

**PRINCE OF WALES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION No. 20-01**

**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 2020**

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 through the following means: 1) in the State of Alaska General Fund operating budget, and 2) inclusion of IFA support in the State Transportation Improvement Plan

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.	Whale Pass Road	Upgrade and pave the Neck Lake road from the existing pavement into Whale Pass to the harbor.

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| 4. | Port Saint Nicholas Road | Upgrade and improve the remainder of the Port Saint Nicholas Road system located outside of Craig. |
| 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. | Twin Island Road | Upgrade and pave the Twin Island road to create a suitable road base for El Capitan cave and north island traffic. |
| 8. | Naukati Bay Road | Upgrade and pave Naukati Bay access road between the terminus of the existing pavement and the Naukati Seaplane float. |

AIR TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

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| 1. | Frank Peratrovich Airport | Construct/install improvements detailed in the airport master plan. |
| 2. | Frank Peratrovich Airport
Winter Maintenance | Attain designation change from being listed as an unattended to attended airport facility. |
| 3. | Public Parking | Provide public parking at Peratrovich Airport. |

ROADS TO RESOURCES

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| 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

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| 1. | Community Transit System | Establish an Island-wide bus system to connect communities and transportation hubs. |
| 2. | Roads and Trails vegetation control | Mechanical not chemical means for controlling noxious and/or invasive plants. |
| 3. | Pull outs along main roads on Prince of Wales Island | Add additional pull outs along the main roads and plow them in the winter for sightseeing, woodcutting, hunting, hiking, parking, emergency breakdowns, cell phone conversations and access to winter recreation |

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| 4. | Prince of Wales North End
Ferry Service | General support of future efforts to establish a ferry from the North End to neighboring island communities. |
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NON-MOTORIZED FACILITY PRIORITIES

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| 1. | Craig-Klawock Path | Construct a multi-use path for 4.7 miles along the highway between Craig and Klawock. Consider joint venture on project with State of Alaska as electrical transmission line owner, Alaska Power and Telephone, and communities. |
| 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 Mike Dunleavy, 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 28th day of January, 2020 by the Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council.

POWCAC Chair
