

Proposed by:	Assembly
Vote:	6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Absent

MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 09-07R

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA NOMINATING THE TAIYA RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT TO THE 2009 SOUTHEAST REGIONAL PLANNING NEEDS LIST FOR THE STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP).

WHEREAS, in order to receive federal or state funding for projects the projects need to be nominated to the needs list for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has derated the carrying capacity of the Taiya River Bridge located on the Dyea Road; and

WHEREAS, this action prevents emergency first responders access to both visitors and community residents located on the opposite side of the bridge; and

WHEREAS, the current Project Needs List includes Project Need ID #3125 "Taiya Truss Rehabilitation" to rehabilitate existing bridge across the Taiya River #309 and includes containment for removal of existing paint and repainting with new coating system; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality passed Resolution No. 2008-22R on November 6, 2008 requesting the Governor take whatever steps are necessary to repair or replace the Taiya River Bridge and include funding in the Administration FY2010 Budget to accomplish this effort; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality believes that the current Project Need ID # 3125 should be redefined as the "Taiya River Bridge Replacement";

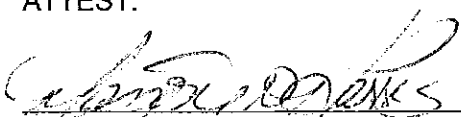
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipality of Skagway:

1. Supports the "Taiya River Bridge Replacement" to replace Project Need ID #3125 "Taiya Truss Rehabilitation"; and
2. Nominates the "Taiya River Bridge Replacement" to the 2009 Southeast Regional Planning Needs List

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway this 19th day of February, 2009.


Thomas D. Cochran, Mayor

ATTEST:


Marjorie D. Harris, Municipal Clerk

(SEAL)



Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Project Nomination Master Sheet

Please tell us about your project and include as much information as you can.
Contact the appropriate planner for your area prior to completing this form.

Name of Project Taiya River Bridge Replacement

Contact Person _____ Sponsor Municipality of Skagway

Phone, Fax, and e-mail (907) 983-2297; Fax (907) 983-2151

Address P.O. Box 415, Skagway, AK 99840

What is your project? Please describe it. For instance, if it's a road or trail how long and wide will it be? If it's a bridge what will it span?
Provide as much detail as possible

The Municipality of Skagway supports the Taiya River Bridge Replacement and proposes replacing the Taiya Truss Rehabilitation project Need ID #3125 on the Project Needs List.

The Taiya Truss Rehabilitation project proposed rehabilitating existing bridge across the Taiya River (#309) and included containment for removal of existing paint and repainting with new coating system.

This bridge spans the Taiya River in Dyea.

Are parts of the project already constructed? Will another agency do some of the work? If so, please explain.

This is a State DOT/PF project

Why do you want this project? Is there a safety concern? Does what you have now need replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction?
Please explain.

The ADOT&PF recently took steps to derate the load capacity of the Taiya River Bridge because of its current condition. This action prevents emergency first responders access to both visitors and community residents located on the opposite side of the bridge. Inability to access the Dyea Community of the Skagway Borough with emergency response vehicles is a crisis.

Who will use this project and how will it help them? Are there health, quality of life and/or economic benefits? Please explain.

Residents use the Taiya River Bridge to access their homes and recreational areas throughout the year. Hundreds of visitors use the Taiya River Bridge throughout the summer tour season. This is the only road access to private residences; public access to municipal facilities and infrastructure such as the Dyea Flats and public campgrounds. Public access to the Klondike Gold Rush Historical National Park facilities and infrastructure such as the Historic Dyea Townsite, and the Historic Slide Cemetery; and access for the operations of commercial tour operators carrying passengers to various tours in the area.

Who will maintain the project after it is built?

Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. The Taiya River Bridge is on the Dyea Road, a state maintained road.

Who owns the land where the project will be built? Will ADOT&PF have to purchase right-of-way?

ADOT&PF currently has ownership of the Dyea Road and Taiya River Bridge.

Do you have a resolution of support from a local elected body or traditional council? If so, please attach.

How will you help? Do you have land for right-of-way or in-kind services to donate? Will you contribute money to the project? If known, what is the total dollar or percentage of total project cost to be contributed?

Include photo, a map or graphic please.

Send the completed form to your area planner



MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY

GATEWAY TO THE GOLD RUSH OF "98"

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7 November 2008

The Honorable Governor Sarah Palin
Alaska State Capitol Building - Third Floor
Post Office Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Subject: Tayia Rive Bridge

Dear Governor Palin,

The Municipality of Skagway is deeply concerned with recent actions taken by the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to derate the carrying capacity of the Tayia River Bridge located on the Dyea Road. The bridge is owned by the State and located on a State road.

By limiting the load capacity of the Tayia River Bridge, the community now faces a critical public safety crisis with our ability to provide ambulance, rescue and fire protection to Borough residents, travelers and property found on the other side of the bridge.

