



# AGENDA ITEM REPORT

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## **Resolution 23-023, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Supporting the Construction of a Parking Lot to Serve the Eastern End of the East End Bike Path. Aderhold.**

<b>Item Type:</b>	Resolution
<b>Prepared For:</b>	Mayor & City Council
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	13 Mar 2023
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<b>Sponsor:</b>	Donna Aderhold, Councilmember

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### **Summary Statement:**

The State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (AKDOTP&F) owns a parcel at the northeast corner of McLay and East End Roads. The property is right at the corner where the flashing light crosswalk is at McLay Road.

Local citizen's group Homer Drawdown is working with AKDOTP&F to build a parking lot on the property, serving the bike path. AKDOTP&F officials mentioned the project to City staff at a meeting in December. They support the project and are looking for a statement of non-object or support from the City of Homer, as the City is an adjacent municipality.

This resolution expresses the City's support for the project.

### **Recommendation:**

Adopt Resolution 23-023

### **Attachments:**

Resolution 23-023

McLay Road Park and Bike Scoping Document

Map

**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

Aderhold

**RESOLUTION 23-023**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,  
SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PARKING LOT TO SERVE  
THE EASTERN END OF THE EAST END BIKE PATH.

WHEREAS, The State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (AKDOTP&F) owns a parcel at the northeast corner of McLay and East End Roads, where the bike path crosses East End Road; and

WHEREAS, Citizen’s group Homer Drawdown has requested a project in partnership with AKDOTP&F for a modest parking lot to serve the current eastern end of the East End Bike Path; and

WHEREAS, AKDOTP&F owns the property where the parking lot would be located and Homer Drawdown has submitted a Project Scoping Document for the parking lot; and

WHEREAS, While the project is not within Homer City Limits, AKDOTP&F is requesting input from the City of Homer as an adjacent municipality; and

WHEREAS, The Homer Comprehensive Plan Chapter 5 Goal 3 Objective A states: “The trail and sidewalk network should provide an alternative to driving, enhanced recreational opportunities, and support auto-free transportation throughout the community”; and

WHEREAS, Residents East of Kachemak City area who wish to use non-motorized transportation to travel to Homer must either travel on the narrow section of East End Road which is less safe for non-motorized uses, or drive a car and park closer to the terminus of the bike path; and

WHEREAS, A designated parking lot on AKDOTP&F property would allow for bike path users to park their vehicle and finish traveling to Homer via non-motorized transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Homer City Council expresses its support for Homer Drawdown and AKDOTP&F development of a parking lot to serve the bike path on East End Road.

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

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MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal Note: n/a

## DOT Project Scoping Document

<b>Project Title: McLay Road Park and Bike</b>	<b>AKDOT Project Number:</b>
<b>Sponsor: Homer Drawdown</b>	<b>Estimated Cost:</b>
<b>Date Prepared: 12/4/2022</b>	<b>Estimated Start Date: 4/2023</b>
<b>Parcel ID: 17445011</b>	<b>Estimated Completion Date: 7/2023</b>

**Project Description:** Improve the 0.28 acre lot owned by Alaska DOT at 41322 McLay Road to a park and bike location. Improvements shall consist of:

- Fill and level the lot to accommodate 18-24 parking spaces
- Signage to identify the lot as a Park and Bike location
- Maintain summer maintenance and winter plowing of the lot
- Paving and striping of the lot if funding allows
- Install bike racks/lockers and shelter if funding allows

**Project Background:** Homer Drawdown is a community group working to improve non motorized transportation in the Homer area. During a symposium held in collaboration with the City of Homer on October 1, 2022 the public gave feedback about recommended improvements. One topic that was brought up was the need for outside of town residents to have the ability to utilize the bike path along East Road. People living past the end of the bike path expressed an interest in a place to park and bike the rest of the way to town along the bike path. A search of property ownership along the bike bath identified the DOT lot at the NE corner of McLay and East End Road, adjacent to the bike path, as a prime location for this purpose. The lot would provide bikers a 3 or 4 mile ride to downtown Homer by utilizing the existing bike path, would alleviate some traffic on East Road, and would help promote Homer as a Bike friendly community.

**Stakeholders:**

- State of Alaska DOT: Property owner
- City of Kachemak: The lot is inside the City of Kachemak limits.
- City of Homer: The lot is adjacent to the City of Homer.
- Kenai Peninsula Borough: The lot is within the Kenai Peninsula Borough
- Homer Drawdown: Project sponsor

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