

SUBJECT: West Railroad Drive Maintenance

REQUESTED BY: Public Works

PREPARED BY: Public Works

DATE: October 13, 2000

FOR AGENDA OF: October 23, 2000

SUMMARY:

Public Works opposes the adoption of Resolution Serial No. 00-48 for accepting routine street maintenance on West Railroad Drive. WMC 14.10.070 requires that roads accepted for maintenance must be constructed according to the standards cited in this Chapter.

West Railroad Drive is a substandard road now serving only one house. Other homeowners may use this road but they also have legal access onto Lake Lucille Drive. The road itself is one lane, unimproved and ending at an alley way with no turn-around at the end. Basically, it is a private driveway serving one property owner.

It is estimated that up to \$200,000 would be required to upgrade this road to a standard that would allow maintenance. This figure does not include purchase of property at the West end to build a cul-de-sac bulb or the cost of moving utility poles. The Alaska Railroad has given preliminary permission to allow use of its right-of-way for construction as long as we retain a twenty-five feet separation from the tracks. This should be sufficient to establish a fifty-foot right-of-way adequate for construction.

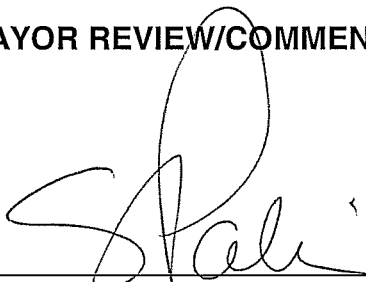
Based on this information, Public Works recommends that when funds become available, a Local Improvement District be proposed to the property owners to determine if they are willing to establish one.

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Administration recommends Resolution Serial No. 00-48 not be approved for establishing street maintenance on West Railroad Drive and that the Council propose to the property owners the establishment of an LID when City funds become available.

MAYOR REVIEW/COMMENT:



Reviewed by: SARAH PALIN, Mayor

Presented to Council
Date: 10/23/00
verified by: 