

## **Abbott Loop**



## **Community Council**

### **A RESOLUTION BY THE ABBOTT LOOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **IN SUPPORT OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2023-54 REGARDING THE SEWARD HIGHWAY, RABBIT CREEK TO DIMOND BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

WHEREAS: In 2023 the Anchorage Assembly passed Resolution 2023-54 requesting that the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and Alaska Division of the Federal Highway Administration review the validity of the purpose and need statement contained in the Environmental Assessment for the New Seward Highway: Rabbit Creek Road to 36th Avenue, as it pertains to the next phase, the O'Malley Road to Dimond Boulevard Reconstruction Project,

WHEREAS: the Abbott Loop Community Council concurs with the concerns about this project noted in Assembly Resolution 2023-54, and

WHEREAS: the Abbott Loop Community Council has significant concerns about increasing traffic from 1,000 cars per day to 10,000 cars per day on Academy and Vanguard without the upgrades to Academy and Vanguard needed to accommodate the increased volume of traffic on these streets, and

WHEREAS: the Abbott Loop Community Council has significant concerns about the increased likelihood of pedestrian injury and/or fatality due to use of the property adjacent to Vanguard by the local soccer league during the summer with large numbers of people parking on both sides of the Vanguard Right-of-Way as parents and children access the soccer fields, and

WHEREAS: the projected need for this project appears to have declined significantly and the estimated cost of the project varies from \$105,000,000 to \$140,000,000, with a minimum of \$10,500,000 to be paid by the State of Alaska.

WHEREAS: the Abbott Loop Community Council has significant concerns about using \$10.5 million dollars in public funds to pay for this project when the State of Alaska has a budget shortfall in 2024 and cannot afford to fund legally mandated programs including education and health care.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, The Abbott Loop Community Council approves and supports the Anchorage Assembly Resolution 2023-54 and requests that the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities halt any additional work on this project until the requests in Sections 1, 2 and 3 of Assembly Resolution 2023-54 have been met.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Abbott Loop Community Council, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

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Bruce Roberts, President ALCC

ATTEST:

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Kathleen Easley, Secretary