

Introduced by: Merkes, Mayor
Date: 07/12/05
Action: Postponed until 08/02/05
Action: Adopted as Amended
Vote: 5 Yes, 2 No, 2 Absent
Date: 08/03/05

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2005-070**

**A RESOLUTION PLACING ADVISORY PROPOSITIONS ON THE BALLOT
REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE OVER THE KENAI RIVER
CONNECTING THE STERLING AND FUNNY RIVER COMMUNITIES COMMONLY
KNOWN AS THE FUNNY RIVER BRIDGE**

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough has identified the Funny River Bridge project as one of the priority transportation projects for the past several years; 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, and bathymetric surveys; and

WHEREAS, Alaska’s congressional delegation has appropriated \$5,000,000 toward the Funny River Bridge Project as a “federal earmark” in the 2004 Omnibus appropriations bill, which requires a \$1,250,000 match; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 Sterling Community Plan, Goal F, supports building a bridge crossing the Kenai River to the Funny River community; and

WHEREAS, Article 5, Goal A, of the 2004 Funny River Community Plan is to promote local, state, and federal interagency coordination for the construction of a Kenai River Bridge to allow additional access to the community; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 Kenai Peninsula Borough Transportation Plan identifies a bridge over the Kenai River connecting Sterling Highway with Funny River Road as a project that would aid the projected poor levels of transportation service provided by Funny River Road; and

WHEREAS, some people have observed that the population of Funny river has increased and the fire hazards have changed over the last decade; and

WHEREAS, the 1992 estimate for the Funny River Bridge was \$9.3 million; 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

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

SECTION 1. That the following ballot propositions shall be placed before the voters of the Kenai Peninsula Borough at the next regular election to read as follows:

A. Should the State of Alaska construct a bridge over the Kenai River, commonly known as the "Funny River Bridge," connecting the communities of Sterling and Funny River? THIS IS AN ADVISORY PROPOSITION.

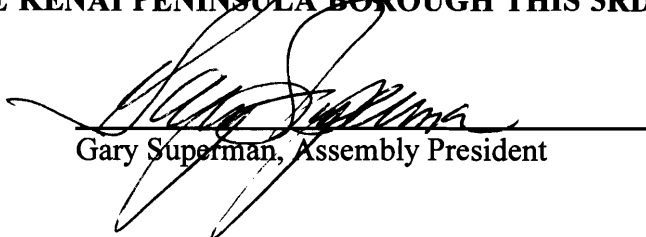
Yes _____ No _____

B. Should the Kenai Peninsula Borough contribute either funds or services to the Funny River Bridge construction project? THIS IS AN ADVISORY PROPOSITION.

Yes _____ No _____

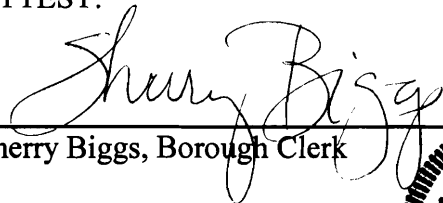
SECTION 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 3RD DAY OF AUGUST, 2005.



Gary Superman, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Sherry Biggs, Borough Clerk

