SUBJECT: Palmer-Wasilla Highway Extension

REQUESTED BY: Council Member Patrick

PREPARED BY: Council Member Patrick DATE: September 9, 1998

FOR AGENDA OF: September 14, 1998

## **SUMMARY:**

I have had several discussions with Tim Krug, city planner regarding the proposed Palmer-Wasilla Highway Extension project that the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities is planning. The current design of the project includes constructing an overpass that goes over the railroad tracks behind where Kenai Supply (and Burger King) are located, to extend the road up the hill and connect into Glenwood Avenue.

I am requesting that the state look into the possibility of placing the railroad on a bridge, instead of the road for reasons outlined in the resolution.

My intent is not to delay or derail this project. I think by constructing the road extension, new land will be opened up for commercial development, which will help widen Wasilla; a common complaint among our residents. My hope is for the city to voice its concerns; echoing our citizens, as well as, making Wasilla a more attractive and desirable place to live.

FISCAL IMPACT: X No Yes, amount requested: \$

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** 

MAYOR REVIEW/COMMENT: Consideration of Reso 98-44, discussions with Railroad should obviously take place.

Reviewed by: SARAH PALIN, Mayor

Attachments: 3 Design Maps





