

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

Mayor/City Council

RESOLUTION 25-071(A)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
URGING THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND
PUBLIC FACILITIES TO PRIORITIZE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AND
ENGAGE IN STRONG LOCAL COLLABORATION DURING THE
UPCOMING STERLING HIGHWAY MP: 169-175 PAVEMENT
PRESERVATION PROJECT.

WHEREAS, The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (AKDOT&PF) owns and maintains the primary transportation corridors running through the City of Homer, including but not limited to: the Sterling Highway, Pioneer Avenue, East and West Hill Roads and East End Road; and

WHEREAS, The planned Sterling Highway MP: 169-175 Pavement Preservation Project, which is the main travel corridor through the City's core, offers a critical opportunity to implement safety improvements in areas of high traffic volume, business density, pedestrian activity, residential growth; and

WHEREAS, Roadway safety - including visibility, turning movements, drainage, bicycle and pedestrian crossings and access - is a long standing concern of resident, businesses and visitors to the City of Homer; and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer recognizes the importance of working in close partnership with AKDOT&PF to ensure that transportation infrastructure reflects both local priorities and statewide safety goals; and

WHEREAS, Public engagement and transparent planning are essential to ensure that transportation projects serve the full community, funds are well spent, and that local knowledge and data are integrated into State-led decision making; and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer's transportation infrastructure must keep pace with growth and development, increases and changes in traffic patterns and land use to reduce risks and improve safety for all users; and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer with strong community engagement, has identified specific intersections and roadway segments with documented or perceived safety concerns that warrant further consideration for implementation during this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council respectfully requests that the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities evaluate and, where feasible, implement safety improvements as part of the upcoming resurfacing project. The City of Homer specifically urges that the following areas be prioritized for review and coordinated planning:

1. Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) Transfer Facility Entrance – Improve visibility and address safety hazards associated with the curve and turning movements; coordinate directly with KPB staff for review and input.
2. Baycrest Area Drainage near Mount Augustine Drive – Address standing water and runoff concerns; the City has substantial documentation and offers to re-submit existing data and analysis to AKDOT&PF.
3. Soundview Avenue and Sterling Highway Intersection – Evaluate safety of turning movements, particularly related to adjacent schools and the recently approved 25 home residential development south of the highway.
4. Ocean Drive Loop, Ocean Drive and Lake Street Intersection (End of Bike Path) – Address pedestrian and cyclist crossing safety and potential enhancements at this key multimodal junction.
5. Ocean Drive – Consider a turning lane or other safety improvements that take into account the heavy commercial and non-motorized activity along this stretch of highway.
6. FAA Drive and Sterling Highway Intersection – Evaluate turning movement safety and access concerns at this high-use intersection.
7. Kachemak Drive and Sterling Highway Intersection – Consider safety upgrades in light of the newly permitted hotel development on the west side of the intersection.
8. Collaborate with the City to replace roadway signage in accordance, budget allowing, with the City's adopted Wayfinding and Streetscape Plan.
9. **West Hill Drainage MP153.3 (1355 Sterling Highway, Homer, AK) Standing water and runoff concerns, the City has substantial documentation and data analysis to provide AKDOT&PF that shows the West Hill drainage, failure and release with severe property damage.**

10. Incorporate measures identified in the recently adopted Kenai Peninsula Borough Safe Streets and Roads for All Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (SS4A) for the corridor MP169-175.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Homer stands ready to support public outreach, data sharing and cross agency coordination to ensure success of this important project, and urges early and ongoing collaboration with City staff, residents and other stakeholders throughout the project design and implementation phases.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 28th day of July, 2025.

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RACHEL LORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal Note: NA



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