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AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Resolution 23-014, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Intending to Add Rogers Loop Off-Street Parking Project to it's Capital Improvement Plan and to Work with Homer Trails Alliance on Trails and Trailhead Related Project if the Organization Receives a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant from the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (AK DOT&PF). Aderhold/Davis.

Item Type: Resolution
Prepared For: City Council
Meeting Date: 13 Feb 2023
Sponsor: Donna Aderhold, Council Member & Jason Davis, Council Member

Summary Statement:

Council Member's Aderhold and Davis submitted Resolution 23-014 for Council consideration.

Staff Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution 23-014.

Attachments:

[Resolution 23-014](#)

[HTA letter to city council 1-25-2023](#)

[Map](#)

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

Aderhold/Davis

RESOLUTION 23-014

AN RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
INTENDING TO ADD A ROGERS LOOP ROAD OFF-STREET PARKING
PROJECT TO ITS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND TO WORK
WITH HOMER TRAILS ALLIANCE ON TRAILS AND TRAILHEAD
RELATED PROJECTS IF THE ORGANIZATION RECEIVES A
TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE
ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC
FACILITIES

WHEREAS, The Homer Trails Alliance (HTA), a non-profit group based in Homer, has submitted a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) proposal to the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) to expand existing trail systems in and beyond the western boundary of the City of Homer to connect existing and new non-motorized trails that will enable pedestrians, bicyclists, and wheelchair users of all ages and abilities to travel between trailheads and trail systems along the Sterling Highway within the State owned Homer Demonstration Forest and the City of Homer's Diamond Creek Recreation Area and Alaska State Park's Diamond Creek Stat Recreation Site; and

WHEREAS, The HTA proposal includes new parking, restrooms, trailheads, and trails on parcels owned by the City of Homer in the Diamond Creek Recreation Area and adjacent to Rogers Loop Road near the Homer Demonstration Forest; and

WHEREAS, The City Council approved the Diamond Creek Recreation Area Management Plan in May 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Diamond Creek Recreation Area is currently used for winter recreation and to protect wetlands and waters in the Diamond Creek watershed; and

WHEREAS, The City-owned parcel on Rogers Loop Road was purchased with the intent of creating off-street parking for an existing trailhead, but this project has not been constructed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, intends to add a Rogers Loop parking area to its Capital Improvement Plan and will work with HTA on other trail and trailhead related projects if the organization receives a TAPS grant from DOT&PF for its proposed project.

43 PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, THIS 13th day of
44 February, 2023.

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55 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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57 Fiscal note: N/A



Homer Trails Alliance

*To promote, maintain, and develop sustainable trails in the Homer area
North shore of Kachemak Bay from Anchor Point to Fox River*

Connecting Community through Trails

January 25, 2023

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Dear City of Homer Council Members:

Homer Trails Alliance (HTA) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization focused on promoting, maintaining, and developing sustainable trails in the Homer area. I am writing this letter on behalf of the HTA Board.

The HTA is applying for a State Department of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant which will connect the City of Homer central business district to the Diamond Creek State Recreation Site (DCSRS) via a non-motorized trail system for all ages and abilities. This is consistent with the Diamond Creek Recreation Area Management Plan, which was approved by the City Council in May of 2013.

Included in the project:

- Separated pedestrian/non-motorized pathway along the Sterling Highway DOT to Diamond Creek SRS – this is a safety necessity
- Trailheads & parking with bathrooms at Rogers Loop, DOT winter trailhead, east side of Green Timbers Rd, and Diamond Creek SRS
- Improve/extend trails within Homer Demonstration Forest & Homestead trail including making wheelchair accessible

The total estimated project cost is \$4,700,000. In the project area, the City of Homer owns a large 240-acre parcel (see attached map). The TAP grant application requires a resolution from the City of Homer demonstrating support and a funding match of 9.03%, which would be from HART funds. A 9.03% match is \$424,010. A suggested draft council resolution is attached; we

would like the resolution taken to the City Council for consideration at its February 13, 2023 meeting. The TAP application is due on the 28th of February.

As of the writing of this letter, we have received ten letters of support for this project from community organizations. The Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly will be considering a resolution of support for this project sponsored by the Borough Mayor and our two Assembly representatives at its February 7, 2023 meeting.

Thank you in advance for your support of the Diamond Creek Recreation Area Access and Development project that will significantly improve connectivity of our community.

