

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

Serial No. 3014

**A Resolution in Support of Transportation Alternative Program
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 and 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 the 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.

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

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49 **Section 1.** The City and Borough of Juneau seeks TAP Grant Funding for the
50 Montana Creek Bridge Replacement Project, and funding in the amount of \$1,080,000.
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52 **Section 2.** The City and Borough of Juneau acknowledges the requirement for a local
53 match for TAP Grant Funding, and in accordance with Alaska law on encumbering funds in
54 future fiscal years intends to commit to providing matching funds in the amount of \$25,000
55 as a local match in the event of successful completion of the TAP Grant Funding process.
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57 **Section 3.** The City and Borough of Juneau intends to commit to operate and
58 maintain the new Montana Creek Bridge upon construction.
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60 **Section 4.** A successful application for and subsequent receipt of TAP Grant funds is
61 an essential component of the budgetary planning and execution process for the Montana
62 Creek Bridge Replacement Project.
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64 **Section 5.** The City and Borough of Juneau encourages the TAP Statewide Project
65 Evaluation Board to allocate \$1,080,000 to the Montana Creek Bridge Replacement Project
66 in order to make it possible for this important project to become a reality as soon as possible.
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68 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately after its
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71 Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2023.
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76 Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

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81 Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk
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