

RESOLUTION 2013-05
A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION

Recommending the City Develop Comprehensive Plan for non-motorized travel

WHEREAS, state policy requires that municipalities have a comprehensive community walking plan to connect ADOT projects; and

WHEREAS, there are several unsafe gaps in connectivity of pedestrian thoroughfares and intersections; and

WHEREAS, whereas various intersections and parts of Dillingham multiusepaths lack Americans with Disabilities access, and

WHEREAS, rates of obesity in Southwest Alaska rank among the highest in the state of Alaska, and

WHEREAS, having access to safe alternatives to motorized transportation is imperative for improving health in Dillingham;

WHEREAS, 97 parents responded to a Safe Routes to School survey about pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, the top reasons they do not encourage their children to walk to school more are traffic, and the need for safe sidewalks and crosswalks;

WHEREAS, 40% of those parents state they would definitely encourage their children to walk if safety were improved;

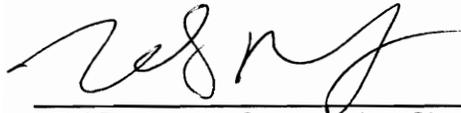
WHEREAS, the Alaska Highway Strategic Safety Plan calls for "identifying and implementing appropriate engineering strategies to address high crash locations involving pedestrians"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dillingham wishes to respond to community requests for safer pedestrian routes;

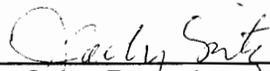
WHEREAS, the goal of improved walkability and ADA compliance is woven through several chapters of the 2010 City of Dillingham Comprehensive Plan Update; and

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Dillingham Planning Commission recommends staff work with community groups to develop a comprehensive community walking plan.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF January 2013.



Bill Rodawalt, Commission Chair



Jody Seitz, Recorder