

**CITY OF WASILLA
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 00-09**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING A NOMINATION TO THE STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP) A GRAVEL SURFACED PEDESTRIAN TRAIL (IN THE VICINITY OF LUCILLE CREEK) FROM WASILLA TO BIG LAKE.

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT/PF) is responsible for administering the Federal Highway Administration transportation enhancement funds for items such as pedestrian trails, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration does not prohibit the use of snow machines on pedestrian trails during the winter months, and

WHEREAS, local community support is instrumental in determining the need for a project, and

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla sponsored a meeting on January 31, 2000 to discuss winter trails from Wasilla to Big Lake, and

WHEREAS, the majority of those in attendance at the winter trails meeting promoted the need for a trail in the vicinity of Lucille Creek, from Wasilla to Big Lake, and

WHEREAS, a pedestrian trail located away from the highway and the railroad tracks would be conducive to avoiding pedestrian collisions with automobiles and trains, and

WHEREAS, a pedestrian trail in the vicinity of Lucille Creek would be a direct route from Wasilla to Big Lake, and

WHEREAS, a pedestrian trail in the vicinity of Lucille Creek would allow all to explore the natural beauty of the land, and

WHEREAS, there are a myriad of trails from Wasilla to Big Lake that are not dedicated. Specifying this trail for dedication would ensure a course affording access to and from Wasilla to Big Lake for future recreation, and

WHEREAS, due to the high rate of development recreational trails are rapidly diminishing in the core area of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, and

WHEREAS, Irondog uses a portion of these trails in the vicinity of Lucille Creek from Wasilla to Big lake, and

WHEREAS, Iditarod uses a portion of these trails in the vicinity of Lucille Creek in Wasilla, and

WHEREAS, the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce sponsored and passed Resolution 99-06, a joint resolution of the Big Lake, Greater Palmer, Houston, Greater Wasilla, and Willow Chambers of Commerce in support of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough development of designated multi-use trails throughout the core area of Palmer and Wasilla.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wasilla City Council supports the nomination of a gravel surfaced pedestrian trail in the vicinity of Lucille Creek from Wasilla to Big Lake to the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wasilla City Council proposes to provide ownership and maintenance responsibility of this trail within city limits, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wasilla City Council proposes to use municipal land where possible to meet matching requirements in the project evaluation criteria, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Wasilla City Council requests the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly approve a similar resolution for a gravel surfaced pedestrian trail in the vicinity of Lucille Creek from Wasilla to Big Lake.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on March 13, 2000.

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 City Council this 13th day of March 2000.



SARAH PALIN, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE L. VANGORDER, CMC/AE
City Clerk

[SEAL]

SUBJECT: Gravel Trail nomination to STIP

PREPARED BY: Planning Staff

DATE: March 1, 2000

FOR AGENDA OF: March 13, 2000

SUMMARY:

Resolution Serial No. 00-09 is presented as one of the first steps in nominating a project to the State Transportation Improvement Program. The state requires community support to gain the points required to help make this trail a reality.

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough will be required to show community consensus in a similar resolution. The Alaska Department of Transportation has stated that the community support from the City of Wasilla and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is essential to the nomination process.

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION: *Approval*


Reviewed by: SARAH PALIN, Mayor

Attachments: WCC Resolution No. 00-09

Presented with: Reso 00-09
Date: 3/13/00 Verified by: PK