

**CITY OF WASILLA  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 00-44**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ALASKA RAILROAD CORPORATION IN ITS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING IN ORDER TO RELOCATE THE RAILROAD TRACKS OUT OF DOWNTOWN WASILLA.**

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WHEREAS, the Wasilla City Council and the Alaska Railroad Corporation desire to improve safety through the elimination of at-grade railroad crossings throughout the Wasilla area; and

WHEREAS, the Wasilla City Council and the Alaska Railroad Corporation desire to improve the safety of railroad operations through the elimination of dangerous railroad curves throughout the Wasilla area; and

WHEREAS, the Wasilla City Council and the Alaska Railroad Corporation desire to improve the safety of railroad operations through the construction of new rail tracks and rail bed throughout the Wasilla area; and

WHEREAS, the Wasilla City Council and the Alaska Railroad Corporation desire to improve the railroad travel time to enhance commuter rail service and transportation of goods; and

WHEREAS, the Wasilla City Council desires to improve traffic movement and minimize the need for overpasses through downtown Wasilla by means of relocating the railroad track out of downtown Wasilla; and

WHEREAS, the Wasilla City Council supports the construction of separated grade crossings to eliminate traffic congestion and to eliminate potential traffic accidents along the railroad route; and

WHEREAS, the removal of the railroad tracks in downtown Wasilla will allow for orderly downtown economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the removal of the railroad tracks in downtown Wasilla will allow for orderly and economic downtown utility improvements; and

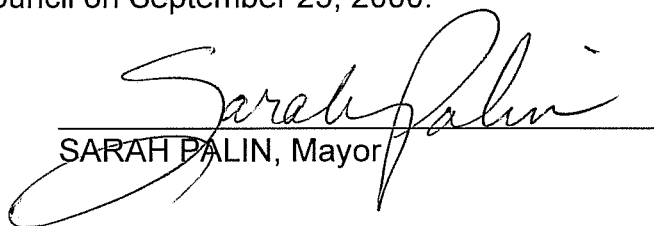
WHEREAS, the removal of the railroad tracks in downtown Wasilla will allow for improved traffic flow through downtown Wasilla; and

WHEREAS, the removal of the tracks in downtown Wasilla will allow for improved trails, greenbelt, and other Parks Highway amenities in downtown Wasilla that are currently hindered by the railroad tracks; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Railroad Corporation seeks City Council support in its efforts to obtain state and federal funding to meet the goal of relocating the railroad out of downtown Wasilla; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Wasilla City Council that it supports the Alaska Railroad Corporation in its efforts to obtain state and federal funding in order to relocate the railroad tracks out of downtown Wasilla.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on September 25, 2000.

  
SARAH PALIN, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
KRISTIE L. VANGORDER, CMC  
City Clerk

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