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DENALI BOROUGH, ALASKA RESOLUTION NO. 23-14

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE DENALI BOROUGH'S APPLICATION TO THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FOR A SEPARATED PEDESTRIAN PATH FROM SUNTRANA ROAD TO ANTLER RIDGE TRAILHEAD AND AUTHORIZES THE DENALI BOROUGH MAYOR TO SIGN THE AWARD, IF FUNDED, AND FUTURE PROJECT AGREEMENTS.

WHEREAS, the Denali Borough is participating as an eligible project sponsor in the AK DOT&PF Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP); and

WHEREAS, federal monies are available under the TAP, administered by AK DOT&PF, for the purpose of creating and promoting the planning and development of transportation alternative projects in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Denali Borough Land Use and Economic Development Plan states a Transportation Goal to “Explore opportunities to build bike and pedestrian infrastructure along highways and major roads”; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study included five “community connector” paths along the Parks Highway, and the Healy to Denali National Park connector was rated a top priority through public engagement; and

WHEREAS, A qualitative assessment done through the PEL Study showed separated pathways would help achieve important goals identified for the corridor: safety, mobility, access and land use, economic vitality, environmental stewardship, and funding.

WHEREAS, this separated path would be 4-miles long and extend from a central intersection in Healy at Suntrana Road to the new trailhead at Antler Ridge.

WHEREAS, this separated path would connect residential areas, community services and buildings, local businesses, seasonal restaurants and lodging, and employee housing with a new recreation facility for residents and visitors at Antler Ridge; and

WHEREAS, the Denali Borough acknowledges availability of the required match of no less than 9.03%; and

WHEREAS, the Denali Borough will commit to maintenance and operation responsibilities for the life of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Denali Borough Assembly provides its support for the Suntrana Road to Antler Ridge Trailhead Separated Path TAP project proposal and assures AK DOT&PF that sufficient funding for the Denali Borough matching contribution and ongoing maintenance and operations for the project is available.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Denali Borough Assembly this 12th day of April 2023.



MAYOR CLAY WALKER

ATTEST: 

AMBER RENSHAW, BOROUGH CLERK

VOTE: UNANIMOUS:

