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Resolution 09-0323B

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HB 173 AND SB 142

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is preparing to reconstruct Illinois Street in Fairbanks; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Street is a commonly used thoroughfare that connects downtown Fairbanks to the western and northern districts of the city; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Street is in dire need of reconstruction and expansion so as to lessen traffic jams during rush hours and decrease traffic accidents in the area; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian and bicycle facilities are inadequate or entirely absent along this road; and

WHEREAS, this project is designed to support efforts to address riverfront enhancements in the area where the corridor crosses the Chena River; and

WHEREAS, Fairbanks residents and commuters would greatly benefit from this road's reconstruction, which would result in a straighter and wider street, providing for a faster and safer commute; and

WHEREAS, five (5) acres of land owned by the Alaska Railroad Corporation must be transferred to the DOT&PF in order to proceed with this reconstruction project; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Alaska State Legislature to approve the conveyance of the corporation's land interest as stipulated in AS 42.40.285(1); and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Railroad Corporation has approved of this land transfer to the DOT& PF, an approval that is required under AS 42.40.120(c)(14).

BE IT RESOLVED the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce supports the Illinois reconstruction project and urges the Alaska State Legislature to pass HB 173 and SB 142 expediently.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be distributed to: The Alaska Legislature

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Jack Wilbur
Chair
Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce

Handwritten signature of Jim Little

Jim Little
Chair
Transportation Committee

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