

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 09-26-26**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
ADOPTING THE CITY OF CORDOVA COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova recognizes that a safe, accessible, and resilient transportation system is essential to the health, safety, mobility, economic vitality, and quality of life of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova participated in the Alaska Municipal League's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) planning initiative to develop a locally informed, data-supported, and community-informed Comprehensive Safety Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova recognizes that transportation safety is a shared responsibility and that safe transportation facilities should serve all users, including motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, children, elders, persons with disabilities, ATV/OHV users, commercial and seasonal users, and persons who do not have access to a private vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova Comprehensive Safety Action Plan identifies transportation safety conditions, crash risks, community concerns, high-risk locations, and prioritized infrastructure, behavioral, operational, and policy strategies intended to reduce the frequency and severity of roadway crashes and improve safety for all transportation users; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova experiences unique transportation conditions associated with its geographic isolation, severe winter weather, seasonal changes in population and traffic, limited transportation infrastructure, marine and aviation connections, constrained emergency response resources, and the interaction of pedestrians, bicyclists, motor vehicles, ATV/OHV users, freight, harbor activity, and other transportation users; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan was developed using the principles of the United States Department of Transportation's Safe System Approach, which recognizes that death and serious injury resulting from transportation crashes may be preventable through safer system design, appropriate speeds, safer road users, safer vehicles, post-crash care, and proactive risk reduction; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan identifies priority safety needs and strategies including, but not limited to, safer pedestrian and bicycle facilities, school-area safety, safer crossings and intersections, traffic calming and speed management, roadway visibility and delineation, winter maintenance, drainage and roadway condition improvements, harbor and ferry-area safety, emergency access, safety education, roadway and asset management, data collection and monitoring, and coordination among other community and regional partners; and

WHEREAS, adoption and continued implementation of the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan will strengthen the City's ability to identify, prioritize, develop, and seek funding for transportation safety projects through SS4A and other federal, state, regional, local, and private funding opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that adoption of the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan is in the best interest of the residents, businesses, visitors, workers, and transportation users of the City of Cordova and provides an appropriate framework for advancing transportation safety and pursuing resources to implement identified safety improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, hereby adopts the Cordova Comprehensive Safety Action Plan as a guiding document for transportation safety improvements and future grant funding efforts.

Section 2. The City Council supports continued efforts to pursue federal, state, and other grant funding opportunities to implement the safety improvements and strategies identified in the Cordova Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 16 DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.



Kristin Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Colette Gilmour, Deputy City Clerk