

**DENALI BOROUGH, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 11-01**

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ADDRESS
THE ONGOING PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RAILROAD OVERPASS AND REXANNA
ROAD AT MILEPOST 275.5 PARKS HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, the Denali Borough Assembly recognizes the need for the railroad overpass at milepost 275.5 of the Parks highway; and

WHEREAS, construction of this overpass lifted access to Rexanna Road almost 30 feet, with 25 feet of lift in the last 600 feet of Rexanna Road, equating to a dangerous 1:24 slope; and

WHEREAS, Rexanna Road is the only highway access for a large residential subdivision, and is a school bus stop; and

WHEREAS, the Denali Borough recognizes the property rights granted to individuals by the state and federal government upon ownership of property; and

WHEREAS, lifting Rexanna Road access both illegally encroached upon private property and created an ongoing safety issue for local residents, their children and other users of the area due to dangerous icing conditions occurring every winter on this 1:24 slope; and

WHEREAS, since completion of this access, flooding of private property has occurred at substantial cost to residents living in the area serviced by Rexanna Road, and remains an ongoing issue; and

WHEREAS, formal request by the Denali Borough for the D.O.T. to install guardrails on the Rexanna Road approach to the Parks Highway was denied; and

WHEREAS, during construction of the railroad overpass a frontage road was built on the Rexanna Road side of the Parks Highway to allow passage of Highway traffic; and

WHEREAS, the northern access to this frontage road and the road itself as far as the existing Rexanna Road never left the existing Parks Highway easement and also bordered unencumbered state land; and

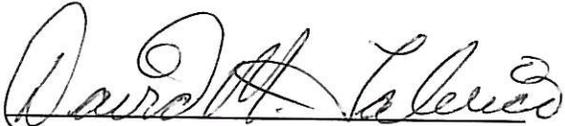
WHEREAS, survey of this frontage road already exists in the Department of Transportation records of the railroad overpass project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Denali Borough Assembly formally requests the Alaska Department of Transportation to address these issues by moving the Rexanna Road access approach approximately 1500 feet north, and use the gravel of the existing, lifted approach to re-build the frontage road as the new Rexanna Road approach, thereby resolving all safety, flooding, and encroachment concerns voiced by this Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Assembly considers this to be an issue of utmost importance to the safety and well-being of the residents of this area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Assembly requests the mayor mail a hard copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Transportation and the Governor of Alaska.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Denali Borough Assembly this 12TH day of JANUARY, 2011.



Mayor David M. Talerico

ATTEST:  _____
Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk



AYES: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
ABSENT: HOLMES and COOPER

