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Action: Adopted
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2020-080**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES TO INITIATE SAFETY AND SPEED
LIMIT STUDIES ON OHLSON MOUNTAIN ROAD NEAR HOMER**

WHEREAS, residents living in the vicinity of Olson Mountain Road recently brought traffic safety concerns to the Kachemak Bay Advisory Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Ohlson Mountain Road is used extensively by pedestrians and bicyclists year-round; and

WHEREAS, Ohlson Mountain Road provides access to a number of summer and winter recreation areas including hiking trails, cross country and downhill ski areas; and

WHEREAS, newly platted subdivisions will result in further residential development and concomitant increases in both vehicular traffic and pedestrian use of Ohlson Mountain Road; and

WHEREAS, increased commercial truck traffic has exacerbated safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, there is currently only one speed limit sign for over four miles of road; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities ("AK DOTPF") will initiate safety and speed limit studies at the request of communities and local government; and

WHEREAS, AS 19.10.072 establishes procedures for determining safe speed limits and zones, and requires the department to consider in order of priority listed:

- (1) neighborhood safety, including the presence of children and pedestrian traffic;
- (2) the presence of schools, houses, parks and crosswalks;
- (3) the presence of driveways, parked vehicles, and multiple turn location;
- (4) that speed at which safe and prudent drivers could pass through the speed zone; and
- (5) the effectiveness of local enforcement of the speed zone; and

WHEREAS, the Kachemak Bay Advisory Planning Commission held two public hearings on this issue and at its November 5, 2020 meeting unanimously recommended asking the AK DOTPF to initiate a safety and speed limit study;

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

SECTION 1. The Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly requests the AK DOTPF initiate an engineering and traffic investigation study for Ohlson Mountain Road to investigate methods that would encourage slower and safer vehicle traffic including additional signage, street stencils, warnings and appropriate speed limit zones.

SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution shall be sent to Marc Luiken, Commissioner of Alaska DOTPF, Tammy Kramer Governor's Representative for Highway Safety, Scott Thomas, P.E., CR Traffic-Safety Engineer for Alaska DOTPF, Representative Sarah Vance, and Senator Gary Stevens.

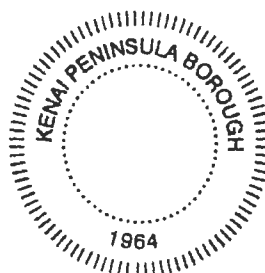
SECTION 3. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020.



Brent Hibbert, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

Yes: Bjorkman, Carpenter, Chesley, Cox, Derkevorkian, Dunne, Elam, Johnson, Hibbert
No: None
Absent: None