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RESOLUTION 08-0211

A Resolution by the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce Supporting a Realignment of the Alaska Railroad through Fairbanks

WHEREAS, in 2001 the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution to support the Alaska Railroad in their plans to design and construct urban realignment of the railroad to eliminate 48 at-grade crossings within the Fairbanks North Star Borough, and

WHEREAS, virtually all municipal, governmental, corporate, and private entities within urban Fairbanks and North Pole agree that substantial urban route realignment is most important in order to rectify the Railroad's increasing safety, hazardous materials, noise, and operational efficiency concerns, and

WHEREAS, the current intermediate solution of realignment being designed at Fort Wainwright does not do enough toward alleviating the community safety concerns, and

WHEREAS, all local governments have passed resolutions supporting a southern bypass realignment of the railroad and

WHEREAS, a full National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review will fairly and conclusively resolve the array of issues surrounding the optimal urban railroad realignment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce supports relocation of the Alaska Railroad, to address the safety and efficiency problems associated with current alignment of the railroad through Fairbanks and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce calls for a full Environmental Impact Statement of the proposed project routes to objectively evaluate all alternatives so that progress toward a factually derived solution may be initiated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be distributed to:

Federal Railroad Administration
Alaska Railroad Corporation
The Alaska Congressional Delegation
Governor Sarah Palin
Interior Delegation


Rick Solie

Chairman, GFCC Board of Directors


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