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10 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

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12 RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 13

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14 A RESOLUTION CONTINUING TO MONITOR THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY
15 COMMITTEE OF THE ALASKA/RICHARDSON/STEESE HIGHWAY ACTION PLAN
16 REGARDING THE PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION ROUTE FOR HAULING ORE FROM THE
17 MANH CHOH MINE TO THE FORT KNOX MILL
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19 WHEREAS, Fairbanks has its roots in mining since Felix Pedro staked the
20 Discovery Claim on what is now Pedro Creek in 1902; and
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22 WHEREAS, The Fairbanks North Star Borough supports the plan to develop
23 the Kinross Gold/Contango Manh Choh Mine project near Tetlin, Alaska which will
24 continue the historic tradition of mining gold in the Interior; and
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26 WHEREAS, The Governor has recently amended his budget to propose more
27 than \$50 million to begin the multi-year update to bridges along the Richardson and
28 Steese Highways; and
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30 WHEREAS, The letter dated February 11, 2022 from the United States
31 Environmental Protection Agency to the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) expressed deep
32 concerns of the analytical work yet to be done with no formal reply for the ACOE; and
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34 WHEREAS, As a second class borough, the Fairbanks North Star Borough
35 recognizes that it does not have legal authority or jurisdiction in this matter and can only
36 act in an advisory capacity; and
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38 WHEREAS, A local Alaskan trucking company has taken additional safety
39 measures that will include all disc brakes that reduce stopping distance by as much as
40 30%. Furthermore, only highly qualified drivers experienced in operating in snow and ice
41 will be hired. Additional training on the planned route will also take place; and
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43 WHEREAS, The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
44 has launched an independent 22-member technical committee and selected Kinney

Engineering to conduct an analysis of the Richardson corridor because of the concern in our community about impacts upon road, traffic and safety.

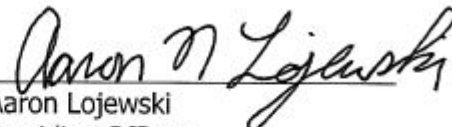
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the Fairbanks North Star Borough continues to monitor the Technical Advisory Committee regarding the proposed transportation route for hauling ore from the Manh Choh Mine to the Fort Knox Mill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assembly encourages Kinross/Contango to pursue long term alternatives to ore hauling such as a mill located near the mine or a rail extension into eastern interior Alaska.

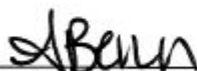
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the ore haul plan proceed, trucking should be done with the greatest safety culture possible to minimize the safety risks on our public highways.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assembly directs the Clerk to distribute a copy of this resolution to the Honorable Governor Mike Dunleavy, Alaska Interior Delegation, and the Alaska Congressional Delegation.

ADOPTED THE 23RD DAY OF MARCH 2023.


Aaron Lojewski
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


April Trickey, MMC, Borough Clerk
by Adena Benn, CMC, Deputy Clerk

Yeses: Haney, Rotermund, Wilson, Lojewski, Cash
Noes: Guttenberg, Fletcher, O'Neill, Kelly