

**A RESOLUTION ADVOCATING FOR TRAFFIC CALMING AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ACADEMY DRIVE / VANGUARD DRIVE AREA  
TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Abbott Loop Community Council is the voice for all Abbott Loop residents and actively works to improve the quality of life in the Abbott Loop area; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Abbott Loop Community Council desires walkable, pedestrian-andbike-friendly neighborhoods comprised of Complete Streets; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Abbott Loop Community Council recognizes the need for the Academy Drive / Vanguard Drive project improvements to accommodate increased vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic generated by the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities' (ADOT&PF) Seward Highway: O'Malley Road to Dimond Boulevard Project; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Abbott Loop Community Council considers the speed and volume of traffic along Vanguard Drive to be a current public safety issue; and,

**WHEREAS**, the volume of traffic traveling on Vanguard Drive is projected to more than double with the completion of this project; and,

**WHEREAS**, the increase in traffic will greatly exacerbate the traffic and public safety problems which currently exist along Vanguard Drive; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Abbott Loop Community Council believes that the community's concerns regarding the Academy Drive / Vanguard Drive project are legitimate and must be addressed; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Abbott Loop Community Council believes that through

1. the inclusion of Vanguard Drive, from Independence Drive to Academy Drive, into the project scope, and,
2. the installation of traffic calming measures and pedestrian facilities along Vanguard,

the increase in traffic from the O'Malley Road to Dimond Boulevard Project can be accommodated while maintaining and/or improving the safety of vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic, as well as the quality of life of nearby residents; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Abbott Loop Community Council has held numerous community meetings on the Academy Drive / Vanguard Drive project and has identified the traffic

calming and public safety measures most preferable to the community; and,  
**WHEREAS**, the Abbott Loop Community Council strongly advocates for the inclusion of those traffic calming and public safety measures into the proposed Vanguard/Academy Road project, as listed below in order of preference, to ensure the safety of vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic, as well as the quality of life of nearby residents:

1. Wide (7ft – 8ft) asphalt sidewalks along the east side of Vanguard Drive from Independence Drive to Academy Drive,
2. A neckdown where Vanguard Drive abuts Academy Drive,
3. A choker at the intersection of Vanguard Drive and Courage Drive,
4. A choker at the intersection of Vanguard Drive and Cannoneer Circle,
5. A fire gate where Courage Drive abuts Vanguard Drive; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Abbott Loop Community Council believes that without the inclusion of traffic calming measures, this project will adversely impact the quality of life and safety of residents who live or travel through the area.

**NOW THEREFORE ABBOTT LOOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL ADVOCATES FOR  
TRAFFIC CALMING AND PUBLIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS LISTED ABOVE TO THE  
ACADEMY DRIVE / VANGUARD DRIVE AREA TRAFFIC CIRCULATION  
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