

Agenda Statement

Meeting Date: August 19, 2025
To: City Council
From: Jackie C. Wilde, City Manager
Agenda Item: Resolution 2025-028



BACKGROUND, JUSTIFICATION, & INTENT:

Resolution 2025-028 was presented by Mayor Blair. It is intended to replace Resolution 2023-015, adopted in April 2023, which authorized the City Manager to participate in discussions with the Alaska Department of Transportation, Huna Totem Corporation, and the Alaska Railroad Corporation regarding the Head of the Bay railroad wye and road project.

The current resolution broadens the scope from the wye and road project to a range of transportation, land use, and infrastructure topics. It references increased cruise ship traffic and includes statements about potential improvements to tunnel operations, relocation of the ferry terminal, pedestrian infrastructure, and land acquisition for development.

Adoption of Resolution 2025-028 would formally rescind Resolution 2023-015.

CONSISTENCY CHECKLIST:

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Legislative Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Comprehensive Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Whittier Code	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

FISCAL NOTE: Policy decision.

ATTORNEY REVIEW: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION: Administration defers to Council's judgment on the adoption of Resolution 2025-028.