

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

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4 **RESOLUTION 24-018**

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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA  
7 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE REALIZING EQUITABLE,  
8 ACCESSIBLE CONNECTIVITY IN HOMER (REACH) PROJECT AND  
9 ENDORSING THE CITY'S APPLICATION TO THE FY24 REBUILDING  
10 AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY  
11 (RAISE) FOR REACH PLANNING AND DESIGN FUNDS.  
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13 WHEREAS, The City of Homer strives to provide and improve city-operated facilities and  
14 services to meet the needs of the community; and  
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16 WHEREAS, Homer's non-motorized transportation facilities are disconnected, or  
17 missing sections all together, which is an accessibility barrier and creates safety hazards for  
18 both motorists and pedestrians where pedestrian use of roadways is necessary; and  
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20 WHEREAS, Comprehensively connecting Homer's non-motorized transportation  
21 network is one of City Council's high priority projects, a priority shared by the community as  
22 evidenced by consistent public comment at City Council meetings, at many community non-  
23 motorized transportation planning events, and by the large number of support letters offered  
24 by the community for the REACH project; and  
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26 WHEREAS, The REACH project plans and designs a comprehensive, connected network  
27 of accessible sidewalks, trails and bikeways to significantly improve equitable access for all  
28 citizens and enable residents and visitors to make safe, non-motorized trips within the City of  
29 Homer; and  
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31 WHEREAS, REACH's scope addresses many non-motorized transportation facilities that  
32 have long been included in the City's Capital Improvement Plan and is included in Alaska's  
33 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan as a community driven project; and  
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35 WHEREAS, Federal RAISE funding is an essential catalyst to bring the REACH project to  
36 construction ready status.  
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38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska hereby  
39 expresses its support for the REACH project and strongly endorses the City's application to the  
40 FY24 RAISE program for planning and design funding assistance.  
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42 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 12th day of February, 2024.  
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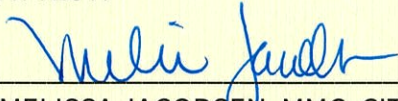
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CITY OF HOMER



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KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK





# MEMORANDUM

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**Resolution 24-018, 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 FY24 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) for REACH Planning and Design Funds. City Manager.**

**Item Type:** Backup Memorandum  
**Prepared For:** Mayor Castner and Homer City Council  
**Date:** January 29, 2024  
**From:** Special Projects Coordinator Carroll  
**Through:** Rob Dumouchel, City Manager

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**Summary Statement:** The purpose of this Memorandum is to request City Council support for the City's FY24 Federal RAISE Planning Grant application via Resolution 24-018.

**Background:** Last year, upon City Council approval, City staff worked with HDR to submit a REACH application to the FY23 RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) Federal discretionary grant program. The REACH application made it to the Secretary of Transportation's desk for final funding consideration, was Highly Rated and earned the designation as a "Project of Merit" but was ultimately not funded. At an application debrief, the US Department of Transportation encouraged the City to consider applying again in the FY24 round.

City Council approved Resolution 24-007 which authorized HDR to work with City staff to strengthen the REACH application (in response to the reviewers' comments) and resubmit the request by the February 28, 2024 application deadline.

The scope of the FY24 REACH project will be similar to FY23: conduct system-wide planning and prioritization, data collection and analysis, feasibility, environmental review and 65% design for selected sidewalk and trail projects in Homer's Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. Pathways for consideration under REACH include, among others: 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 24-018. A Resolution of support from the governing body will strengthen and be included in the application which is due February 28, 2024.