Presented by: The Manager
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DRAFT -RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

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A Resolution in Support of Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Funding for the Lemon Creek Multimodal Path and Supporting Matching Funds for this Eligible Project.

WHEREAS, THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES (DOT&PF) SPONSORS THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP), WHICH PROVIDES FUNDING FOR A VARIETY OF GENERALLY SMALLER-SCALE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SUCH AS PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE FACILITIES, CONSTRUCTION OF TURNOUTS, OVERLOOKS, AND VIEWING AREAS, COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS, ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION RELATED TO STORMWATER AND HABITAT CONNECTIVITY, RECREATIONAL TRAILS, SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECTS, AND VULNERABLE ROAD USER SAFETY ASSESSMENTS; AND,

WHEREAS, DOT&PF ADMINISTERS THE TAP THROUGH A COMPETITIVE GRANT PROCESS AND THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU HAS SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION FOR TAP FUNDING FOR THE LEMON CREEK MULTIMODAL PATH; AND,

WHEREAS, THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU'S LEMON CREEK PLAN WAS FINALIZED IN 2018 AND INCLUDED THE LEMON CREEK MULTIMODAL PATH AS AN ACCESSIBLE IMPROVEMENT THAT WILL BE USABLE BY ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE IN ALL KINDS OF WAYS INCLUDING RECREATING, CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, NEIGHBORHOOD ACCESS, AND COMMUNITY RECONNECTION; AND,

WHEREAS, THE LEMON CREEK MULTIMODAL PATH WILL BE A LARGE AND COMPLEX PROJECT INVOLVING MULTIPLE ELEMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION AND RECREATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE, AND IN ORDER TO BECOME A REALITY FUNDS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF THIS MULTI-PHASE PROJECT; AND,

WHEREAS, CBJ HAS ALLOCATED $1,100,000 OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDING FOR THE LEMON CREEK MULTIMODAL PATH PROJECT, AND AN ADDITIONAL $1,500,000 MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR THE PROJECT FROM AN EXTENSION OF THE 1% SALES TAX APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE OF JUNEAU IN THE 2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION; AND,

WHEREAS, THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU ASSEMBLY AND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAVE ALLOCATED SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES TO THE LEMON CREEK MULTIMODAL PATH PROJECT AND INTEND TO ALLOCATE FURTHER RESOURCES TO THE PROJECT IN FUTURE; AND,

WHEREAS, TAP GRANT FUNDING MAY BE USED FOR PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES AND THE LEMON CREEK MULTIMODAL PATH PROJECT

WILL HELP PROVIDE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS, AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS OF THE LEMON CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD AND ALL OF JUNEAU; AND,

WHEREAS, THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU SYSTEMIC RACISM REVIEW COMMITTEE HAS CONSIDERED THE PAST INEQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES WHICH HAS DEPRIVED THE LEMON CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD OF MANY OF THE SAME IMPROVEMENTS AND AMENITIES WHICH ARE ENJOYED BY THE PEOPLE OF JUNEAU RESIDING IN OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS AND AREAS OF ALASKA'S CAPITAL CITY; AND,

WHEREAS, TAP GRANT FUNDING WILL HELP MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE SCOPE OF WORK TO INCLUDE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING OF THE LEMON CREEK MULTIMODAL PATH PROJECT IN A WAY THAT MAXIMIZES COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD INPUT SO THE RESULTING PATH WILL BEST SERVE THE PEOPLE WHO WILL USE IT MOST, WHILE ENHANCING THE NEIGHBORHOOD FOR ALL AND PROTECTING FISH & WILDLIFE HABITAT;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. The City and Borough of Juneau seeks TAP Grant Funding for the first phase of the Lemon Creek Multimodal Path, and funding in the amount of $3,000,000.

Section 2. The City and Borough of Juneau acknowledges the requirement for a minimum 9.03% local match for TAP Grant Funding, and, in accordance with Alaska law on encumbering funds in future fiscal years, intends to commit to providing matching funds in the amount of $1,000,000, or 25% of the current project budget, as a local match in the event of successful completion of the TAP Grant Funding process.

Section 3. The City and Borough of Juneau commits to operate and maintain the Lemon Creek Multimodal Path upon construction.

Section 4. A successful application for and subsequent receipt of TAP Grant funds is an essential component of the budgetary planning and execution process for the Lemon Creek Multimodal Path Project.

Section 5. The City and Borough of Juneau respectfully encourages the TAP Statewide Project Evaluation Board to allocate $3,000,000 to the Lemon Creek Multimodal Path in order to make it possible for this important project to become a reality as soon as possible.

Section 6. **Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:

Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk