

# PRINCE OF WALES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL RESOLUTION No. 17-01

## A JOINT RESOLUTION BY AND BETWEEN THE COMMUNITIES OF THE PRINCE OF WALES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (POWCAC) SETTING TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES FOR PRINCE OF WALES ISLAND FOR 2017

WHEREAS, the Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council acts in an advisory capacity for participating communities on Prince of Wales Island; and,

WHEREAS, the representatives from the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities have discussed proposed road projects for Prince of Wales Island and have suggested that communities on the island develop a consensus of road projects priorities for inclusion in the State of Alaska's STIP, Public Forest Service Roads Program, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Roads Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council has discussed road needs on Prince of Wales Island and recommends that the following projects and priorities be adopted by the Island communities and submitted to the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for inclusion in the State's planning and prioritization process; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the communities of the Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council hereby adopt the following regional transportation projects and priorities for roads on Prince of Wales Island:

### FOREMOST TRANSPORTATION PRIORITY

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Description</u>
1.	Operational Support to IFA	Continue annual appropriation in the State of Alaska General Fund operating budget.
2.	Roads and Trails vegetation control	Mechanical not Chemical means for controlling noxious and/or invasive plants.

### SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Description</u>
1.	Kasaan Road	Phase I-Goose Creek to Tolstoi Bay; Phase II-Tolstoi Bay to Kasaan: Upgrade to a two-lane road at 35 mph design speed. Surface with D1 and asphalt. The road is critical to Kasaan and carries school bus traffic, daily commuting from S. Thorne Bay to the balance of Prince of Wales Island, and industrial truck traffic, making upgrade of the right of way priority.
2.	Resurfacing Hydaburg Road	Redesign, straighten, and resurface the Hydaburg Road to provide safe driving conditions.
3.	Naukati Bay Road	Upgrade and pave Naukati Bay access road between the North POW Road and the Naukati Seaplane Float.

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| 4. | Whale Pass Road             | Upgrade and pave the Neck Lake and Twin Island roads to create a suitable road base for El Capitan Cave and north island traffic loop through Whale Pass. |
| 5. | Sandy Beach Road            | Upgrade and reconstruct between Thorne Bay and Coffman Cove. Evaluate merits of construction of the low elevation Eagle Creek road segment.               |
| 6. | Ratz Harbor-Eagle Creek Rd. | Construct a low elevation road between Ratz Harbor and Eagle Creek.   |
| 7. | Port Saint Nicholas Rd.     | Upgrade and improve the remainder of the Port Saint Nicholas Road system located outside of Craig.  |

### **AIR TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES**

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Description</u>
1.	Frank Peratrovich Airport	Construct/install improvements detailed in the airport master plan, and provide a public parking facility. Address invasive plant species issues.

### **ROADS TO RESOURCES**

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Description</u>
1.	POW Minerals and Hydropower Road	Construct road access to POW mine and hydro-electric project sites, including Reynolds Creek, Niblack Mine, and Bokan Mountain sites.

### **ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES**

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Description</u>
1.	IFA Terminal & Clark Bay Float Plane Dock Parking area	Expand the public parking area shared by IFA and State of Alaska for passengers using the IFA and Clark Bay Floatplane Dock facilities.
2.	Coffman Cove and South Mitkof Terminal Modifications	Modification to allow both Rainforest Ferry Authority, AMHS and IFA vessels to dock at both terminals.
3.	Community Transit System	Establish an Island-wide bus system to connect communities and transportation hubs.

### **NON-MOTORIZED FACILITY PRIORITIES**

1.	Craig-Klawock Path	Construct a multi-use path for 4.7 miles along the uphill side of the highway between Craig and Klawock.
2.	Multiple Use Paths	Construct multi-use paths along the mainline road system Prince of Wales Island.
3.	POW Discovery/Visitor Center	Planning, design, and construction of a POW

Discovery/visitor's center.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, US Forest Service and FHWA Western Federal Lands Division in Vancouver, Washington, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Governor Bill Walker, Senator Bert Stedman, Rep. Dan Ortiz, Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins, and other members of the Alaska Legislature that represent Southeast Alaska communities.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24<sup>h</sup> day of January, 2017 by the Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council.

POWCAC Chair

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