

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH

RESOLUTION NO. 2912

A Resolution of the Assembly of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Identifying and Prioritizing the Fiscal Year 2023 Community of Ketchikan Requests for State Funding and Policy Issue Statements

RECITALS

- A. WHEREAS**, the Borough Assembly, through the adoption of Resolution 2904, identified and prioritized the FY 2023 Borough Requests for State funding for capital projects; and
- B. WHEREAS**, the Borough Assembly, through the adoption of Resolution 2870, identified and prioritized policy issues for submission to Governor Dunleavy and the Alaska Legislature; and
- C. WHEREAS**, the Borough Lobbying Executive Committee, comprised of members of the City of Ketchikan, City of Saxman, and Ketchikan Gateway Borough, met on September 23, 2021, and unanimously approved the prioritized capital project list and policy issue list for the Community of Ketchikan as identified in this resolution; and
- D. WHEREAS**, the Borough Assembly now desires to adopt the list of Community of Ketchikan Requests for State funding and Policy Issue Statements as recommended by the Lobbying Executive Committee in order to present a unified list to the Governor and the Alaska State Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ABOVE FACTS, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH as follows:

Section 1. The Assembly hereby identifies and prioritizes the Fiscal Year 2023 Community of Ketchikan list of capital project priority requests for State funding as follows:

Section 2.

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| 1. Ketchikan School Security Upgrades | \$1,029,688 |
| 2. Schoenbar Culvert Rehabilitation project | \$2,500,000 |
| 3. Saxman New Public Safety Building | \$3,850,000 |

Section 3. The Assembly hereby identifies and prioritizes the Fiscal Year 2022 Community of Ketchikan policy issue statements as follows:

1. Opposing Actions by the State of Alaska to Shift the Costs of its Constitutional Obligations to Municipalities:
 - a. Opposing the Required Local Contribution and opposing any effort by the State to increase the RLC.
 - b. Opposing any legislation which would increase the burden on PERS and TRS employers beyond the current employer contribution limits of 22 percent for PERS and 12.56 percent for TRS, including reducing on-behalf rates, imposition of termination study costs, and efforts to shift more of the net pension liability for PERS or TRS onto municipalities.
 - c. Opposing any efforts to reduce School Bond Debt Reimbursement payments for approved debt incurred by municipalities under the promise of State assistance and prior to the moratorium enacted in AS 14.11.100(s).
 - d. Opposing any effort by the State to shift its responsibilities for education to municipalities by reducing the base student allocation, the method of calculation of average daily membership (ADM), or the multipliers set forth in the public school funding formula contained in AS 14.17.410, et seq.
2. Encourage continuance of the current arrangement for sharing of the State excise tax on Commercial Passenger Vessels.
3. Urging continuance of funding for the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS).
4. Opposing a statewide sale tax.

Section 4. The Assembly authorizes the Borough Manager to submit the capital project priorities as appropriation requests and the policy issues as requests for administrative and/or legislative actions to the Governor of the State of Alaska and to the Alaska State Legislature.

Section 5. The Assembly authorizes the Borough Clerk to submit the municipal, school and infrastructure projects as recommended by the Lobbying Executive Committee into the Legislature's electronic capital project database (CAPSIS).

Section 6. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED this ___ day of October, 2021.

Rodney Dial, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

Kacie Paxton, Borough Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Glenn Brown, Borough Attorney