

**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.

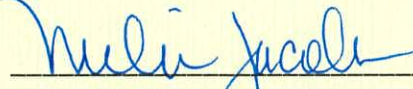
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

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KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal note: N/A

