

TURNAGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

2024-__

REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC STUDY OF THE PORTION OF WEST MARSTON DRIVE EAST OF PETE’S PLACE AND WEST OF FORAKER DRIVE FOR THE EVALUATION OF TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Turnagain Community Council (TCC) is an all-volunteer, self-governing neighborhood organization recognized in the Municipality of Anchorage Charter; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the community councils is to provide direct and continuing means of citizen participation in government and local affairs; and

WHEREAS, Turnagain neighbors from the West Marston Drive neighborhood are concerned that dangerous traffic conditions (reckless driving, speeding, etc.) along this above identified stretch of West Marston Drive present hazardous living conditions to the safety and well-being of the residents and pedestrians along this corridor; and

WHEREAS, These neighborhood residents have concerns that — due to the large amount of construction activity on this roadway corridor during the previous Traffic Study in 2014 — the traffic issues and particularly speeds in the area were temporarily held down by parking of construction vehicles in the Right-of-Way, and this previous Traffic Study does not reflect current traffic hazard conditions; and

WHEREAS, Turnagain residents from the West Marston Drive neighborhoods have contacted various Municipality of Anchorage officials and departments as well as attended the June 6th, 2024 meeting of the TCC to discuss these concerns; and

WHEREAS, the TCC deems a thorough evaluation of the West Marston Dr. corridor to specifically evaluate hazardous traffic conditions and what traffic calming/safety improvements are needed to help resolve these issues and promote the health, safety and welfare of the pedestrians, students, park users and Turnagain residents who frequent this Corridor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Turnagain Community Council hereby requests that the Municipality of Anchorage Traffic Department conduct a Traffic Calming/Safety Study of West Marston Drive between Pete’s Place and Foraker Drive to determine what traffic improvements can be implemented to promote safety, health and wellbeing of pedestrians and residents frequenting these neighborhood streets.

RESOLUTION PASSED by the Turnagain Community Council at its regularly scheduled meeting this 6th day of June, 2024 by a vote of YES _____ NO _____

Cathy L. Gleason
Turnagain Community Council President

Date