Presented by: The Manager
Presented: 1/30/2023
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DRAFT- RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 3014

A Resolution in Support of Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Funding for a Replacement Bridge over Montana Creek 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 MONTANA CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT; AND,

WHEREAS, IN AUGUST 2022 THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DETERMINED THE MONTANA CREEK BRIDGE IS NO LONGER SAFE FOR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, INCLUDING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES; AND,

WHEREAS, THE MONTANA CREEK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE NO. 6009 IS AT THE END OF MONTANA CREEK ROAD, AND IS A 130-FOOT LONG SINGLE-SPAN BRIDGE THAT IS TEN FEET WIDE, WITH AN ESTIMATED REPLACEMENT COST OF $1,200,000 CALCULATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ALASKA BRIDGES & STRUCTURES MANUAL; AND,

WHEREAS, DOT&PF HAS OFFERED TO PAY THE REQUIRED MATCH FOR THE TAP GRANT FOR THE MONTANA CREEK BRIDGE IN EXCHANGE FOR THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU ACCEPTING OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE OF THE BRIDGE IN FUTURE; AND,

WHEREAS, TAP GRANT FUNDING MAY BE USED FOR PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES AND THE MONTANA CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT WILL HELP PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE MONTANA CREEK TRAIL SYSTEM FOR RESIDENTS OF AND VISITORS TO JUNEAU; AND,

WHEREAS, THE MONTANA CREEK BRIDGE IS THE GATEWAY TO THE MONTANA CREEK TRAIL, WHICH IS A BELOVED "THROUGH" HIKE THAT MEANDERS THROUGH NARROW CANYONS AND ACROSS A MYRIAD OF MOUNTAIN STREAMS OVER A SEVEN-MILE STRETCH BEFORE JOINING THE WINDFALL LAKE TRAIL;

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 Montana Creek Bridge Replacement Project, and funding in the amount of $1,080,000.

Section 2. The City and Borough of Juneau acknowledges the requirement for a 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 $25,000 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 new Montana Creek Bridge 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 Montana Creek Bridge Replacement Project.

Section 5. The City and Borough of Juneau respectfully encourages the TAP Statewide Project Evaluation Board to allocate $1,080,000 to the Montana Creek Bridge Replacement Project 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.

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Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:

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Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk