

**Government Hill Community Council Resolution
In Support of the “Anchorage Access Solution” for Inclusion in the
Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Knik Arm Crossing
Resolution # 2006-01**

PREAMBLE: Despite significant concerns regarding the prudence of building the Knik Arm Crossing, the Government Hill Community Council (GHCC) has not taken a position on whether or not the proposed bridge should be built. However, if the bridge is built, the GHCC *is* on record as strongly preferring the Boniface Access route. The GHCC is also on record as stating that the use of the A-C Couplet as a connection route for the Anchorage side of the Knik Arm Crossing will have unacceptable consequences to downtown and to other affected neighborhoods. However, the GHCC recognizes KABATA's apparent intent to promote only routes using the A-C Couplet for further consideration and study. If the A-C Couplet route is the selected route, then the GHCC has profound concerns regarding the safety of the proposed Degan/Erickson Corridor and its affects on the Government Hill neighborhood. To that end, the following delineates those concerns and supports an alternative A-C Couplet connection entitled, the “Anchorage Access Solution”.

WHEREAS, the home and business owners of GHCC have met numerous times with representatives of the Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority (KABATA) and the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) since April, 2005;

WHEREAS, it was not until December 2005 during “Context Sensitive Design” meetings that KABATA and FHWA staff presented route/layout/intersection specifics of the KABATA preferred Anchorage side bridge access route through Government Hill (Degan/Erickson corridor) to Loop Road and the A-C Couplet;

WHEREAS, at the December 2005 meetings and publicly ever since, GHCC representatives have expressed concern for the safety of all travelers who would negotiate the proposed KABATA Government Hill routes which would place two major road intersections near Loop Road, a road that is treacherous during icy conditions;

WHEREAS, at the December 2005 meetings and publicly ever since, GHCC representatives have expressed adamant opposition to the proposed Degan/Erickson corridor because it would split Anchorage's most historic neighborhood into two segments, demolish two or more blocks of 50-year-old stable, mixed residential housing, and destroy two of Government Hill's parks;

WHEREAS, after “Context Sensitive Design” workshops, and at the invitation of FHWA staff, GHCC representatives presented an alternative Loop Road/A-C couplet access route and intersection designs for the Anchorage side of the proposed Knik Arm Crossing (the Anchorage Access Solution) for consideration by KABATA and FHWA staff;

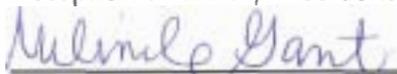
WHEREAS, attached to this resolution is the GHCC proposed Anchorage Access Solution that would place proposed road intersections on a level surface;

WHEREAS, the next stage of FHWA environmental review process is to publish a draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) that will reduce the number of Anchorage side Knik Arm Crossing alternatives that will move forward for further consideration and study;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that specific to the Anchorage side of the proposed project, GHCC believes the Anchorage Access Solution route is much safer and maintains the integrity and historic character of Government Hill, and that it should be included in the DEIS document for further consideration and study.



Stephanie Kesler, President GHCC



Melinda Gant, Secretary, GHCC

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