

North Star Community Council
Resolution 2025 - 02

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REBUILDING THE PEDESTRIAN AND NON-MOTORIZED CONNECTION LINKING CHESTER CREEK TRAIL AND W 16TH AVE.

WHEREAS, the North Star Community Council (NSCC) recognizes the importance of maintaining and enhancing non-motorized infrastructure in our community, especially as we work toward creating a more walkable, fiscally sustainable, equitable and thriving interconnected city; and

WHEREAS, the stair connection between Chester Creek Trail and W 16th Avenue has historically served as a vital north-south link for the North Star and South Addition neighborhoods, connecting Spenard and E Street; however, its recent abrupt closure and lack of ADA accessibility have limited use and created barriers for many; and

WHEREAS, accessible, safe, and inclusive pathways are essential for community members of all abilities, including seniors, individuals with mobility challenges, families with strollers, and those who feel unsafe using long stairways alone; and

WHEREAS, improving this connection aligns with broader efforts to enhance Anchorage's greenbelt trail system and non-motorized network, promoting healthy lifestyles, reducing traffic congestion, and supporting local business districts; and

WHEREAS, rebuilding the connection to meet ADA standards would restore connectivity for non-motorized users and ensure equitable access for all, benefitting the entire Anchorage community; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Park Foundation is a proven community partner in securing grants and funding for community-driven park and trail projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that NSCC formally supports the demolition of the current stairway, design of a new concept, and rebuilding of the pedestrian and non-motorized connection between Chester Creek Trail and W 16th Avenue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NSCC urges the Municipality of Anchorage and other relevant stakeholders to prioritize this project as an essential investment in public infrastructure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NSCC supports a feasibility study and local community engagement to ensure the pathway design meets accessibility and safety standards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NSCC endorses the Anchorage Park Foundation as the fiscal sponsor to secure grants, state, and local funding, and to guide the project through its development.

Voted and ADOPTED this ____ day of February, 2025, by the North Star Community Council.

Votes: ____ in favor, ____ opposed and ____ abstaining.

Signed:

**Eiden Pospisil, President
North Star Community Council**

Appendix I

Area of current stairway

