

TRAAK Citizens Advisory Board

Resolution 00-08 In Support of Southeast Alaska Trail System (SEATrails)

At a meeting of the TRAAK Citizens Advisory Board held on the 9th of September, 2000 the following resolution was duly adopted:

WHEREAS: SEATrails will serve to enhance economic development, transportation efficiency, visitor experience and quality of life throughout the Southeast region;

WHEREAS: The SEATrails concept has been embraced by most of the communities and government agencies of Southeast Alaska;

WHEREAS: It is in the public interest to improve sustainable economic opportunity in the form of jobs;

WHEREAS: Trails and associated business can generate jobs allowing residents to remain and prosper in the Southeast community of their choice;

WHEREAS: Trails improve the health and quality of life for residents in a community;

WHEREAS: A regionally marketed trail system would create destination appeal for the independent traveler;

WHEREAS: Smaller communities will benefit equitable with larger communities;

WHEREAS: A network of Southeast communities joining together will have greater trail marketing opportunities in the form of regional maps and consistent and comprehensive information;

WHEREAS: Surface transportation is an important issue for the Southeast region and communities, and it is in the public interest to utilize existing and future surface transportation opportunities in these communities;

WHEREAS: The Alaska Marine Highway System will play a central role in the success of Southeast communities and SEATrails;

WHEREAS: Furthermore, the TRAAK CAB endorses and supports the creation of a coalition of communities, government agencies, trail organizations and citizens in working towards the creation and promotion of a Southeast Alaska trail system.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the TRAAK Board requests the Alaska Department of Transportation, Alaska Department of Natural Resources and Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development to continue cooperative efforts to develop SEATrails by working with communities, federal and state agencies, and other organizations.

Adopted on the 9th day of September, 2000.



Helen Nienhueser, Chairperson