

Introduced by: Mayor  
Date: 06/21/22  
Action: Adopted as Amended  
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 2022-041**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES TO  
ADDRESS THE REPETITIVE HAZARDS CREATED BY BEAR MOUNTAIN  
TOPOGRAPHY AND MITIGATING LOWELL POINT ROAD DANGERS TO  
PROVIDE SAFE, RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION TO THE COMMUNITY OF  
LOWELL POINT, THE CITY OF SEWARD INFRASTRUCTURE AND TO ACCESS  
STATE AND FEDERAL PARKS**

**WHEREAS,** on May 7, 2022 a landslide disaster emergency occurred on Lowell Point Road (“the Road”) closing access for the community of Lowell Point for thirty days so that response operations could move approximately 60,000 cubic yards of debris; and

**WHEREAS,** response planning was implemented in collaboration with the City of Seward, Lowell Point Volunteer Fire Department, Lowell Point Community Center, State of Alaska, and private businesses to ensure life safety measures were met as a result of the disaster; and

**WHEREAS,** the sloughing of debris and boulders from Bear Mountain has historically closed the Road, posing dangers to vehicle and pedestrian traffic; and

**WHEREAS,** providing safe, reliable transportation to the community of Lowell Point, the City of Seward infrastructure, state parks, Kenai Fjords National Park and the Chugach National Forest should be done in collaboration with local, state and federal resources due to the size and complexity of mitigating the Road dangers;

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

**SECTION 1.** That the assembly commits to working with the City of Seward, other local partners, the State of Alaska and appropriate federal agencies to ensure safe, reliable access to the community of Lowell Point, City of Seward infrastructure, state parks, and the Chugach National Forest.

**SECTION 2.** That the administration is authorized to explore mitigation projects to include efforts to alleviate Lowell Point Road dangers in collaboration with local, state, and federal partners. This authorization is limited to the use of personnel time and expertise to explore mitigation ideas in collaboration with local, state, and federal partners and is in no way intended to commit the assembly to any specific appropriation or project funding in the future.

**SECTION 3.** That the administration is authorized to explore alternative means of transportation for Lowell Point residents such as a boat ramp or dock in addition to mitigation projects on Lowell Point Road for residential use in collaboration with local, state, and federal partners. This authorization is limited to the use of personnel time and expertise to explore alternative ideas and means of transportation in collaboration with local, state, and federal partners and is in no way intended to commit or bind the assembly to any specific appropriation or project funding in the future.

**SECTION 4.** A copy of this resolution will be provided to U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski, Governor Dunleavy, the Mayor of Seward, and Alaska's congressional member in the U.S. House of Representatives.

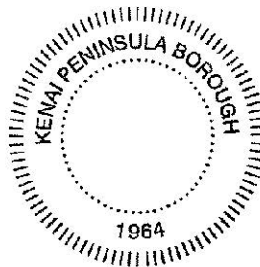
**SECTION 5.** That this resolution is effective immediately upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 21ST DAY OF JUNE 2022.**

  
Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



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