

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION CY25-22**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS APPROVING SUBMISSION OF AN
APPLICATION TO THE ALASKA FEDERAL LANDS ACCESS PROGRAM FOR A GRANT TO
DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT A PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/SIDEPATH ALONG MOUNTAIN VIEW
ROAD BETWEEN GOOD RIVER ROAD CORNER AND THE BOUNDARY OF GLACIER BAY
NATIONAL PARK AND TO AUTHORIZE A LOCAL CONTRIBUTION TO THAT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of Gustavus strives to provide a safe, healthy, and attractive environment for all its residents and visitors; and,

WHEREAS, pedestrians and bicyclists in Gustavus, among them many children on their way to and from school, currently have no option other than to walk or ride on narrow shoulders along Mountain View Road; and,

WHEREAS, a pedestrian/bicycle/sidepath will separate pedestrians and bicyclists from vehicular traffic, which will increase safety; and,

WHEREAS, Gustavus residents will have an enhanced and safer opportunity to conduct their normal business or recreation by walking or riding a bicycle; and,

WHEREAS, the visitor experience at Gustavus will be enhanced by the opportunity to safely experience Gustavus by walking or riding a bicycle; and,

WHEREAS, the pedestrian/bicycle/sidepath will be an avenue to better community health because people of all ages will have an enhanced opportunity to exercise by walking or riding a bicycle or other physical activities; and,

WHEREAS, the construction of a pedestrian/bicycle/sidepath along Mountain View Road between Good River corner and the Glacier Bay National Park boundary (a distance of approximately three miles) will be an important component of a potential pedestrian/bicycle/sidepath that will connect the Gustavus Airport to Bartlett Cove; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Gustavus unsuccessfully applied for a similar Federal Lands Access Program grant in 2014, for which a previous resolution in support was passed by the City Council; and additionally, for which another resolution was passed supporting a pedestrian/bicycle path for an unsuccessful Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) application in 2023.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gustavus City Council reaffirms its support for the construction of a pedestrian/bicycle/sidepath along Mountain View Road between Good River corner and the Glacier Bay National Park boundary, and it approves the submission of an application to the Alaska Federal Lands Access Program for a grant in the amount of approximately \$3,000,000 to design and construct a pedestrian/bicycle path along said route.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Gustavus will contribute up to \$50,000 worth of local materials extracted from city-owned gravel pits to be used in the construction of the pedestrian/bicycle path.

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Sally A. McLaughlin, Mayor

Attest: Liesl Barker, City Clerk