

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION CY23-02**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS SUPPORTING REPAIR AND UPKEEP OF THE
GOOD RIVER BRIDGE**

WHEREAS, there has been a bridge on the section line over the Good River in Gustavus for the century since the earliest homestead days, the existing bridge being the third such structure at this site; and,

WHEREAS, the Good River Bridge is the sole developed access from Gustavus to several residential subdivisions, the State of Alaska Dude Creek Critical Habitat Area, key hunting areas, and recreational beaches to the west of the river; and,

WHEREAS, the bridge is used by residents, visitors, recreational hunters, and resource management staff of various state and federal agencies to access lands west of the Good River; and,

WHEREAS, the bridge is the sole access also to the Tidelines Institute, a new and growing ecology-training and educational non-profit on the west side of the Good River; and,

WHEREAS, the existing Good River Bridge was built in 1984 as a 76-feet long, single-lane, timber structure with funding by the State; and,

WHEREAS, the existing Good River Bridge has served the community of Gustavus well for four decades with little maintenance; and,

WHEREAS, bridge inspections by the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) in 2015 and 2021 have identified the need to repair weather- and age-related structural element decay and the developing failure of the bridge approach embankment at the northwest corner of the bridge; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Gustavus values the inspection service provided by the Alaska DOT&PF Bridge section and takes seriously the recommendations of the engineering professionals conducting the inspections; and,

WHEREAS, the City's engineering consultant, PND Engineering of Juneau, Alaska, confirmed recommendations of the ADOT&PF and has recommended options for repairing the bridge and stabilizing the subsiding embankment at the northwest corner; and,

WHEREAS, failure to repair the bridge deficiencies would cause further degradation, load limit restrictions, reduced safety, or total failure. Deferred repairs or replacement would be far more expensive than responsible upkeep at this time; and,

WHEREAS, it is the policy and responsibility of the City of Gustavus to maintain its critical infrastructure in safe and fully-functioning condition, to maintain service to the community, and to avoid loss or costly repair of infrastructure assets caused by lack of maintenance; and,

WHEREAS, repairing and maintaining infrastructure in Gustavus is consistent with the similar nationwide intent as expressed in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill recently passed by the US Congress and signed by the President; and,

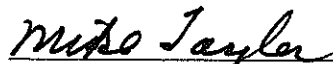
WHEREAS, the City of Gustavus intends to maintain the bridge in safe and serviceable condition for at least another four decades.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Gustavus, Alaska approves and supports City application for grant funding to complete repairs to the Good River Bridge with the goal of keeping it in safe and reliable service for at least four more decades.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gustavus City Council authorizes the execution of an agreement with the State promising to provide the funding commitments and management/ownership responsibilities, and maintenance and operations responsibilities identified within the project application and authorizes the Mayor to sign the project agreement detailing these commitments.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council directs the Mayor to assure completion of the required repairs with all deliberate speed for the good of the community.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Gustavus City Council this 13th day of February 2023, and effective upon adoption.



Mike Taylor, Mayor



Attest: Karen Platt CMC, City Clerk