

**JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 05-01(AM)
OF THE
CITIES OF HOUSTON, PALMER AND WASILLA**

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, CITY OF PALMER AND CITY OF WASILLA SUPPORTING AND ENDORSING THE STATE OF ALASKA IN ITS EFFORT TO COMPLETE THE BOGARD/SELDON ROAD EXTENSION EAST TO THE GLENN HIGHWAY AND WEST TO THE PARKS HIGHWAY VIA KING ARTHUR DRIVE.

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has provided \$13 million through the Governor's Initiative of 2005 for the construction of Bogard Road east to the Glenn Highway and \$1.5 million for the extension of Seldon/Bogard Road west to Church Road; and

WHEREAS, the extension of Seldon Road west to King Arthur Drive would provide a highway corridor linking all three cities in the Borough together; and

WHEREAS, the City of Houston, the City of Palmer and the City of Wasilla support the development of integrated roadway networks that facilitate the efficient movement of people and goods; and

WHEREAS, the existing routes between the three cities, the Palmer-Wasilla Highway, and the Parks Highway, are experiencing increased average daily traffic counts and high levels of traffic congestion due to the rapid growth taking place throughout the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and

WHEREAS, the effects of a congested transportation network range from delays in travel times due to reduced travel speeds, reduction in air quality as more vehicles idle through traffic bottlenecks, delays for emergency vehicles responding to calls, higher transportation costs for the distribution of goods and services, and increased incidence of traffic related accidents; and

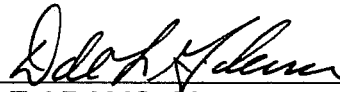
WHEREAS, the Cities of Houston, Palmer and Wasilla have agreed that the extension of Bogard/Seldon Road Extension East to the Glenn Highway and West to the Parks Highway via King Arthur Drive should be the highest priority State Highway System (SHS) project on the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities State Transportation Improvement Program for FY 2006 -2008; and

WHEREAS, the construction of this road corridor between Houston, Palmer and Wasilla will act as a reliever route for vehicles now using the Palmer-Wasilla Highway and sections of the Parks Highway and may expedite expansion of the Palmer-Wasilla Highway by providing an alternate route between the Matanuska and Susitna valleys while more lanes are being added to the Palmer-Wasilla Highway.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cities of Houston, Palmer and Wasilla support and endorse the completion of the Bogard/Seldon Road Extension East to the Glenn Highway and West to the Parks Highway via King Arthur Drive.

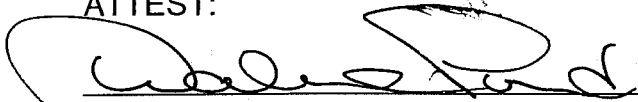
NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 200-feet of Right-Of-Way be obtained to allow for future growth.

ADOPTED jointly by the City of Houston, City of Palmer, and City of Wasilla on this 3rd day of November 2005.



DALE ADAMS, Mayor
City of Houston

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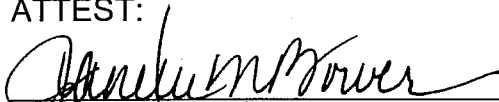


DALEANN POND, City Clerk
City of Houston

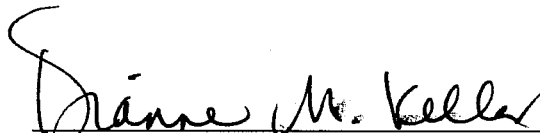


JOHN COMBS, Mayor
City of Palmer

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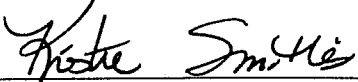


JANETTE BOWER, City Clerk
City of Palmer



DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor
City of Wasilla

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk
City of Wasilla