

DENALI BOROUGH, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 16-11

A RESOLUTION BY THE DENALI BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE ADDITION OF A NEW PROJECT, TITLED "DENALI PARK AREA RAIL REALIGNMENT", TO AMENDMENT 1 OF THE 2016-2019 ALASKA STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP).

WHEREAS, the Denali Borough Assembly is governing body of the Denali Borough; and,

WHEREAS, at-grade crossings of the Alaska Railroad mainline and the George Parks Highway are recognized safety hazards; and,

WHEREAS, the at-grade crossing south of the Denali Park main entrance near Parks Hwy. milepost 235 receives not only the full complement of highway thru-traffic but also considerable local traffic, which includes numerous tour busses and transit vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, the typical treatment for such crossings is a highway overpass, yet a potential alternative may exist in this scenario, because the railroad re-crosses (via an overpass) the highway just two miles to the north; and,

WHEREAS, the Denali Borough Assembly has supported, via Resolutions 07-03 and 09-03 "Moving the rail line at milepost 237 within Denali National Park and Preserve as opposed to creating an overpass."; and,

WHEREAS, the feasibility of such a realignment, while discussed, has not been fully studied; and,

WHEREAS, Amendment 1 of the 2016-2019 STIP proposes to add a feasibility study of this realignment to the State of Alaska STIP.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Denali Borough Assembly strongly supports the addition of the "Denali Park Area Rail Realignment " (Need ID # 30510) to the 2016-2019 Alaska Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Denali Borough Assembly this 10TH day of AUGUST, 2016.



MAYOR CLAY WALKER

ATTEST:



AMBER RENSHAW, DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK



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