



# AGENDA ITEM REPORT

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## **Resolution 23-012, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Expressing Support for the Realizing Equitable Accessible Connectivity in Homer (REACH) Project and Endorsing the City's Application to the FY23 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) for REACH Planning and Design Funds. City Manager.**

<b>Item Type:</b>	Resolution
<b>Prepared For:</b>	City Council
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	13 Feb 2023
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<b>Through:</b>	Rob Dumouchel, City Manager

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### **Summary Statement:**

**Issue:** The purpose of this Memorandum is to request City Council support for the City's FY23 Federal RAISE Planning Grant application via Resolution 23-012. A Resolution of support from the governing body will strengthen and be included in the application, which is due February 28, 2023.

**Background:** Resolution 22-087 authorized a Task Order for HDR Engineering to provide grant writing services for the FY2023 Federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) planning grant to support Homer's non-motorized transportation network, and authorized the City Manager to negotiate and execute the appropriate documents.

The project application, named REACH (short for **R**ealizing **E**quitable, **A**ccessible **C**onnectivity in **H**omer) is well underway. The scope includes inclusive public engagement, system-wide planning and prioritization, environmental analysis, equity analysis, utility investigation, natural hazard risk assessment, preliminary design, benefit-cost analysis, and other pre-construction activities necessary to move expediently to construction phase, potentially with a subsequent RAISE construction grant. Pathways for consideration under REACH include, among others:

- Svedlund and Herndon from Pioneer Avenue to Main Street,
- Main Street South from Pioneer Avenue to Ohlson Lane,
- Ocean Drive and Kachemak Drive,
- West Hill bicycle lane from Eric Lane to Sterling Highway,
- Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon Accessible Fishing Platform, and
- Potential 'mobility hubs' for KPB transit van drop off and pick up, park and walk and park and bike hubs, etc.

The grant does not require matching funds.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Adopt Resolution 23-012.

**Attachments:**

[Resolution 23-012](#)

**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Manager

**RESOLUTION 23-012**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE REALIZING EQUITABLE, ACCESSIBLE CONNECTIVITY IN HOMER (REACH) PROJECT AND ENDORSING THE CITY'S APPLICATION TO THE FY23 REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) FOR REACH PLANNING AND DESIGN FUNDS.

WHEREAS, The City of Homer strives to provide and improve city-operated facilities and services to meet the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, Homer's non-motorized transportation facilities are disconnected, or missing sections all together, which is an accessibility barrier and creates safety hazards for both motorists and pedestrians where pedestrian use of roadways is necessary; and

WHEREAS, Comprehensively connecting Homer's non-motorized transportation network is one of City Council's high priority projects, a priority shared by the community as evidenced by consistent public comment at City Council meetings, at many community non-motorized transportation planning events, and by the large number of support letters offered by the community for the REACH project; and

WHEREAS, The REACH project plans and designs a comprehensive, connected network of accessible sidewalks, trails and bikeways to enable residents and visitors to make safe, non-motorized trips within the City of Homer; and

WHEREAS, REACH's scope addresses many non-motorized transportation facilities that have long been included in the City's Capital Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS, REACH significantly improves equitable access for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Federal RAISE funding is an essential catalyst to bring the REACH project to construction ready status.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska hereby expresses its support for the REACH project and strongly endorses the City's application to the FY23 RAISE program for planning and design funding assistance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

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MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal note: N/A