

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 07-13-39**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
SUPPORTING TEMPORARY VEHICULAR ACCESS DURING THE REPLACEMENT OF
BRIDGE 339 ALONG THE COPPER RIVER HIGHWAY IN CORDOVA, ALASKA**

WHEREAS, the closure of the Copper River Highway past the failed bridge 339, has limited access to the East Copper River Delta and upper Copper River; and

WHEREAS, highway vehicles can no longer drive to Clear Creek and other sites where residents and visitors have traditionally hunted, fished and recreated; and

WHEREAS, tourists and residents alike are no longer able to access the multi-million dollar USFS Child's Glacier campground and recreation site, thus hampering Cordova's marketability among tourists interested in such a uniquely Alaskan sight-seeing opportunity; and

WHEREAS, lacking Child's glacier as a draw, Cordova's small businesses such as lodges, hotels, bars, restaurants, bed and breakfasts and the like have all suffered with fewer bookings and patrons and therefore, fewer overall visitor dollars that contribute to the tourism segment of Cordova's economy; and

WHEREAS, agencies such as the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the Native Village of Eyak, and U.S. Forest Service require access past bridge 339 to accomplish management objectives; and

WHEREAS, current Alaska Department of Transportation estimates do not anticipate bridge 339 being replaced until the summer of 2017 or beyond; and

WHEREAS, implementation of vehicular access past bridge 339 would re-open reasonable access to these aforementioned areas in order to accommodate the needs of Cordovans, visitors, tourists, state and federal employees as well as Native landholders and shareholders.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska hereby supports temporary vehicular access past bridge 339 until vehicular access is restored to the East Copper River Delta and upper Copper River.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF JULY, 2013.




James Kacsh, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan Bourgeois, City Clerk