change. The lane change painted dividing line is not at an adequate distance for lane-change decisions. In winter, the painted dividing line is not as visible;

WHEREAS, signage was designed to comply with minimum Federal standards. There are no “Yield to Vehicles in Circle” signs, and the “Yield” sign is not posted in a location prior to accessing southbound Johns Road;

WHEREAS, in comparison with other roundabouts within MOA, Klatt/Johns signage is at the minimum stage, but local conditions might raise concerns for increased safety from local users of the intersection. Pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle accidents have occurred within the Roundabout and within crosswalks when proper right-of-way was being met by victims of accidents. Yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks is infrequent. Speeding while entering the Roundabout from Klatt Road is also a noted regular occurrence;

WHEREAS, SOA/DOT and APD have been notified of these concerns;

WHEREAS, OSOVCC has been informed of the concerns of this intersection after a few years of driving and observations of other members;

WHEREAS, OSOVCC realizes the budget restraints for increased signage, but safety is our concern.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Old Seward Oceanview Community Council is requesting an inspection of the intersection with our concerns noted, with a plan of action to be developed with OSOVCC, and with notification to proper departments as to the concerns (street maintenance, snow removal, APD and others) with this intersection.

THIS RESOLUTION 2019-1 WAS BROUGHT FORTH TO OSOVCC ON DECEMBER 18, 2019.

VOTE 6 YES 0 NAY FOR INTRODUCTION AND A FINAL VOTE AT THE JANUARY 2020 MEETING.

SUBMITTED _____ Steve Beardsley, President