There is certainly an economic impact to the Borough as well. Commercial tour operators, commercial contractors, and Park Service equipment will not have ready access to the Dyea community and surrounding lands.

At their regularly scheduled meeting of 6 November 2008, the Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway passed Resolution Number 2008-22R urging you to take immediate steps to insure the Tayia River Bridge is repaired or replaced by the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and that funding is included for this effort in the Administration's upcoming budget.

Please contact my office if there are any questions concerning this request or the problems we are facing with the derating of the Tayia River Bridge.

Sincerely,

Thomas D. Cochran - Mayor Municipality of Skagway

Cc: Representative Bill Thomas, Jr.
Senator Albert Kookesh

Proposed by:	Administration
Vote:	6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Absent

MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 2008-22R

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TAKE WHATEVER STEPS ARE NECESSARY TO REPAIR OR REPLACE THE TAIYA RIVER BRIDGE AND INCLUDE FUNDING IN THE ADMINISTRATION FY 2010 BUDGET TO ACCOMPLISH THIS EFFORT.

WHEREAS, The Taiya River Bridge is owned by the State of Alaska and located on the State owned Dyea Road; and

WHEREAS, The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has recently taken steps to derate the load capacity of the Taiya River Bridge; and

WHEREAS, This action prevents emergency first responders access to both visitors and community residents located on the opposite side of the bridge; and

WHEREAS, Inability to access the Dyea Community of the Skagway Borough with emergency response vehicles is a crisis in itself; and

WHEREAS, This action prevents passage of construction equipment to lands in the Dyea and West Creek regions of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, This action directly impacts the operations of commercial tour operators carrying passengers to the historic Dyea town site; and

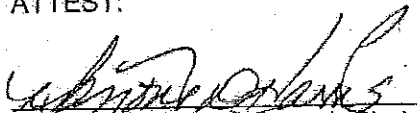
WHEREAS, This action limits public access to National Park facilities and infrastructure;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipality of Skagway Borough Assembly urges the Governor to immediately take the steps necessary to insure the Taiya River Bridge is repaired or replaced by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, and that funding is included in the Administration FY 2010 Budget to accomplish this effort.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of November, 2008 by the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway, Alaska.


Thomas D. Cochran, Mayor

ATTEST:


Marjorie D. Harris, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)



Dyea Area



Map produced by:

Klondike Gold Rush NHP
POB 517
Skagway AK 99849

Plot date: April, 27 2007

Roads and Trails

- ==== City ATV limit
- Historic trail
- Horse crossing
- Non vehicle road or trail
- Obsolete
- Resident access
- State Maintained Road
- Vehicle road
- Dyea Major Landmarks

Klondike Gold Rush NHP Legislative Boundary



Estimated Land Ownership

- Dyea Major Landmarks
- PRIVATE
- CITY OF SKAGWAY
- NPS

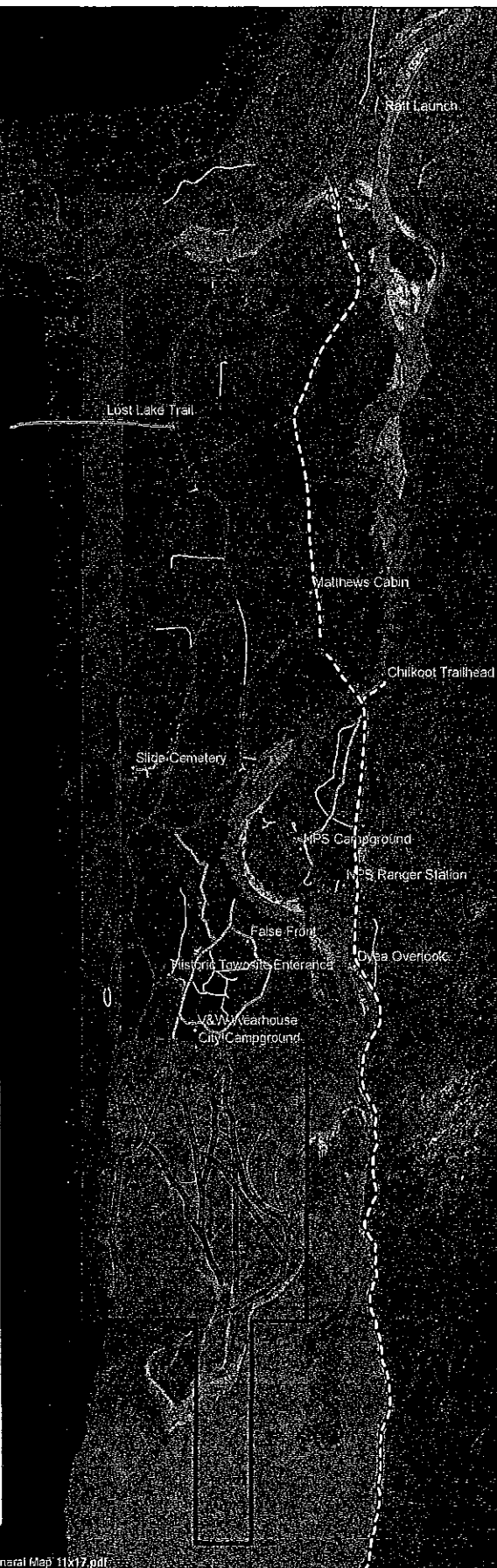


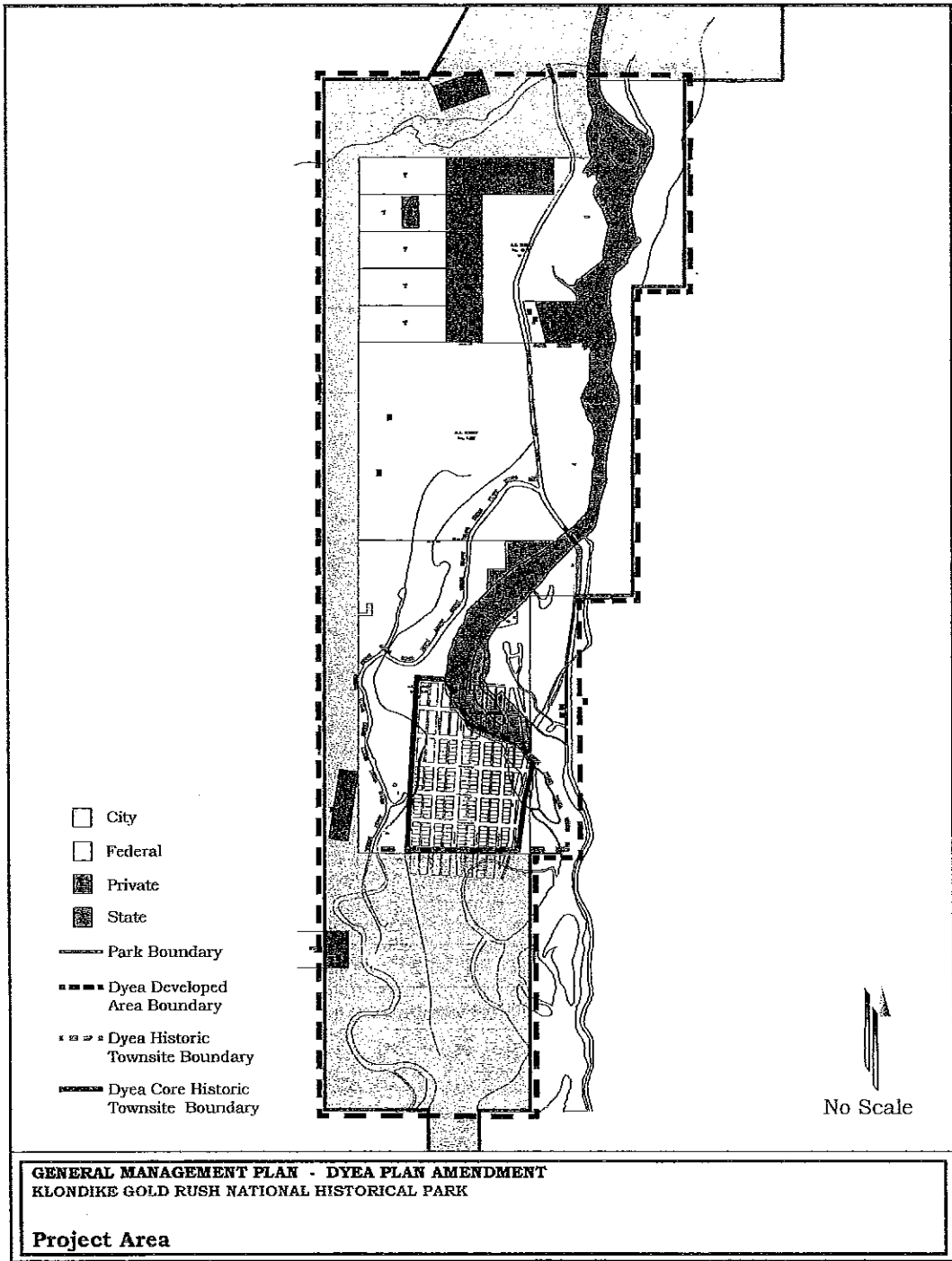
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Map background is a georeferenced photograph of 1992 aerial imagery. Street fronting is based on street fronting data located in 1999 using GIS with a 3-5 meter margin of horizontal error.

Boundaries are digital data from the aerial imagery. This information was not field checked for accuracy.

Klondike Gold Rush NHP boundary and points with the Park boundary are from a compilation of NPS land ownership, primarily from the Director of Land Management (DLM) 1993, 2001 and other records and plans, but not earlier than 1997. Much land may have been made, including an agreement by Skagway NHP which had a purchase based on 1979 Aerial DTM data. When used at the scale of this map, these data should not be considered to be highly accurate.





**GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN - DYEA PLAN AMENDMENT
KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK**

Project Area