POTENTIAL AMENDMENT

Assemblymember Doty

I MOVE to amend Resolution 17-071 to add the following road improvement project:

SOUTH TRUNK ROAD EXTENSION BRIDGES - \$1.5 million

The project would include a replacement of the Nelson Road Bridge over Wasilla Creek increasing traffic capacity and pedestrian safety to Machetanz Elementary school, and three large residential subdivisions, as well as providing additional bridge length to accommodate the 100-year flood volumes. Design for this project is completed to the 75% level. Right-of-way acquisition is complete. Project would finish design and construct a wider, longer bridge that meets current design standards for a minor arterial road with accommodations for pedestrians and bicycles. Due to its short length, the current bridge constricts the creek channel which would lead to heavy damage or even loss of the bridge during a 100-year flood event. The new bridge will be long enough to allow water flow from a 100-year event to pass under the bridge. A pedestrian/bike pathway currently ends just short of the north side of the bridge forcing those users that want to continue on to the school and subdivisions to enter into traffic lanes when crossing the bridge. The new bridge will be wide enough to accommodate a separated pathway for these users, significantly increasing their safety.