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Roads and Highways Advisory Board Resolution

A Resolution Recommending that the DOT&PF Evaluate Opportunities for Project Bundling in Rural Alaska

Whereas: the State of Alaska aims to maximize the value derived from its infrastructure investments, especially in rural regions where resources and accessibility are limited;

Whereas: fostering seamless integration and coordination of infrastructure projects across multiple assets, fund sources, locations, and agencies is a core objective;

Whereas: project bundling, as defined, presents an opportunity to transform the planning, management, and execution of infrastructure projects for more holistic, well-coordinated, and cost-effective development;

Whereas: project bundling offers numerous benefits such as:

1. Streamlining project delivery by minimizing redundancies and optimizing resource allocation.
2. Maximizing the use of available resources, thus saving costs and leading to improved project outcomes.
3. Promoting collaboration among various infrastructure development agencies.
4. Enhancing the connectivity between diverse infrastructure systems.
5. Improving stakeholder engagement by actively involving various entities in the integrated planning and implementation of infrastructure projects.
6. Accelerating project timelines by overcoming delays associated with isolated planning, permitting, and construction;

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the Roads and Highways Advisory Board hereby recommends the DOT&PF to evaluate opportunities for project bundling in rural Alaska, especially for projects that can integrate broadband and transportation infrastructures.
2. That DOT&PF, in collaboration with other relevant agencies, identify potential infrastructure projects that could benefit from a bundled approach, considering their proximity, objectives, funding sources, and stakeholders.
3. That DOT&PF actively seeks feedback from rural communities, local agencies, and stakeholders on potential project bundling to ensure projects address local needs and maximize benefits to the communities.
4. That DOT&PF report its findings, recommendations, and potential bundled project plans to the Roads and Highways Advisory Board for review and further guidance.

Be it further resolved the Roads and Highways Advisory Board calls upon all relevant stakeholders to embrace the project bundling approach, recognizing its potential to transform infrastructure development in rural Alaska, ensuring sustainable, holistic, and well-coordinated growth.

Adopted on this 17th day of October, 2023, by the Alaska Roads and Highways Advisory Board.

Signed: _____

Dan Hall, Roads and Highways Advisory Board Chair

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Date