

Requested by: Council Member Sande
Postponed on April 11, 2005 to April 25, 2005
No quorum at meeting; Carried over to May 9, 2005: April 25, 2005
Defeated: May 9, 2005
Vote: Lowe & O'Neil in favor; Cox & Ewing opposed; Sande & Straub absent

**CITY OF WASILLA
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 05-17**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE
GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED USE OF THE AMERADA-HESS SETTLEMENT FUNDS
TO IMPROVE THE LOCAL AND STATE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AND OTHER
STATE AND MUNICIPAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla's fast growth in population has placed additional strains on existing road network creating more congestion and reducing traffic safety; and

WHEREAS, Governor Murkowski has proposed the use of Amerada-Hess settlement proceeds to fund needed transportation improvements and other state and municipal capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's transportation initiative at the cost of \$21million, includes vital Mat-Su transportation projects such as the Bogard Road extension, Palmer-Wasilla Highway extension, and Wasilla transportation corridor that will greatly reduce congestion, improve traffic safety and reduce travel time in the greater Wasilla area; and

WHEREAS, other capital improvements that would occur in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough through the use of the Amerada-Hess proceeds include Byers Lake and Nancy Lake campground rehabilitation, Willow Maintenance Station replacement, and the provision of local match for congressional transportation related earmarks; and

WHEREAS, State funding to finance capital projects has been limited for a number of years due to the states reliance on federal funds, thus, resulting in many delays and added costs; and

WHEREAS, this funding mechanism through Amerada-Hess will allow the state to begin construction for our well needed capital projects considerably faster than if federally funded; and

WHEREAS, the Amerada-Hess proposal puts the fund to work for Alaskans, creating job opportunities, a vibrant economy and access afforded by roads and improved transportation; and

WHEREAS, the use of the Amerada-Hess settlement proceeds will have no impact on the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla supports the funding of transportation and capital projects through the Amerada-Hess proposal that puts this settlement money to work for Alaskans in ways that will improve our lives, reduce traffic congestion in Wasilla, create access to communities and develop important projects for Alaskans.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wasilla City Council supports the use of the Amerada-Hess Settlement proceeds to fund the Governor's Transportation Initiative and other critically needed state and municipal capital projects.

DEFEATED, by the Wasilla City Council on May 9, 2005



**CITY OF WASILLA
LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT**

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 05-17: SUPPORTING THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED USE OF THE AMERADA-HESS SETTLEMENT FUNDS TO IMPROVE THE LOCAL AND STATE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AND OTHER STATE AND MUNICIPAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Agenda of: April 11, 2005

Date: April 1, 2005

Originator: Rob Sande, Council Member

Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
	Police	
	Recreational and Cultural Services Library, Museum	
	Public Works Planning	
X	Finance *signature required	
X	Clerk	

REVIEWED BY MAYOR DIANNE M. KELLER:

FISCAL IMPACT: yes\$ or no

Funds Available yes no

Account name/number:

Attachments: Proposed Resolution Serial No. 05-17

Flyer "Waiting for Traffic"

Article Re: House Bills 187 and 188

Power Point Presentation "Preparing for Alaska's Tomorrow"

Amerada Hess Royalty Oil Dispute and Settlement

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Attached is a proposed resolution that supports the Governor's proposed use of the Amerada-Hess Settlement funds that may allow funding for capital improvement projects in the City of Wasilla.

Due to the time constraints to bring this forward to our meeting of April 11, I am asking support, contingent on the findings during our discussion. On the surface it appears it could be a huge help to the transportation issues the city and borough are facing.

This topic will also be discussed during the upcoming Joint Tri-Cities meeting on April 18, 2005 at 6 p.m. in which the three cities may decide to adopt a joint resolution.