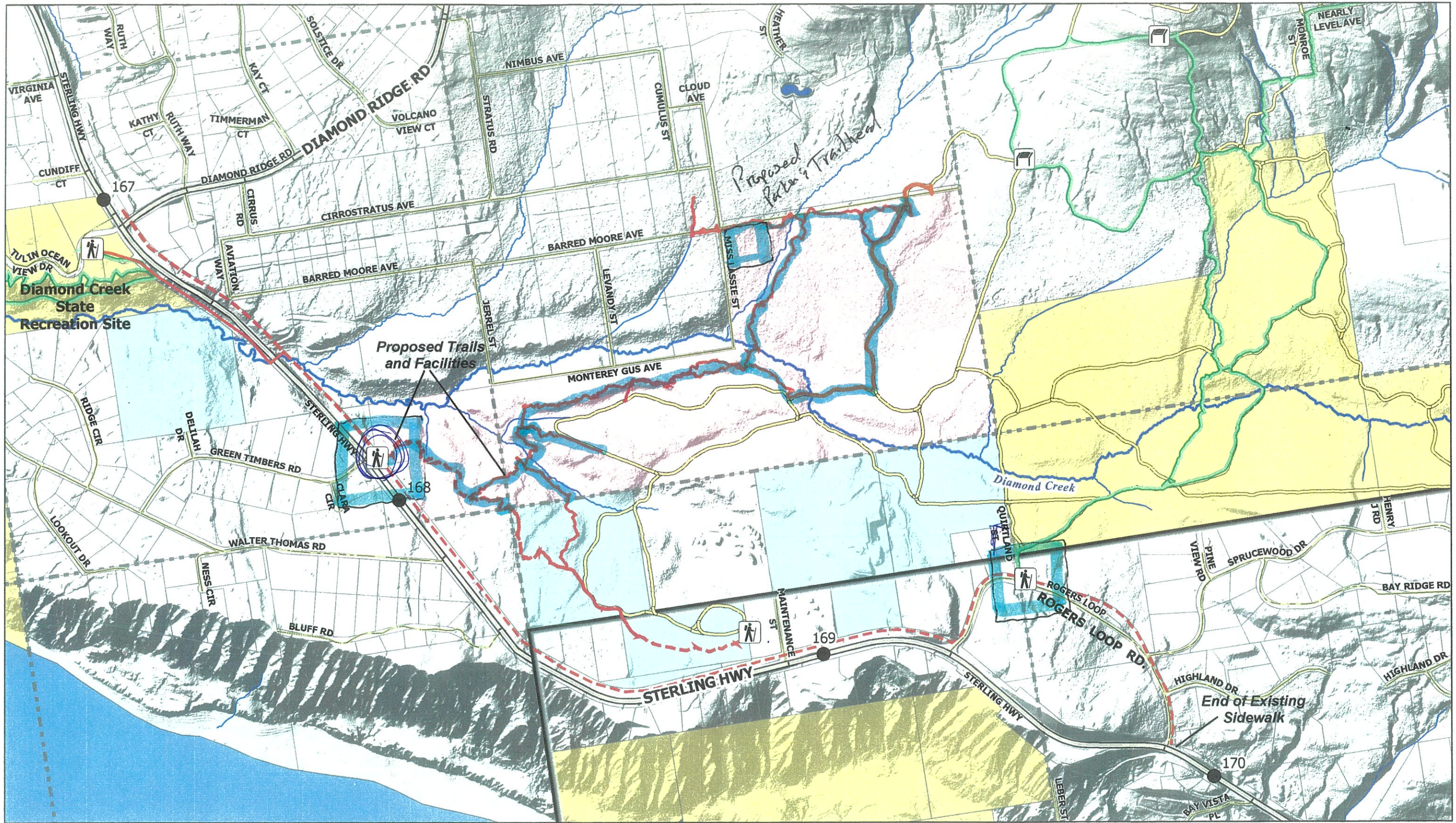
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at ak.fritterbug@gmail.com. For more information about HTA, please see our website <https://homertrailsalliance.org> or visit our Facebook page.

Sincerely,

Cameale Johnson
HTA Board Member

Attachments:

Map of project area
Draft resolution for the Homer City Council

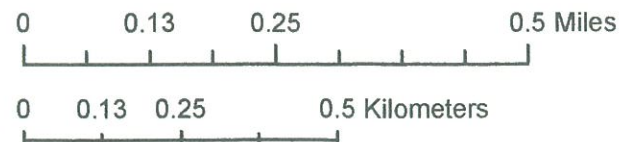


Data Sources: KPB (parcels, roads, LIDAR 2008);
 KNSC, B. Day; HBC-bike trails
 ADNR: Parks, State trails
 DGS: 2019 LIDAR; ADOT&PF: roads;
 USGS: Streams, Lakes
 Esri: World imagery
 HTA: Trails; HBC, bike trails.
 Projection: Alaska State Plane Zone 4, NAD83
 Date: 11/28/22
 Map Author: C. Barnwell, HTA



Legend

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| | Proposed All Abilities Trails | | Streets | | ADNR Owned Parcels |
| | Proposed Connector Trails | | Major Roads | | KPB Owned Parcels |
| | Highway Milepost | | Hiking and Biking Trails | | Parcel Boundaries |
| | Hiking and Biking Trails | | Winter (ski) Trails | | City of Homer Parcels |
| | Winter (ski) Trails | | City Homer Boundary | | USGS Section Lines |
| | Bench | | | | |
| | Trailhead | | | | |



WEST HOMER RECREATION PLANNING

