

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 08/15/00
Action: Adopted
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2000-072**

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES UPGRADE THE SPRUCE CREEK
BRIDGE IN SEWARD, ALASKA, TO A TWO LANE STRUCTURE**

WHEREAS, the Spruce Creek Bridge (Alaska Bridge # 1783) spanning 100 linear feet, has a restricted overall width of 14'-4", and is the sole land access, via Deacon Street, to the entire Lowell Point community; and

WHEREAS, the structure requires widening to a minimum clear width of 30 linear feet to assure that two traffic lanes are available for maintenance and emergency equipment, local residents, and ever increasing tourist traffic; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seward and Lowell Point community continue their request to have the Deacon Street access improved to the latest road standards; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 the Borough was awarded a federal demonstration project grant of approximately \$231,200 for improvements to this bridge structure; and

WHEREAS, the Borough requested that this project be added to the State Transportation Improvement Program for 2000-2002; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities ("DOT/PF") has indicated that a new two-lane bridge could be constructed for approximately the same cost as the bridge improvement project; and

WHEREAS, with increased traffic to and from Lowell Point, safety concerns associated with a single-lane bridge also increase;

WHEREAS, construction of a two-lane bridge, with modification of the Deacon Street approaches, would decrease the safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, the road service area board at its meeting of January 11, 2000, recommended the Spruce Creek Bridge replacement project in Seward;

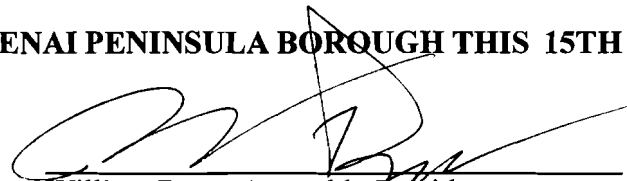
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI
PENINSULA BOROUGH:**

SECTION 1. That the KPB Assembly recommends that Spruce Creek Bridge, identified as Alaska Bridge No. 1783, be replaced with a two-lane structure, with necessary approach modifications, to assure safe and dependable access to and from the Lowell Point community.

SECTION 2. That the mayor shall forward copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of DOT/PF, the Kenai Peninsula Legislative delegation, the City of Seward, and the Community of Lowell Point.

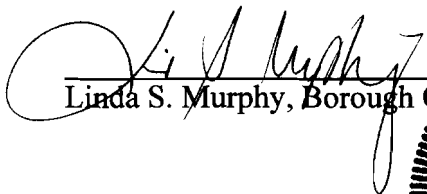
SECTION 3. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 15TH DAY OF AUGUST 2000.



William Popp, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

