

1 CITY OF HOMER
2 HOMER, ALASKA

3 Mayor

4 RESOLUTION 14-063(A)
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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
7 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF
8 TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES (ADOT/PF)
9 PIONEER AVENUE REHABILITATION PROJECT SCOPE OF
10 WORK AND PROVIDING SPECIFIC COMMENTS.
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12 WHEREAS, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT/PF)
13 Central Region planners and engineers visited the City Administration on May 23, 2014 to
14 discuss State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment Number 9 and
15 specifically, a proposed scope of work for the Pioneer Avenue Rehabilitation Project; and
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17 WHEREAS, The City had proposed a STIP project for Pioneer Avenue that included a
18 widened roadway, five foot bike lanes on either side of the road, a reconstructed drainage
19 system, new sidewalks, new lighting, landscaping, and pedestrian safety improvements
20 (described as a 3R project); and
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22 WHEREAS, DOT/PF informed the City that the formula for distributing federal highway
23 funds has changed resulting in significantly less money for community roads, that the
24 \$10,164,000 price tag for the City request was unaffordable, and that if the City stood firm on
25 its request, it could set the project back years and possibly jeopardize funding altogether; and
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27 WHEREAS, DOT/PF has proposed a scaled back, \$3,498,000 project that attempts to
28 incorporate some of the City's requests; particularly with respect to bike lanes and pedestrian
29 safety (described as a 1R project); and
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31 WHEREAS, DOT/PF's proposal includes narrowing the driving lanes and the center turn
32 lane to 10 feet, adding 4.5 foot bike lanes on either side of the road, adding pedestrian refuges,
33 repaving, and adding a stop control beacon at the intersection of Pioneer and Main; and
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35 WHEREAS, If this project were accepted by the City, design could start late this year
36 with construction potentially taking place in 2016; and
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38 WHEREAS, DOT/PF stated that limited drainage work could be done as part of this
39 project however, major systematic upgrades would require more funds than they had available
40 and waiting for those funds could set the project back years; and

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42 WHEREAS, DOT/PF indicated further that it was willing to wait for the City to raise
43 funds on its own from other sources to do drainage work and sidewalk and lighting upgrades
44 but if it took too long, the existing money could be jeopardized and moved to another project;
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47 WHEREAS, The City indicated to ADOT/PF that it was not inclined to assume
48 ownership responsibility for Pioneer Avenue unless the roadway and right-of-way is widened,
49 and some the major drainage issues were addressed first.

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51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council hereby expresses its
52 support for ADOT/PF's Pioneer Avenue Rehabilitation Project Scope of Work.

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54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council offers the following specific comments for
55 consideration:

- 56 1. The pedestrian walkway islands be painted into the road as opposed to raised
57 platforms.
58 2. The State consider putting in flashing LED walkway signs and push button activation at
59 crosswalk signs.

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61 PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL this 9th day of June, 2014.

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CITY OF HOMER

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MARY E. WYTHE, MAYOR

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JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

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Fiscal Note: N/A

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