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RESOLUTION NO. WR90-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WASILLA, ALASKA SUPPORTING CREATION OF A STATEWIDE FUND FOR RAILROAD CROSSINGS.

WHEREAS, railbelt communities have not agreed with the Alaska Railroad Corporation on who should bear the costs of constructing, maintaining and operating railroad crossing safety equipment; and

WHEREAS, the railroad is a barrier which restricts crossing movements along its hundreds of miles of right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the safe crossing of the railroad involves significant costs for roads, trails and utilities; and

WHEREAS, the economic, transportation and strategic functions of the railroad are a general public benefit to the State; and

WHEREAS, the ability to cross the railroad with roads, trails and utilities is a public necessity of a general statewide nature; and

WHEREAS, the costs of crossing the railroad should not be the sole responsibility of the local jurisdictions through which the rail happens to extend; and

WHEREAS, the public necessity to cross the railroad should not burden the railroad's operating budget; and

WHEREAS, the states of Oregon, Washington and others maintain a statewide fund for railroad crossings; and


WHEREAS, a statewide program could provide needed rail crossings, would uniformly apply safety standards and bear liability of operation, regardless of a locality's ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, a statewide program could utilize federal rail safety monies and state appropriations, through the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, to install and operate rail crossings;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wasilla City Council hereby endorses the concept of a statewide fund and program for the construction, upgrade, maintenance and operation of railroad crossings.

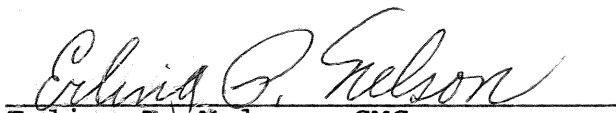
I certify that a resolution in substantially the above form was passed by a majority of those voting at a duly called and conducted meeting of the governing body of the City of Wasilla this 8th day of January, 1990.

APPROVED:



John C. Stein, Mayor

ATTEST:



Erling P. Nelson, CMC
City Clerk