

1 **CITY OF HOMER**  
2 **HOMER, ALASKA**

3 Smith/Aderhold

4 **RESOLUTION 21-065**

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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,  
7 REQUESTING THAT THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF  
8 TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES, AS PART OF THEIR  
9 KACHEMAK DRIVE PAVEMENT PRESERVATION PROJECT,  
10 INCLUDE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR NON-MOTORIZED USERS, AND  
11 EVALUATE A FUTURE PROJECT TO CREATE SAFE AND  
12 SUSTAINABLE PEDESTRIAN AMENITIES ALONG KACHEMAK DRIVE.  
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14 WHEREAS, The City of Homer works cooperatively with the Alaska Department of  
15 Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) on projects involving state roads within the  
16 City's boundary; and  
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18 WHEREAS, The ADOT&PF is currently designing a "1R" pavement preservation project  
19 for Kachemak Drive in Homer; and  
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21 WHEREAS, Kachemak Drive is a 35 mile per hour, narrow, winding road with essentially  
22 no shoulders, only side-slopes and drainage ditches along most of its length and is abutted by  
23 a state airport with general aviation businesses, light industrial businesses, and private homes  
24 and is used daily by motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians; and  
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26 WHEREAS, Kachemak Drive is also used as a normal route for transit between the  
27 Sterling Highway at the base of the Homer Spit and East End Road by both motorized and non-  
28 motorized users; and  
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30 WHEREAS, Kachemak Drive is inherently unsafe for pedestrians and bicycles due to the  
31 lack of shoulders, traffic levels and design speed, frequent speeding, poor signage, and narrow  
32 lane width; and  
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34 WHEREAS, The City of Homer recently installed lighted speed indicator signs to remind  
35 drivers of their speed to encourage drivers to follow speed limits; and  
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37 WHEREAS, The City of Homer has adopted the "Homer Shares the Road" program to  
38 encourage safe habits by drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians; and  
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40 WHEREAS, Recreational touring companies offer multi-day bicycle tours on the  
41 southern Kenai Peninsula that include routes on state and local roads in Homer; and  
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43 WHEREAS, Residents along Kachemak Drive and other community members have  
44 frequently requested a separated trail along Kachemak Drive to connect the separated paths  
45 on the Homer Spit and East End Road, thereby creating a safe walking and bicycling  
46 transportation corridor for the community; and

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48 WHEREAS, A separated non-motorized path along Kachemak Drive is compatible with  
49 ADOT&PF's Alaska Statewide Active Transportation Plan adopted in July 2019; and

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51 WHEREAS, The City of Homer's 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) includes the  
52 Kachemak Drive Rehabilitation/Pathway State project that compliments this resolution; and

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54 WHEREAS, The Homer Non-Motorized Transportation and Trails Plan, part of the  
55 adopted Comprehensive Plan, calls for a separated pathway along Kachemak Drive; and

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57 WHEREAS, In 2021 the Homer City Council added East Hill and West Hill Bike Lane  
58 projects to the City's 2022-2027 CIP as State projects that are consistent with the Kachemak  
59 Drive request; and

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61 WHEREAS, The Homer City Council does not want to delay current plans for the "1R"  
62 pavement preservation project because of the current, extremely poor conditions of  
63 Kachemak Drive; and

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65 WHEREAS, The Homer City Council recognizes that a larger project on Kachemak Drive  
66 is needed to fully address the underlying issues leading to its current poor condition and to  
67 add a separated non-motorized path.

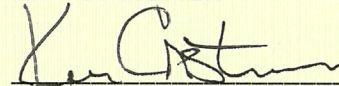
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69 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, requests  
70 that AKDOT/PF improve safety along Kachemak Drive by accommodating pedestrians and  
71 bicyclists as part of its "1R" pavement preservation project through wider lanes, a minimal  
72 shoulder on both sides, proper pavement markings and striping, and other sensible means.

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74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Homer City Council requests that ADOT&PF initiate  
75 a new project along Kachemak Drive to address underlying issues and develop safe and  
76 sustainable pedestrian amenities along Kachemak Drive.

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78 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Homer, Alaska, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of  
79 September, 2021.

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CITY OF HOMER



KEN CASTNER, MAYOR



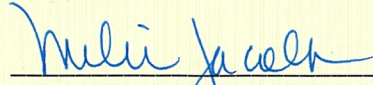
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90 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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92 Fiscal Note: N/A

