

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Hibbert, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

FROM: Charlie Pierce, Mayor *CPM*

DATE: May 6, 2021

RE: Resolution 2021-037, Supporting Straightline Aviation Alaska's Plan to Implement and Utilize Straightline Aviation Hybrid Airships in Kenai Alaska (Mayor)

Efforts are underway by PRL Logistics to acquire and use Straightline Aviation Hybrid Airships in Kenai. The Hybrid Airships will have the ability to carry freight as well as sizeable cargo loads to isolated and rural areas within the Borough where it would normally require an existing or new infrastructure on which to land. In addition to freight, Hybrid Airships can carry passengers.

This could also help industries such as tourism and commercial fishing, and accommodate the Borough's Incident Management Team during a disaster. With logistical challenges for remote construction projects, its affordability could open up many projects within the Borough. The Hybrid Airships also provide significant reductions in fuel consumption and are an environmentally safe form of transportation to meet Alaska's unique challenges.

Your consideration of this resolution is appreciated.