

Introduced	Mayor
Date:	03/21/00
Action:	Adopted
Vote:	6 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2000-020**

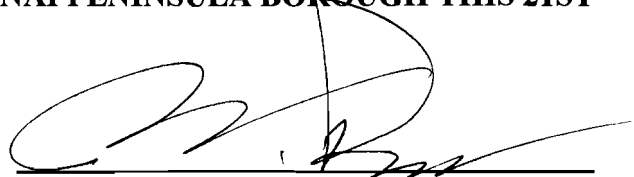
**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE UPGRADE OF WILLIAMSPORT-PILE BAY
ROAD AND MAKING A COOPERATIVE EFFORT WITH LAKE-PENINSULA
BOROUGH TO PROVIDE FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE ROAD**

- WHEREAS,** the assembly adopted Resolution 99-088 on December 14, 1999, supporting the Williamsport-Pile Bay road upgrade project; and
- WHEREAS,** the Williamsport-Pile Bay Road upgrade will provide economic opportunities for increased boat hauling traffic, freight transportation, and tourism into the region; and
- WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) adopted Resolution 93-103 agreeing to be local sponsor for a corps of engineers reconnaissance study in 1993, and in 1995 the corps of engineers completed a study and determined the project to be economically feasible and environmentally acceptable; and
- WHEREAS,** the KPB will benefit economically from the increased use of the Williamsport-Pile Bay Road; and
- WHEREAS,** the Williamsport-Pile Bay Road is a state road in poor to dangerous condition and would not meet the KPB's road construction standards; and
- WHEREAS,** on January 14, 2000, the Lake & Peninsula Borough (LPB) corresponded with the KPB requesting a matching contribution for an economic development grant; a memorandum of understanding on maintenance; a local match for military operations to repair the road; technical and planning assistance including research into land ownership issues; and support for Army Corps of Engineers project; and
- WHEREAS,** the road must be upgraded to the KPB's construction standards prior to the borough road service area considering maintenance of the road; and
- WHEREAS,** at the assembly meeting of February 29, 2000, the administration presented options including LPB's exercise of extra-territorial jurisdiction, contracting with LPB for routine maintenance of the road within the Kenai Peninsula Borough once it is upgraded and meets KPB standards, and the formation of a port authority in order to accomplish upgrade and ongoing future maintenance of the road;

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

- SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough strongly supports the Williamsport-Pile Bay Road upgrade project and supports the efforts of the Lake & Peninsula Borough to get the Williamsport-Pile Bay Road upgraded;
- SECTION 2.** That the borough will assist in the research of ownership issues regarding the road right-of-way and port facilities;
- SECTION 3.** That the borough will explore options with the Lake & Peninsula Borough regarding future maintenance of the road once it is upgraded;
- SECTION 4.** That the mayor shall forward copies of this resolution to the Lake & Peninsula Borough, the City of Homer, the Governor of Alaska, the Commissioner of DOT/PF, and the Kenai Peninsula legislative delegation.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 21ST DAY OF MARCH, 2000.


William Popp, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

