

# Rabbit Creek Community Council Resolution

***March 12, 2015***

*Rabbit Creek Community Council (RCCC) values:*

- the knowledge of local residents and community councils regarding the most valuable qualities in their areas;
- community investments that strengthen neighborhoods and conserve open spaces;
- transportation spending that improves pedestrian and transit options, and reduces reliance on driving, in compliance with the 2020 Comprehensive Plan;
- open spaces, wetlands, trails and recreational spaces that give Anchorage its identity and vitality.

*Rabbit Creek Community Council finds that the proposed extension of Bragaw/Elmore through the University would have the following irremediable negative impacts:*

- spill-over congestion, as well as noise, poor air quality, and unsafe walking conditions. in school zones and neighborhoods on Bragaw north of University lands;
- high volumes of cut-through traffic through the U-Med District, deterring a healthy, walkable employment center, especially since pedestrian features have been cut from the design. This contradicts the 2003 U-Med Framework Master Plan which recommends that “traffic with neither origin nor destination within the District be actively discouraged”, and that “Bragaw Street should not be extended across the District”;
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- loss of large blocks of natural open space, which the Framework Master Plan identified as elemental to the special character of the U-Med District.

*Therefore, Rabbit Creek Community Council resolves to:*

- **oppose** connection of Elmore/Bragaw through the University from Providence Drive to Northern Lights Boulevard;
- request Alaska DOTPF to **reopen the Elmore/Bragaw scoping process** to thoroughly consider alternatives to a high-volume roadway bisecting the University, and;
- request the Anchorage Assembly and the Alaska Legislature to **suspend State spending on planning and construction of the currently-proposed Elmore/Bragaw** connection.

Signed: Nancy Pease, CO-Chair, Rabbit Creek Community Council

Date: March 12, 2015

Vote tally: approx 25 consenting, none objecting.