

RESOLUTION NO. 4491

A RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY ACCEPTING MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A PORTION OF HELMERICKS ROAD EXTENDING EAST TO THE OLD STEESE HIGHWAY, TOGETHER WITH IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HERB MILLER BOULEVARD INTERSECTION AND THE HELMERICKS ROAD/OLD STEESE HIGHWAY INTERSECTION.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities ("ADOT") has conducted an in-depth study to evaluate solutions for mitigating traffic congestion and promoting additional development in the Bentley Retail Area; the completed study recommended the improvements included in this resolution; and

WHEREAS, approximately \$15 million in funding for this project is available through the 2008 State of Alaska General Obligation ("GO") Bonds without matching City funds; and

WHEREAS, the project will include approximately three lane miles of new/rebuilt road together with pedestrian facilities and a roundabout at the Helmericks Road/Herb Miller Boulevard intersection, as shown on the attached map; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 4403 the City previously agreed to accept maintenance responsibility for the southern access to the Bentley Retail Area, which was recommended in the ADOT traffic study:

- Development of the Bentley Mall Road from College Road to the Old Steese Highway;
- Development of the Helmericks Road extension, which would extend Helmericks Road from directly south of the Sports Authority retail area to the south across the Alaska Railroad tracks and connect to the Bentley Mall Road in the area north of Sam's Club (note, the ADOT accepted maintenance of the railroad crossing and appurtenances).

WHEREAS, the planned area improvements will utilize approximately \$15M remaining in the State GO Bond as follows:

- ADOT will construct a turning lane on the Johansen Expressway from the College Road overpass to Hunter Street. (Engineer's Estimate \$1.5M).
- ADOT will construct the at-grade crossing of the Alaska Railroad tracks. (Engineer's Estimate \$1.2M).
- City will construct the Bentley Mall Road and Helmericks Road extension presented under Resolution No. 4403. (Engineer's Estimate \$6.3M).
- City will construct the improvements to Helmericks Road and the intersections with Herb Miller Boulevard and the Old Steese Highway addressed in this resolution. (Engineer's Estimate \$1.5M for Helmericks

Road and intersection with Herb Miller Boulevard plus an estimated \$2 to \$3M for improvements to the Old Steese Highway (Resolution No. 4442).

WHEREAS, if designed in-house by City Engineering and constructed to City standards, the City agrees to maintain those improvements shown on the attached map; and

WHEREAS, the project cannot proceed until maintenance commitments are obtained and the City is not accepting maintenance responsibility for any other roads than shown on the attached map and is not accepting responsibility for any railroad crossing maintenance or other fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fairbanks, Alaska, that,

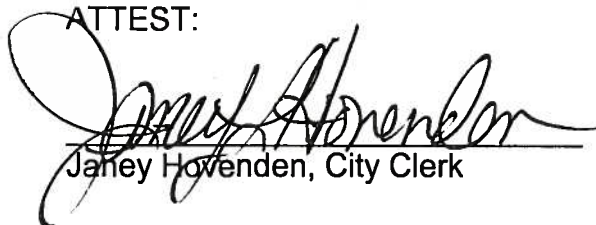
1. The City will accept maintenance responsibility for the roads shown on the attached map if the project is designed by City Engineers upon agreeable terms and satisfactory evidence that the project is constructed to City standards.
2. That the developer deed a two acre parcel of land west of NC Machinery to the City for use as a snow storage site.
3. The City will receive \$250,000 from the Fred Meyer Corporation, which was placed in escrow in 2007, plus any accrued interest, in compensation for assuming maintenance of Helmericks Road.
4. All remaining funds from the GO Bond are to be utilized for improvements to the Old Steese Highway.
5. The new portion of Helmericks Road not currently maintained by the City will not be dedicated to public use; instead a public easement will be obtained.

PASSED and APPROVED this 10th day of October, 2011.


JERRY CLEWORTH, MAYOR

AYES: Gatewood, Roberts, Eberhart, Matherly, Stiver, Bratcher
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
APPROVED: October 10, 2011

ATTEST:


Janey Hovenden, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney