

**CITY OF WASILLA  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 11-18**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE PARKS HIGHWAY ALTERNATIVE CORRIDOR PROJECT AND THE USE OF ADVANCED RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION BY THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES TO ADVANCE THE PROJECT USING STATE FUNDING.**

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WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has begun a study to determine a new route for the Parks Highway around the south side of Wasilla between Trunk Road and the Big Lake Cut-Off; and

WHEREAS, this project is vital for Wasilla to prevent the Parks Highway from becoming an 8 to 12 lane facility through the center of town; and

WHEREAS, advanced right-of-way acquisition is needed now to preserve the right-of-way for future construction before the area becomes built-out; and

WHEREAS, state funding is critical in securing the needed right-of-way now, allowing the project to be constructed in phases over the next 20 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council supports the Parks Highway Alternative Corridor Project and the use of advanced right-of-way acquisition using state funding.

APPROVED by the Wasilla City Council on May 23, 2011.

  
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VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

[SEAL]

VOTE: Harris, Holler, Katkus, Menard, Sullivan-Leonard and Woodruff in favor.

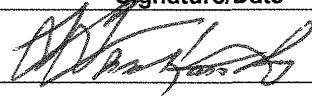




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LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT**

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**Agenda of:** May 23, 2011  
**Originator:** Administration

**Date:** May 11, 2011

Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
X	Finance Director	 5/12/2011
X	Interim Deputy Administrator	
X	Public Works Director	 5/11/11
X	City Clerk	

**REVIEWED BY MAYOR VERNE E. RUPRIGHT:** 

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  yes or  no

Funds Available  yes  no

**Account name/number:**

**Attachments:** none

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** The State of Alaska Department of Transportation currently has an engineering firm studying proposed routes for a new Parks Highway corridor around the south side of Wasilla. Advanced right-of-way acquisition is critical for this project to be successful using state funding before too much development occurs. The route study is expected to be completed by the end of the year and right-of-way acquisition process could begin next year.

This resolution is intended to support the funding of advanced right-of-way acquisition in the State's FY2013 transportation budget. Once the right-of-way is secured, the project can be constructed in phases over the next 20 years.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the adoption of Resolution Serial No 11-18 supporting the Parks Highway Alternative Corridor project and the use of advanced right-of-way acquisition using state funding.