

Introduced by: Ecklund
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Action: Adopted
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2023-037**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A COMMUNITY PROJECT TO EXAMINE AND
PLAN A MULTI-USE, NON-MOTORIZED, PATHWAY IN COOPER LANDING**

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is Administering a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to advance small scale transportation projects that are important to communities; and

WHEREAS, the Cooper Landing Town Road Planning Project and its partners are working on a TAP project proposal to plan the development of a multi-use, non-motorized separated pathway connecting all points be they business, cultural, historical, or natural along the existing Sterling Highway in Cooper Landing, soon to be known as the Town Road; and

WHEREAS, the Cooper Landing Town Road Project, a part of the Cooper Landing Walkable Community Project is a part of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, Goal 4 of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Transportation Plan (2003) is to create trails or pedestrian walkways along highways and other busy roads, especially within communities; and

WHEREAS, KPB Comprehensive Plan (2019) Goal 1 is, “Diversify and grow the Kenai Peninsula economy,” Focus Area Tourism and Recreation, Objectives A (outdoor recreation and tourism, resident health and quality of life), B (recreation trails, access, mobility), C (quality tourism destinations and resources), D (appeal of borough communities), and E (partnerships), Focus Area Sportfishing, B (protect habitat); and

WHEREAS, KPB Comprehensive Plan (2019) Goal 3 is, “Preserve and Improve Quality of Life...”, Focus Area Health, Objectives A (health and wellness of residents and communities) Strategy 1, and B (healthy, active seniors) Strategy 5, Focus Area Housing, Objective B (seniors remaining in their community), Strategy 4, Focus Area Historic Preservation, Table 20, Cooper Landing Historic District and Historic Post Office, Objectives A (cultural history and resources), and B (preserve and develop); and

WHEREAS, KPB Comprehensive Plan (2019) Goal 4 is, “Improve access to, from, and connectivity within the Kenai Peninsula Borough”, Objective E is to “develop non-motorized pathways to connect communities with each other and with trails connecting to natural areas and open space”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough supports the Cooper Landing Trails Committee of the Cooper Landing Community Club in pursuing a TAP project proposal to examine this environmentally and culturally sensitive area of the Upper Kenai River Valley and plan a multi-use, non-motorized, separated pathway connecting business, historical, cultural, and natural assets on Borough, State, and Federal lands within the community and area of Cooper Landing.

SECTION 2. That this resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 2ND DAY OF MAY, 2023.

Brent Johnson

Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Michele Turner

Michele Turner, CMC, Acting Borough Clerk



Yes: Chesley, Cox, Ecklund, Elam, Hibbert, Ribbens, Tupper, Johnson
No: None
Absent: Derkevorkian