

**PETERSBURG BOROUGH
Resolution #2013-23**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE TO
PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT FUNDING INCREASES TO REPAIR, REPLACE AND
MAINTAIN TRANSPORTATION MODES THROUGHOUT THE STATE**

WHEREAS, transportation infrastructure is crucial to the State and to each and every municipality, as failure to get people, goods and services into or out of Alaska and its political subdivisions is the difference between success and failure; and

WHEREAS, any economic development the State and/or it's municipalities might encourage will be a waste of time and effort if we don't invest in the repair, replacement and maintenance of the various forms of transportation throughout the State, and

WHEREAS, Petersburg is concerned with what appears to be a lack of resources directed to the on-going repair, replacement and maintenance of all transportation modes within the State; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska coastal communities without access to road systems have depended on the Alaska Marine Highway System for reliable, predictable primary transportation services since the creation of the AMHS; and

WHEREAS; the continued expansion of the Alaska Marine Highway System to provide new and expanding routes combined with the increasing costs and decreasing revenues available to operate the System are resulting in reduced core service levels in Southeast Alaska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Petersburg Borough Assembly joins with the Alaska Municipal League and requests that the Governor and the Legislature include significant funding increases to the repair, replacement and upgrades of all transportation modes through the State.

RESOVED FURTHER, the Petersburg Borough Assembly is most concerned that the Alaska Marine Highway System be funded to a level that can maintain and improve its essential core service levels to Southeast Alaska.

Passed and Approved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly on _____ 2013.

Mark Jensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy O'Rear, Clerk