

Introduced by: Sewall, Skogstad,
Hodgins and Brown
Date: 11/19/91
Action: Adopted
Vote: Unanimous

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 91-137**

**A RESOLUTION URGING ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TO REVIEW ITS POLICY ON REPAIRS FOR FERRY VESSELS**

WHEREAS, the City of Seward has been very energetic in attracting economic opportunities to the Kenai Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seward to attract these economic opportunities has heavily invested in infrastructure with participation from the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of all Alaskans for in-place infrastructure to be utilized, especially when the use of the infrastructure will result in savings of time, money, and other resources for all Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, the M.V. Tustumena needed repairs to a bow thruster and was within a few hours travel of Seward and repair facilities; and

WHEREAS, an extended weather forecast indicated weather conditions would generally be acceptable in five days as an extended forecast, the short term forecast indicated improving weather the next day; and

WHEREAS, the decision was made to send the M.V. Tustumena to Ketchikan which would take approximately 2-1/2 days travel without consulting the short term forecast; and

WHEREAS, repairs would have been made in Seward with a considerable savings to the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, communications with the City of Seward would have saved the State of Alaska considerable savings of money, time and resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

Section 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly urges the Alaska Department of Transportation to review the capability of the repair facilities in Seward for future

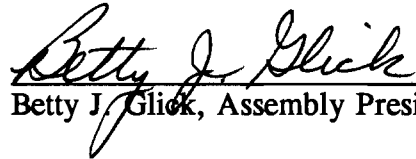
repair and maintenance work.

Section 2. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly urges the Alaska Department of Transportation to reexamine and reaffirm their policy of communication for weather reports, long term and short term.

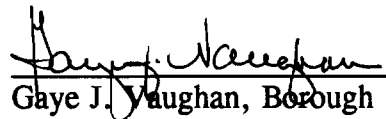
Section 3. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly urges the Alaska Department of Transportation to develop a flexible decision making process that will allow for changing weather conditions when repairs are required when there will be a savings to the State of Alaska.

Section 4. That copies of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Walter J. Hickel, Commissioner Frank Turpin, ADOT/PF, James Ayers, Alaska Marine Highway System Director, Alaska Senators Paul Fischer, Jay Kerttula and Curt Menard, and Alaska Representatives Gail Phillips, Mike Navarre and Gene Kubina.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1991.


Betty J. Glick, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Gaye J. Vaughan, Borough Clerk