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MEMORANDUM

TO: Pete Sprague, Assembly President
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

THRU: *DeLany* David R. Carey, Mayor
Max Best, Planning Director *MB/PC*

FROM: *MA* Marcus A. Mueller, Land Management Officer

DATE: December 18, 2009

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2010-05 Authorizing a Land Exchange with the City of Soldotna to Provide for Soldotna Airport Expansion Through the Realignment of Funny River Road and Providing Additional Parking Area for the Donald E. Gilman River Center

The City of Soldotna has designed and secured funding for a realignment of Funny River Road, eliminating the existing S-curve and providing for expansion of the Soldotna Airport. This project would impact the Donald E. Gilman River Center property, and the City of Soldotna and the Borough Administration have agreed conceptually on an equal area-equal value land exchange which would provide additional land immediately east of the River Center parking lots in exchange for the lands that the City needs to complete its project. It is the administration's intent to finalize the plat and execute the land exchange in accordance with the schedule for road construction and right-of-way vacation which may take one or more years to complete; however, it is prudent to reach the agreement with the City prior to its further investment into the project.

Enclosed is a copy of the City of Soldotna's Ordinance 2009-048 which is scheduled for public hearing on January 13, 2010. The attached borough ordinance for your consideration would authorize the mayor to execute the land exchange on the borough's behalf.

Your consideration of this ordinance is appreciated.