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MEMORANDUM

TO: Gary Knopp, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

FROM: Mike Navarre, Mayor *P.O. Jon M.N.*

DATE: April 19, 2012

SUBJECT: Resolution 2012-038, supporting the Seward/Kenai Peninsula Highway
Transportation Corridor Safety Initiative

The Kenai Peninsula Highway Transportation Corridor Safety Initiative resulted from a meeting organized by Senator Mark Begich on April 10, 2012, in the KPB Assembly chambers. Senator Begich encouraged the Kenai Peninsula Borough to participate in a group of stakeholders including state and local entities to prepare and implement a plan of action to improve the safety of the Seward Highway. Currently the geography, weather, and roadway configuration make the traffic corridor from Anchorage to Homer very dangerous resulting in an elevated number of accidents and fatalities each year.

The primary objective of this initiative is to provide a safe ground transportation corridor from Anchorage to Seward and the Kenai Peninsula including pedestrian access. To achieve the stated goals Senator Begich is encouraging interested parties to enter into a memorandum of agreement in which all parties agree to outline problems and solutions to mitigate the safety issues on the Seward and Sterling Highways starting with adoption of a resolution committing the borough to support the initiative.

The goal is to develop a plan with broad support from user groups, community groups and organizations, law enforcement agencies, state and federal transportation officials and local governments to improve traffic safety on major transportation corridors. Benefits could include identifying scheduled upgrades and timelines, coordinating state and federal resources, and focusing on and accelerating priority safety upgrades.

Your support of this resolution is appreciated.