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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM NO. 96-21

From: City Planner 

Date: August 21, 1996

Subject: Planning Commission Resolution No. 96-22, recommending capital improvement projects related to pedestrian safety in the vicinity of the Old Wasilla Airport and Wasilla Wonderland Playground.

BACKGROUND

Planning Commissioner Dan Kelly brought this issue before the Commission at the regular meeting of August 6, 1996. Commissioner Kelly had heard that a pedestrian was hit by a vehicle at the intersection of Lucille and Nelson. In addition, Commissioner Kelly lives in the area and has noticed a great deal of pedestrian and bicycle traffic going to and from the Wasilla Wonderland Playground.

The Commission considered a draft resolution at the following meeting on August 20, 1996 and adopted Resolution No. 96-22 in order to nominate several capital projects to address the above referenced concerns. These projects are nominated to the FY98 CIP or, in the alternative, the Council is respectfully requested to consider these projects in FY97 if currently funded projects do not come to fruition.

An unsigned copy of the resolution is hereby transmitted for the Council's information. Although the resolution was duly adopted staff was not able to get the Commission Chairman's signature prior to the agenda deadline.



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WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 96-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION (WPC) OF THE CITY OF WASILLA, RECOMMENDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS RELATED TO PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN THE VICINITY OF THE OLD WASILLA AIRPORT AND WASILLA WONDERLAND PLAYGROUND.

WHEREAS, the Wasilla Planning Commission has taken particular note of a recent vehicle/pedestrian accident at the intersection of Lucille Street and Nelson Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, the WPC is concerned about the level of pedestrian, bicycle and skateboard traffic that is attracted to the Wasilla Wonderland Playground; and,

WHEREAS, many of the park users are younger children, who may walk on the gravel or paved road surface when a sidewalk is not available, and must cross busy streets on their way to the park; and,

WHEREAS, the WPC would like to respectfully recommend certain capital improvement projects for the City Council's consideration as part of the FY98 City CIP Budget, or as amendments to the FY97 City CIP Budget, should currently funded projects not come to fruition in this fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla Planning Commission of the City of Wasilla, respectfully recommends to the Wasilla City Council the following CIP projects relating to pedestrian and bicyclist safety in the area of the Old Wasilla Airport and the Wasilla Wonderland Playground.

1. Install pedestrian crosswalks, paired crosswalk signage and flashing yellow traffic signals at the intersection of Lucille Street and Nelson Avenue.
2. Extend sidewalk/pedestrian paths along Nelson Avenue.
3. Widen shoulders or construct new sidewalks or pedestrian paths along other roads in the vicinity of Old Wasilla Airport such as Graybark Avenue, Lone Cub Drive, etc. ; and,

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla Planning Commission of the City of Wasilla, recommends that the Wasilla City Council consider interim measures until such improvements can be accomplished, such as increasing police traffic patrols and speed enforcement in the vicinity of the Old Wasilla Airport.

I certify that a resolution in substantially the above form was passed by a majority of those voting at a duly called and conducted meeting of the Wasilla Planning Commission this ____ day of _____, 1996.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

APPROVED:

Helen Y. Kaye, Planning Clerk

John A. Cannon, Chair