

CITY OF SAXMAN

**RESOLUTION # 04.2024.04**

A **RESOLUTION** of the Council of the City of Saxman, Alaska supporting Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities planning and design efforts to relocate the M/V Lituya ferry landing, currently located in the City of Ketchikan, to the City of Saxman.

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska Marine Highway route between Revilla Island and Annette Island is a critical transportation link; and,

**WHEREAS**, the M/V Lituya services the route between terminals at AMHS Berth Three and Annette Bay; and,

**WHEREAS**, relocating the terminal on the Revilla side of the route to a location in the community of Saxman would reduce the run time of the route; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Saxman Seaport may be a suitable location for a relocated Lituya terminal; and,

**WHEREAS**, reducing the run time of the route better serves both the community of Saxman and the Metlakatla Indian Community; and,

**WHEREAS**, reducing the run time of the route creates travel and commuting opportunities not otherwise available to area residents; and,

**WHEREAS**, Need ID Number 33972 of the 2020-2023 Alaska Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan calls for the investigation/design of a new ferry terminal for the M/V Lituya in the Saxman area, and includes funds to undertake the work; and,

**WHEREAS**, improved transportation infrastructure is a priority of the City of Saxman.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Saxman supports efforts by the State of Alaska to begin investigation/design work to relocate the Lituya terminal to the City of Saxman and encourages the State to begin the work immediately.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Saxman supports the utilization of city owned and controlled property within the Port of Saxman for the relocation of the Lituya terminal. The City of Saxman, City Council, calls on the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities to engage with the Mayor, Council and residents of City of Saxman at the start of the project.

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**Effective Date:** This Resolution is effective upon adoption.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** by the Saxman City Council this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

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Frank H. Seludo  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Marissa Medford  
City Administrator