

**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

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**RESOLUTION 25-073**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA  
ADOPTING THE HOMER GOALS OF THE KENAI PENINSULA  
WALKABILITY ACTION PLAN.

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Physical Activity and Health Branch, Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity funds an Active People, Healthy Nation<sup>SM</sup> program (Program) conducted by the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) Center for Advancing Healthy Communities; and

WHEREAS, The Program has implemented “Walkability Action Institutes” in states across the country with the purpose of developing sustainable systemic changes in local communities that inspire people to be more physically active daily as a means of decreasing chronic diseases such as obesity; and

WHEREAS, The State of Alaska has implemented an Active Transportation Group led by the Alaska Department of Public Health, Division of Public Health, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), and Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium; and

WHEREAS, The Active Transportation Group teamed with the Denali Commission and Senator Löki Tobin to bring the Walkability Action Institute to Alaska in 2025; and

WHEREAS, Six Alaska community teams were developed to be a part of the Walkability Action Institute in Kotzebue, Fairbanks, Bethel, Dillingham, Kenai Peninsula, and Sitka consisting of a city planner, public health nurse, DOT&PF planner, local elected official, and interested member of the community; and

WHEREAS, The Kenai Peninsula Team included Kevin Buettner, Kenai City Planner; Julie Bunch, Public Health Nurse in Kenai; Romorenzo Marasigan, DOT&PF Central Region Planner for the Kenai Peninsula; Donna Aderhold, Homer City Council, and Alecia Gottlob, Cook Inlet Counseling; and

WHEREAS, The Alaska community teams participated in virtual and in person training sessions from April 3 to June 5, 2025, led by national experts in developing measures to test and implement actions at the local level that lead to improved community cohesion and walkability and moveability for all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, The culmination of the Walkability Action Institute was the preparation of Team Action Plans with specific, place-based goals that were due on June 20, 2025, for review, comment, and final approval by the NACDD; and

WHEREAS, The Kenai Peninsula Plan was approved by NACDD on July 23, 2025, and will be submitted to the CDC; and

WHEREAS, Plans accepted by the CDC as part of the Walkability Action Institute may be able to apply for federal funding, if those funding streams still exist; and

WHEREAS, The Kenai Peninsula Team plan included seven goals, three for the City of Kenai and four for the City of Homer, and;

WHEREAS, The City of Homer goals include the following:

- Evaluating traffic calming strategies for future implementation on Pioneer Avenue that will yield improved non-motorized transportation, friendliness, and local business patronage, while supporting Homer's comprehensive plan and zoning code rewrites.
- Develop a truck route to move as much traffic as possible off Pioneer Avenue to improve safety and walkability.
- Identify traffic problems and evaluate strategies to calm traffic on Fairview Avenue in Homer to create an environment that is friendlier to non-motorized transportation and supports Homer's comprehensive plan and zoning code rewrites.
- Add an alternative non-motorized path from Bay Avenue to Lake Street to allow pedestrians and bicyclists to avoid Ocean Drive.

WHEREAS, Adopting Homer's Walkability Action Plan goals supports Homer's planning and community development goals, Homer's transportation plan, and comprehensive plan, and adoption is timely as the 2026 Capital Improvement Plan is currently being developed and the goals can be added as projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska adopts the Homer goals of the Kenai Peninsula Walkability Action Plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.

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RACHEL LORD, MAYOR

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RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, CITY CLERK

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