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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 87-110

IN SUPPORT OF A NEW BRIDGE CROSSING OF THE KENAI RIVER TO SERVE THE FUNNY RIVER ROAD AREA

WHEREAS, the Funny River Road area has experienced considerable population growth over recent years; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District currently provides two buses to transport approximately 48 children each morning and evening to Soldotna schools from the Funny River area - a trip of about 50 minutes each way; and

WHEREAS, this time and expense for school busing could be reduced if a bridge could be constructed so these students could be transported to schools at Sterling; and,

WHEREAS, a new bridge between Sterling and Funny River Road would increase tourism opportunities by enhancing visitor access to the Kenai River, associated state parks, and the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge; and

WHEREAS, a new bridge would improve response time and reduce travel distance when providing essential health and safety services for area residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Funny River Road is currently classified as a "trail", which disqualifies the road for financial assistance from the Federal Highway Administration and severely limits financial assistance available for road improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports actions which enable federal financial assistance to become available for construction of a bridge to serve the Funny River area;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

Section 1. That a new Kenai River bridge crossing at Funny River and adjacent road segments be added to the Federal Aid Secondary (FAS) System.