

**Huffman/O'Malley Community Council Resolution addressing the
South Extension of the Coastal Trail Draft Environmental Impact Statement,
dated Nov. 11, 2002.**

Whereas: The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT/PF), Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) and the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) have issued a draft environmental impact statement entitled South Extension of the Coastal Trail Draft Environmental Impact Statement, (DEIS) dated Nov. 11, 2002; and

Whereas: The subject DEIS has been released for public review and the comment period ends March 7, 2003; and

Whereas: The ADOT/PF, FHWA, and MOA preferred alternative, as identified in the DEIS, is the orange-modified route which follows the coastline of Turnagain Arm; and

Whereas: A member of the Huffman O'Malley Community Council (HOCC) Steering Committee officially reviewed the subject DEIS for the HOCC and presented a summary at the January 17, 2003, HOCC meeting; and

Whereas: All the alternatives could have some level of adverse impact on adjacent private property owners; and the coastal route alternatives could adversely affect the fish and wildlife resources inhabiting the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge, and

Whereas: Numerous members of the community and entities have urged the HOCC to take a position on the project; and

Whereas: At the HOCC's meetings dated January 17, 2003, and February 20, 2003, the HOCC was provided information from individuals for and against the orange-modified route; and

Whereas: Members of the HOCC have heard many hours of presentations and discussed issues with members of the community and with advocates and opponents of the orange-modified route, and

Whereas: The HOCC was presented with seemingly feasible alternatives and ideas by Mr. Michael Jens which have merit and deserve to be considered and further investigated, and

Whereas: The HOCC advocates and supports continued planning and development of the south extension of the Coast Trail in a location that is as similar to the present Coastal Trail as practicable; therefore

Whereas: The HOCC believes that private property rights are highly important and that the involved agencies and courts will exercise due diligence in all eminent domain/reverse condemnation proceedings.

Now Therefore Be it Resolved: The HOCC enjoins the planning bodies to work diligently, and in concert with affected property owners, to explore and develop all feasible alternatives to mitigate impacts to private property rights.

Be it Further Resolved: The HOCC wants any chosen route to be designed in a manner which gives fair consideration of the trail's impacts on private property owners, fish and wildlife, hunters and other user groups, and the values and long-term interests of the community as a whole.

Respectfully submitted: February 20, 2003

Proposed By: Wayne M. Crayton

Seconded By: Melissa Schmiedt

Passed: February 20, 2003

Votes in favor: Eight

Votes against: One