

**City of Palmer  
Resolution No. 23-008**

**Subject:** Supporting the Knik Arm Crossing

**Agenda of:** February 28, 2023

**Council Action:**     **Approved**                       **Amended:** \_\_\_\_\_  
                                  **Defeated**

**Originator Information:**

**Originator:**    John Moosey, City Manager

**Department Review:**

Route to:	Department Director:	Signature:	Date:
_____	Community Development	_____	_____
_____	Finance	_____	_____
_____	Fire	_____	_____
_____	Police	_____	_____
_____	Public Works	_____	_____

**Certification of Funds:**

Total amount of funds listed in this legislation:    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This legislation (√):

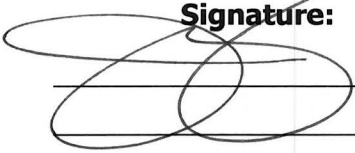
- Creates revenue in the amount of:                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Creates expenditure in the amount of:                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Creates a saving in the amount of:                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Has no fiscal impact

Funds are (√):

- Budgeted                      Line item(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- Not budgeted

Director of Finance Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved for Presentation By:**

	Signature:	Remarks:
City Manager		_____
City Attorney	_____	_____
City Clerk	_____	_____

**Attachment(s):**

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**Summary Statement/Background:**

There is a need to examine the merits of a strengthened Anchorage Mat-Su connection, either by expanding the Glenn Highway, or creating a new link, such as the Knik Arm Crossing. Addressing that need of improved connectivity is needed to address highway safety, population growth, economic development, the movement of freight and goods, and resiliency. The restarting of Knik Arm Crossing and leveraging the Point MacKenzie Rail Extension for multi-modal use would create economic development opportunities, provide resiliency and two ways to access interior Alaska from Anchorage, and reduce traffic congestion in the Mat-Su Valley core area. Mayor DeVries and the Mat-Su Borough sees the Knik Arm Crossing as an extension of their future economic development plans. Any effort to create economic opportunity while using previous investments is a wise decision.

**Administration's Recommendation:**

Approve Resolution No. 23-008

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

Introduced by: Manager Moosey

Date: 2/28/2023

Action: Approved

Vote: Unanimous

Yes:

No:

Mayor Carrington  
Anzilotti  
Best  
Alcantra  
Tudor  
Deputy Mayor Melin  
Ojala IV

CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

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**A Resolution of the Palmer City Council Supporting the Knik Arm Crossing**

WHEREAS, there is a need to examine the merits of a strengthened Anchorage Mat-Su connection, either by expanding the Glenn Highway, or creating a new link, such as the Knik Arm Crossing; and

WHEREAS, addressing that need of improved connectivity is needed to address highway safety, population growth, economic development, the movement of freight and goods, and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, the restarting of Knik Arm Crossing and leveraging the Point MacKenzie Rail Extension for multi-modal use would create economic development opportunities, provide resiliency and two ways to access interior Alaska from Anchorage, and reduce traffic congestion in the Mat-Su Valley core area; and


WHEREAS, Mayor DeVries and the Mat-Su Borough sees the Knik Arm Crossing as an extension of their future economic development plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City Council of the City of Palmer hereby supports the opportunity to reopen examination of the Knik Arm Crossing Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any effort to create economic opportunity while using previous investments is a wise decision.

**Approved** by the Palmer City Council this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

  
Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk

  
Steven J Carrington, Mayor

