

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Manager/
Public Works Director

ORDINANCE 25-56

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
AMENDING THE FY26 CAPITAL BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING
\$1,200,000 FROM THE HOMER ACCELERATED ROADS AND TRAILS
(HART) ROAD FUND TO THE HIGHLAND DRIVE CULVERT
REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

WHEREAS, The winter of 2024/2025 was unusually warm and wet resulting in numerous
slope instabilities around the City; and

WHEREAS, Highland Drive at the crossing of Bidarki Creek was observed to have some
slope instability resulting in sloughing soils, continuously eroding and encroaching upon the
road; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that the Bidarki Creek culvert on Highland Drive is at least 30-
years old and is beyond its expected life; and

WHEREAS, The sloughed soils are nearly blocking the culvert on the downstream side;
and

WHEREAS, A final design was completed by RESPEC Engineering for the reconstruction
of the road and replacement of the culvert on July 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The final design cost estimate for construction is \$1,065,256; and

WHEREAS, Some contingency is necessary to account for high bids and change orders
once construction is underway.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

Section 1. The Homer City Council hereby amends the FY26 Capital Budget by
appropriating \$1,200,000 as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
160-8007	Highland Dr Culvert Replacement	\$1,200,000

Section 2. The City Manager is authorized to negotiate and execute the appropriate documents.

Section 3. This is a budget amendment ordinance, is temporary in nature, and shall not be codified.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this 25th day of August, 2025.

CITY OF HOMER


RACHEL LORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, CITY CLERK

YES: 5
NO: 0
ABSENT: 1
ABSTAIN: 0



First Reading: 8/11/25
Public Hearing: 8/25/25
Second Reading: 8/25/25
Effective Date: 8/26/25



MEMORANDUM

Ordinance 25-56, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY26 Capital Budget by Appropriating \$1,200,000 from the Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails (HART) Roads Fund to the Highland Drive Culvert Replacement Project. City Manager/Public Works Director.

Item Type: Backup Memorandum
Prepared For: Mayor Lord and City Council
Date: July 23, 2025
From: Daniel Kort, Public Works Director
Through: Melissa Jacobsen, City Manager

I. Issue: The purpose of this Memorandum is to request \$1,200,000 for the construction of the Highland Drive Culvert Replacement Project.

II. Background:

Public Works staff was made aware of the side slope of Highland Drive failing and sloughing in mid-January due to the wet and warm winter. This location is where Highland Drive crosses the drainage headwaters of Bidarki Creek. Bidarki Creek flows through a culvert located at the base of the canyon, crossing with Highland Drive, with side slopes approaching a 1 to 1. The upstream side of the road crossing is approximately 15-feet to the stream bed elevation and the downstream side of the road crossing is approximately 30-feet to the stream elevation. The age of the culvert is estimated to be approximately 30-years and the pipe is well past its expected life.

The Public Works Department has been closely monitoring the conditions on Highland Drive because the erosion and sloughing is continuing to occur and working its way towards the road and has already exposed approximately 5-feet of road bed geotextile fabric and a communication line. As of February 17, 2025, the erosion was within approximately 5-feet of the guardrail along the road edge and is currently within 3-feet. As a safety precaution, the roadway was narrowed to one lane crossing this section of road, and 50% weight limit signs were posted at the intersections of Highland Drive and West Hill Road as well as the intersection of Rogers Loop and Sprucewood Drive.

After soliciting design proposals from three qualified term contractors, the Public Works Department awarded the design of the project to RESPEC Engineering. A final design was

completed by RESPEC on July 18, 2025. The Engineer's estimate for construction was \$1,065,256. However, given the current bidding climate, it would be prudent to include some extra contingency funds for higher than expected bids or unforeseen change orders during construction.

- III. RECOMMENDATIONS:** That the City Council appropriates \$1,200,000 towards the construction of the Highland Drive Culvert Replacement.

CITY OF HOMER FINANCIAL SUPPLEMENT

PROJECT NAME	Highland Drive Culvert Replacement	DATE	08/06/2025
DEPARTMENT	Public Works	SPONSOR	City Manager/PW Director
REQUESTED AMOUNT	\$ 1,200,000		

DESCRIPTION	<p>The winter of 2024/2025 was unusually warm and wet resulting in numerous slope instabilities around the City. Highland Drive at the crossing of Bidarki Creek was observed to have some slope instability resulting in sloughing soils, continuously eroding and encroaching upon the road. It is estimated that the Bidarki Creek culvert on Highland Drive is at least 30-years old and is beyond its expected life. The sloughed soils are nearly blocking the culvert on the downstream side. A final design was completed by RESPEC Engineering for the reconstruction of the road and replacement of the culvert on July 18, 2025.</p> <p>The final design cost estimate for construction is \$1,065,256. Some contingency is necessary to account for high bids and change orders once construction is underway.</p>
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FUNDING SOURCE(S)	OPERATING	GF CARMA	GF FLEET CARMA	PORT RESERVES	WATER CARMA
	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	HAWSP	HART-ROADS	HART-TRAILS	PORT FLEET RESERVES	SEWER CARMA
	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%

FUNDING SOURCE 1: HART Roads (160)	FUNDING SOURCE 2:	FUNDING SOURCE 3:
Current Balance \$ 4,791,253	Current Balance _____	Current Balance _____
Encumbered \$ 3,389,875	Encumbered _____	Encumbered _____
Requested Amount \$ 1,200,000	Requested Amount _____	Requested Amount _____
Other Items on Current Agenda \$ 0	Other Items on Current Agenda _____	Other Items on Current Agenda _____
Remaining Balance \$ 201,378	Remaining Balance _____	Remaining Balance _____
FUNDING SOURCE 4:	FUNDING SOURCE 5:	FUNDING SOURCE 6:
Current Balance _____	Current Balance _____	Current Balance _____
Encumbered _____	Encumbered _____	Encumbered _____
Requested Amount _____	Requested Amount _____	Requested Amount _____
Remaining Balance _____	Remaining Balance _____	Remaining Balance _____

Remaining Balance (including Fund 155): \$1,474,425