

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY REQUESTING THE STATE OF ALASKA DESIGNATE THE OLD GLENN HIGHWAY AS AN OFFICIAL SAFETY CORRIDOR AND PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-PHASED IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ON THE OLD GLENN HIGHWAY TO ADDRESS TRAFFIC SAFETY CONCERNS AND ENSURE ADEQUATE ALTERNATE ACCESS TO INTERIOR ALASKA.

AGENDA OF: June 2, 2026

Assembly Action:

Approved under the consent agenda 06/02/26 - EMW

AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED: Present to the Assembly for consideration.

Route To	Signatures
Originator	5/19/2026 X N S for Assm b Bowles Signed by: Nicholas Spiropoulos
Borough Attorney	5/19/2026 X Nicholas Spiropoulos Signed by: Nicholas Spiropoulos
Borough Manager	5/19/2026 X Michael Brown Signed by: Mike Brown
Borough Clerk	5/19/2026 X Brenda J. Henry for Signed by: Brenda Henry

ATTACHMENT (S) : Resolution Serial No. 26-056 (3 pp)
Lazy Mountain Community Council Resolution (1 pp)
Butte Community Council Resolution (1 pp)
S. Knik River Community Council Resolution (1 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: This resolution is sponsored by Assemblymember Bowles to request that the State of Alaska designate the Old Glenn Highway from MP 1 to 17 as a safety corridor and fund a multi-phased highway improvement project to ensure safe passage for local residents and provide resilient alternative access out of Anchorage for residential and commercial traffic.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Consider resolution.

Butte Community Council
RESOLUTION NO. 24-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING MATANUSKA-SUSITNA
BOROUGH ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 24-097 2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES ROAD PROJECTS,
OLD GLENN HIGHWAY, MILE POST 1 TO 18**

WHEREAS, the Old Glenn Highway provides the only alternative access between Anchorage and Interior Alaska/Canada in the event of a road closure in the high trafficked "flats" section of the Glenn Highway from Milepost (MP) 30 to 35

WHEREAS, the Old Glenn Highway is considered a "high risk rural road" by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities with various segments designated among the top safety corridors of concern in the state.

WHEREAS, the Old Glenn Highway from MP 1 to 18 is narrow and poorly lit with vehicles traveling at very high rates of speed.

WHEREAS, there are 63 new subdivisions containing approximately 398 lots since 2018 according to the MSB Platting Department in our community alone. These are accessible by the Old Glenn Highway on the east side of the Matanuska River.

WHEREAS, the traffic and safety concerns on the Old Glenn Highway will exponentially increase as development in the area continues to accelerate.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL that:

The Old Glenn Highway from MP 1 to 18 be designated a HIGHWAY SAFETY CORRIDOR and fund the planning, design, and construction of a multi-phased improvement project to address traffic safety concerns.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL that:

A proactive approach is needed to ensure the safety of the traveling public scales with the rapid rate of development and that a long-term improvement project be added to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Ron Johnson
President
Butte Community Council

Dated October 9th, 2024

LAZY MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 0001

A RESOLUTION OF THE LAZY MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDING THAT THE STATE OF ALASKA DESIGNATE THE OLD GLENN HIGHWAY AS AN OFFICIAL SAFETY CORRIDOR AND PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-PHASED IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ON THE OLD GLENN HIGHWAY TO ADDRESS TRAFFIC SAFETY CONCERNS AND ENSURE ADEQUATE ALTERNATE ACCESS TO INTERIOR ALASKA

WHEREAS, the Old Glenn Highway provides the only alternative access between Anchorage and Interior Alaska/Canada in the event of a road closure in the high trafficked "flats" section of the Glenn Highway from Milepost (MP) 30 to 35

WHEREAS, the Old Glenn Highway is considered a "high risk rural road" by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and currently ranks among the most dangerous segments of road in the state.

WHEREAS, the Old Glenn Highway from MP 1 to 17 is narrow and poorly lit with vehicles traveling at very high rates of speed.

WHEREAS, since 2018 development from MP1 to 17, properties only accessible from the Old Glenn Highway, has averaged 2% annual growth with approximately 242 properties developed, with an additional 160 properties planned for residential development on the east side of the Matanuska River beginning in 2024.

WHEREAS, the traffic and safety concerns on the Old Glenn Highway will exponentially increase as development in the area continues to accelerate.

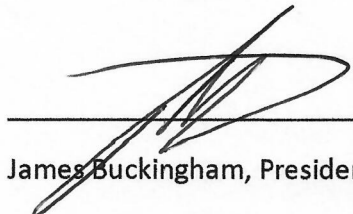
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAZY MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL that:

The Old Glenn Highway from MP 1 to 17 be designated as a safety corridor and funded for a multi-phased highway improvement project to ensure safe passage for local residents and provide resilient alternative access out of Anchorage for residential and commercial traffic.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE LAZY MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL that:

A proactive approach is needed to ensure the safety of the traveling public scales with the rapid rate of development and that a long-term improvement project be added to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Resolved and affirmed this 9th day of May, 2024, by the Lazy Mountain Community Council President, whose official signature is here below affixed.



James Buckingham, President, Lazy Mountain Community Council

**SOUTH KNIK RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 1-2023**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH KNIK RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDING THAT THE
STATE OF ALASKA DESIGNATE THE OLD GLENN HIGHWAY AS AN OFFICIAL SAFETY CORRIDOR
AND PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-
PHASED IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ON THE OLD GLENN HIGHWAY TO ADDRESS TRAFFIC SAFETY
CONCERNS AND ENSURE ADEQUATE ALTERNATE ACCESS TO INTERIOR ALASKA**

WHEREAS, the Old Glenn Highway provides the only alternative access between Anchorage and Interior Alaska/Canada in the event of a road closure in the high trafficked "flats" section of the Glenn Highway from Milepost (MP) 30 to 35

WHEREAS, the Old Glenn Highway is considered a "high risk rural road" by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and currently ranks among the most dangerous segments of road in the state.

WHEREAS, the Old Glenn Highway from MP 1 to 17 is narrow and poorly lit with vehicles traveling at very high rates of speed.

WHEREAS, since 2018 development from MP1 to 17, properties only accessible from the Old Glenn Highway, has averaged 2% annual growth with approximately 242 properties developed, with an additional 160 properties planned for residential development on the east side of the Matanuska River beginning in 2024.

WHEREAS, the traffic and safety concerns on the Old Glenn Highway will exponentially increase as development in the area continues to accelerate.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH KNIK RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL that:

The Old Glenn Highway from MP 1 to 17 be designated as a safety corridor and funded for a multi-phased highway improvement project to ensure safe passage for local residents and provide resilient alternative access out of Anchorage for residential and commercial traffic.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH KNIK RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL that:

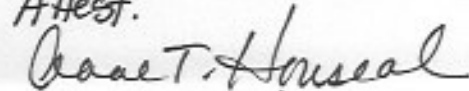
A proactive approach is needed to ensure the safety of the traveling public scales with the rapid rate of development and that a long-term improvement project be added to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Resolved and affirmed this 27 day of October, 2023, by the South Knik River Community Council President, whose official signature is here below affixed.



Craig Price South Knik River Community Council

Attest.



ANNE T. HOUSEAL, SKRCC Secretary