

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

MEMORANDUM

TO: Peter Ribbens, Assembly President
Members, KPB Assembly

FROM: Kelly Cooper, Assembly Vice-President *kc*

DATE: August 19, 2025

RE: LAYDOWN Resolution 2025-035, Supporting the City of Kachemak and Requesting that the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Conduct a Speed Limit Review on East End Road to Evaluate Decreasing the Current 45 Mile Per Hour Speed Limit to a Posted 35 Mile Per Hour Speed Limit on the Portion of East End Road from Rochelle Road to Kachemak Drive (Cooper)

The City of Kachemak has been asking the State of Alaska to do a traffic study for years in hopes of getting the speed limit reduced.

Recently, AKDOT&PF performed traffic studies on various roads within the city of Homer including Kachemak Drive and the first mile of East End Road, yet it does not appear that a study was done for the portion of East End Road from Rochelle to Kachemak Drive. The KPB Safe Streets and Roads Comprehensive Safety Plan shows mile 0 to 4 of East End Road as priority 10.

From about mile 2 to 4 East End Road, there are over 35 businesses with a speed limit of 45, no turning lanes and increased accidents due to the increased volume of vehicles and traffic as this area within Kachemak City continues to grow. One particular busy intersection is East End Road and Bear Creek Drive at about Mile 3. This intersection has one driveway into a lot housing 3 businesses that have over 1,000 cars entering and exiting daily with a turn onto Bear Creek Drive less than 50 yards from that driveway with no turn lanes.

A reduced speed limit of 35 from Rochelle Road (approximately mile 1.5) and East End Road to Kachemak Drive and East End Road (approximately mile 3.5) would also correspond with the speed limit of 35 from Mile 0 East End Road to Mile 2 East End Road as well as Kachemak Drive. The speed limit could then return to 45 at the intersection of Kachemak Drive and East End Road going out to the communities towards the head of the bay.

The City of Kachemak and City of Homer have both formally requested that AKDOT&PF evaluate and reduce the speed limit on the portion of East End Road within their city limits.

Your consideration is appreciated.