

**TACC RESOLUTION 2021-03 DRAFT
A RESOLUTION OF THE TUDOR AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
REGARDING THE SEWARD HIGHWAY 36th INTERCHANGE
PROJECT**

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2021, the Highway project team held its first public meeting; presented four highway alternatives for the interchange; stated that they are evaluating whether the Seward Highway should be elevated above 36th Avenue or depressed below 36th, with 36th remaining approximately at grade for all alternatives; and requested feedback on all project issues;

WHEREAS, in the March 16th open house, the project team stated that all highway alternatives for the 36th Avenue interchange, whether the highway passes over or under 36th, would be designed to allow future extension of the highway under Benson, Northern Lights, and Fireweed;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has not decided whether an Environmental Assessment or Categorical Exclusion will be used to satisfy environmental compliance requirements;

Now therefore, be it resolved that the TACC continues to support:

1. A future depressed freeway through the council area, passing under 36th, as well as under Benson, Northern Lights, and Fireweed;
2. Non-motorized facilities along and across the Seward Highway corridor that are accessible, safe, buffered, well-lit, usable year-round, and designed to minimize the winter maintenance;

3. A maximum speed limit of 35 mph on frontage road and 45 mph on the highway through the entire Midtown area; and

4. Thorough evaluation of the environmental and community effects of the alternatives, including noise, visual and air quality impacts, wetlands and water table issues, and vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety.