

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2014-012

A RESOLUTION APPROVING 65% DESIGN PLANS FOR EKLUTNA RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADE OF THE OLD GLENN HIGHWAY BETWEEN THUNDERBIRD DRIVE AND EKLUTNA LAKE ROAD TO CURRENT DESIGN CRITERIA (DCM) STANDARDS.

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WHEREAS, a request was received from the Municipality of Anchorage, Project Management & Engineering Division for approval of the 65% Design Plans for the Eklutna River Bridge Replacement Project; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Design Commission considered this matter at their October 8, 2014 meeting.

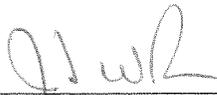
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Anchorage Urban Design Commission that:

- A. The Commission makes the following findings of fact:
1. The project will construct a new 254-foot bridge over the Eklutna River in the same alignment as the existing bridge, and upgrade the Old Glenn Highway between Thunderbird Drive and Eklutna Lake Road to current Design Criteria Manual (DCM) standards for a rural collector.
 2. Four alternatives for the new bridge construction were evaluated.
 3. The Old Glenn Highway is designated a collector by the *Official Streets and Highways Plan* (OS&HP). The Municipal Project Management and Engineering (PM&E) Division has determined that rural collector standards are appropriate.
 4. A separated 8-foot wide multi-use pathway is proposed along the east side of the Old Glenn Highway to meet the needs of local residents and park visitors. The separated pedestrian pathway extends across the bridge.
 5. A memorandum of agreement has been signed by stakeholders who are in agreement with and have approved the plan. A cultural resource survey was undertaken for this project to ensure that all stakeholders had an opportunity to provide input into the design of the Eklutna River Bridge replacement.
- B. The Commission APPROVES the 65% Design Plans for the Eklutna River Bridge Replacement Project, subject to the following condition:

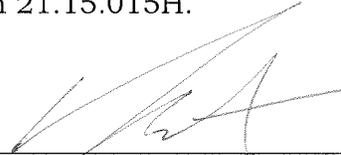
1. All construction and improvements related to this approval shall be substantially in compliance with the 65% Design Plans for the Eklutna River Bridge Replacement at Old Glenn Highway, Thunderbird Drive to Eklutna Lake Road, dated August 2014 and on file with the Planning Department.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Urban Design Commission on the 8th day of October, 2014.

ADOPTED by the Anchorage Urban Design Commission this 12th day of November, 2014. This written decision/resolution of the Urban Design Commission is final and any party may appeal it within twenty (20) days to the Board of Adjustment pursuant to Anchorage Municipal Code 21.30.030 or, if applicable, exercise their rights under Anchorage Municipal Code section 21.15.015H.



Jerry T. Weaver, Jr.
Secretary



Monica Emerton
Chair

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