

Introduced by: Mayor  
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Date: 06/09/05

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 2005-044**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FUNNY RIVER BRIDGE PROJECT AND  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE THE ADMINISTRATION,  
MANAGEMENT, AND OWNERSHIP OF THE PROJECT WITH THE STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES**

- WHEREAS**, the Kenai Peninsula Borough has identified the Funny River Bridge project as a priority transportation project for the past several years; and
- WHEREAS**, this project has been nominated as a state Statewide Transportation Improvement Program ("STIP") project in the past and has not scored high enough under the STIP scoring criteria to be funded under this program; and
- WHEREAS**, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities ("DOT") has, to date, performed several hundred thousand dollars worth of work on this bridge project including designating a preferred location, an Environmental Impact Statement, bathymetric surveys, and has estimated a project cost estimate of over \$11,000,000; and
- WHEREAS**, the DOT preferred location is identified as extending from Scout Lake Loop Road, at mile 34 of the Kenai River, located on a platted section line connecting Huske Drive on the Sterling side to a non-constructed Spring Street within the fully platted section line right-of-way on the Funny River side, which connects to the Funny River Road at its intersection with Rabbit Run Road; and
- WHEREAS**, Alaska's congressional delegation has appropriated \$5,000,000 toward the Funny River Bridge Project as an "federal earmark" in the 2004 Omnibus appropriations bill; and
- WHEREAS**, the DOT has requested the Kenai Peninsula Borough administer and manage these funds and any further funding for this project; and
- WHEREAS**, the congressional appropriation requires a 20 percent local match which would be \$1,250,000; and

**WHEREAS,** the DOT has offered to assist with the local match requirement with the provision the KPB accept ownership and maintenance of the connecting roads to the bridge project; and

**WHEREAS,** the Road Service Area supported the Funny River Bridge Project as a borough transportation priority at its February 2, 2005 meeting, with a recommendation the project be administered by the DOT; and

**WHEREAS,** the RSA board has not voted to fund this project to date;

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

**SECTION 1.** The assembly of the Kenai Peninsula Borough supports the Funny River Bridge Project.

**SECTION 2.** The mayor is authorized to negotiate with the DOT the administration and ownership of the project. Negotiations will address details relating to the following items, and other areas the parties determine are appropriate to address:

- A. The local match requirement associated with the initial \$5,000,000 grant, and any subsequent funding provided for this project.
- B. The extent of road maintenance transfers associated with the project.
- C. Efforts to secure additional funding to complete this project.

**SECTION 3.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS XX DAY OF XXXX, 2005.**

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Gary Superman, Assembly President

ATTEST:

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Sherry Biggs, Borough Clerk