

**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

Mayor/  
City Manager

**RESOLUTION 25-012**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE HOMER SPIT TRANSPORTATION RESILIENCY PROJECT AND ENDORSING THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A PLANNING GRANT UNDER THE FY24/FY26 PROMOTING RESILIENT OPERATIONS FOR TRANSFORMATIVE, EFFICIENT AND COST EFFECTIVE TRANSPORTATION (PROTECT) GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, The Homer Spit, encompassing 4.5 miles of Alaska's Highway 1, the Homer Port, the Alaska Marine Highway terminal, U.S. Coast Guard assets and supporting significant marine transportation and tourism industries, is a regional commerce center, statewide transportation hub and critical tsunami evacuation route; and

WHEREAS, Changes in coastal storm patterns, their intensity and uneven shoreline hardening have disrupted Homer Spit's long-standing erosion and accretion patterns, causing rapid advances in shoreline erosion; and

WHEREAS, This erosion has significantly increased the vulnerability of Alaska Highway 1 due to roadway base and surface deterioration and periodic inundation during coastal storms; and

WHEREAS, A November 17, 2024 storm surge event eroded a significant amount of public and private property, damaged businesses, undercut a revetment wall and collapsed one lane of Alaska Highway 1, prompting a local disaster declaration and a State of Alaska Declaration of Disaster Emergency; and

WHEREAS, The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (AK DOT&PF) has identified coastal erosion mitigation on the Homer Spit as a priority in statewide transportation improvement plan; and

WHEREAS, AK DOT&PF has identified the Homer Spit Transportation Resiliency project as critical to improve transportation and public safety and to reduce costs by avoiding larger future maintenance and emergency rebuilding costs; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Transportation's Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant

42 program provides funding to ensure surface transportation resilience to natural hazards  
43 including changing storm patterns, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural  
44 disasters through support of planning activities, resilience improvements, community  
45 resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure; and

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47 WHEREAS, The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (AK DOT&PF)  
48 is applying to the FY24-26 PROTECT program for a planning grant to develop and implement a  
49 data-driven, feasible highway protection design plan to mitigate the devastating effects of  
50 storm surge and the erosion it causes; and

51 WHEREAS, Homer Spit Erosion Mitigation has been a long-standing high priority project  
52 in the City of Homer Capital Improvement Plan; and

53 WHEREAS, The Homer Spit Transportation Resiliency project aligns with PROTECT  
54 funding priorities in that it's planning activities develop critical data (i.e. a beach sediment  
55 investigation and sediment management plan, topographic, geotechnical and bathymetric  
56 analyses), preliminary design alternatives and anticipated performance, cost estimation and  
57 development of a funding plan, public and agency involvement, and identifying phasing of  
58 projects to strengthen, stabilize and enhance the resilience of critical transportation  
59 infrastructure of local, statewide and national significance; and

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61 WHEREAS, This information is valuable in expediting the coordination of and  
62 implementation of long-term resiliency measures among key partners, including the US Army  
63 Corps of Engineers; and

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65 WHEREAS, The City of Homer has a history of collaboration with the AK DOT&PF  
66 pertaining to Homer Spit erosion issues; and

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68 WHEREAS, Alaska DOT&PF has demonstrated experience with compliant  
69 administration of Federal Highway Administration funded projects, which includes  
70 refurbishments, replacements, repairs, and maintenance on all State-owned roads.

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72 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska hereby  
73 expresses its support for the Homer Spit Climate Resiliency project and strongly endorses the  
74 AK DOT&PF application to the FY24/25 PROTECT program.

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76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if awarded, the City of Homer will work in partnership  
77 with AK DOT&PF to support grant project implementation and agency coordination with the  
78 US Army Corps of Engineers and other key partners as needed.

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80 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 10th day of February, 2025.  
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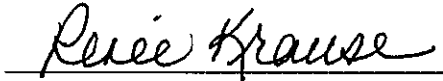
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RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, CITY CLERK

