

**CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 2026-029**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA, APPROPRIATING \$145,000 FROM THE GROUND TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR TEMPORARY SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AND ROADWAY REPAIRS TO GATEWAY ROAD, PROVIDING ACCESS TO GLACIER CREEK TERMINAL AND THE HEAD OF THE BAY AREA, TO ADDRESS TRANSPORTATION-RELATED IMPACTS GENERATED BY INCREASED VISITATION, IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY, PRESERVE ACCESS, AND MITIGATE DETERIORATED ROAD CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, increased traffic volumes, seasonal visitation, severe weather conditions, and limited available funding have accelerated deterioration of the roadway and created significant maintenance challenges; and

WHEREAS, sections of Gateway Road have deteriorated to the point that large potholes, surface failures, drainage issues, and roadway deficiencies create safety concerns for motorists, pedestrians, campground users, emergency responders, and the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, the City of Whittier experiences seasonal visitation that places increased demands on roads, public facilities, drainage systems, pedestrian facilities, campgrounds, public safety services, and other City infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City finds it necessary to undertake temporary roadway repairs to reduce hazards, preserve access, protect public safety, and reduce potential liability associated with known roadway deficiencies; and

WHEREAS, because of immediate safety concerns and the need to preserve access to public facilities, the City has elected to undertake temporary repairs to Gateway Road while pursuing a long-term transportation solution; and

WHEREAS, the temporary improvements authorized by this Resolution are not intended to bring Gateway Road into full design standards, establish ownership, certify the roadway, or create a permanent roadway system, but instead represent an interim measure until a long-term transportation solution can be developed; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to pursue stakeholder partnerships, planning efforts, and state and federal funding opportunities for the design and construction of a future transportation corridor serving Glacier Creek Terminal and the Head of the Bay area; and

WHEREAS, the future transportation corridor is anticipated to include roadway improvements constructed to applicable engineering standards, drainage infrastructure, pedestrian facilities, sidewalks where appropriate, traffic safety features, and other infrastructure necessary to meet long-term transportation and public safety needs.

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NOW, THEREFORE, THE WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES:

Section 1. Appropriation. The City Council hereby appropriates One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$145,000) from the Ground Transportation Fund for temporary roadway repairs and safety improvements to Gateway Road.

Section 2. Funding Source. The appropriation shall be funded through the Ground Transportation Fund. To the extent sufficient funds are not yet available, the City Manager is authorized to temporarily advance funds from the General Fund or other available municipal resources, with future Ground Transportation Fund revenues reimbursing or offsetting such expenditures when available.

Section 3. Purpose. The purpose of this appropriation is to address immediate public safety concerns, preserve roadway access, protect City infrastructure, reduce liability exposure, and maintain transportation connectivity until a permanent transportation corridor can be planned, designed, funded, and constructed.

Section 4. Temporary Nature of Improvements. The City Council expressly finds that the work authorized by this Resolution constitutes temporary repairs and safety improvements only and is not intended to represent final roadway design, reconstruction, acceptance of ownership, roadway certification, or compliance with future roadway standards.

Section 5. Future Transportation Corridor. The City Council supports continued stakeholder engagement and pursuit of state and federal funding opportunities for the development of a permanent transportation corridor that includes roadway improvements constructed to applicable engineering standards, drainage systems, pedestrian facilities, sidewalks where appropriate, and other infrastructure necessary to meet long-term transportation and public safety needs.

Section 6. Public Purpose. The City Council finds that the temporary repairs authorized by this Resolution serve a valid public purpose by protecting public safety, preserving access to public facilities, maintaining transportation connectivity, reducing liability exposure, and protecting City infrastructure while long-term planning and funding efforts for a permanent transportation corridor are pursued.

Section 7. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier City Council on this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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95 AYES:

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105 **Shelby Carlson**

106 Acting City Clerk

Victor Shen

Mayor

(City Seal)