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*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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**Resolution 2018-16
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors**

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
for the
Improved Seward Highway Interchange at Girdwood**

Whereas: The Seward Highway is a critically important connection that links all communities south of Anchorage, and

Whereas: The Seward Highway continues to present major safety concern for fatal and nonfatal accidents, and

Whereas: The Girdwood Volunteer Fire Department is the first responder to the tragic volume of fatal accidents on the Seward Highway, and

Whereas: Projected traffic volumes for both Alaska residents and tourists on the Seward Highway continue to increase, and

Whereas: Cruise lines are projecting a more than 5 to 7 percent growth each year over the next five years, bringing additional passengers and traffic on to the Seward Highway, and

Whereas: The Alaska Department of Transportation (DOT) currently has important work underway on Phase 1 of the Milepost 75-90 Project which starts at the base of Turnagain Pass and ends at the Girdwood Interchange, and

Whereas: DOT projects Phase 2 of the Milepost 75-90 Project to begin near the Girdwood Interchange in 2020, and

Whereas: DOT has previously done important Right-of-Way work at the Girdwood Interchange in preparation for much-needed redesign and rebuilding of the increasingly congested and unsafe Interchange, and

Whereas: Including design and construction of the Girdwood Interchange in Phase 1 of the Milepost 75-90 Project would maximize efficient use of DOT planning and construction resources, contractor mobilization resources and costs, and minimize traffic disruption, and

Whereas: Additional delays in realignment of the Girdwood Interchange will further increase monetary costs of the project, as well as increase health, safety and economic costs due to fatal and nonfatal accidents that could have been avoided.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Girdwood Board of Supervisors urges the Alaska Department of Transportation to include the Girdwood Interchange in Phase 1 of the Milepost 75-90 Project.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 5 to 0 this 29th day of October, 2018.

Jerry Fox
Jerry Fox, GBOS Co-Chair

10/30/18
Date

Margaret Tyler
Attest

10/31/18
Date