

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01

CONCEPTUAL ENDORSEMENT OF THE ARCTIC STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION & RESOURCES PROJECT'S TRIANGLE COMMUNITY ROAD

WHEREAS, the VOICE of the Arctic Inupiat (VOICE) was established to provide a unified, community-driven voice for North Slope villages and to facilitate coordinated engagement with regional, state, and federal decision-makers on matters affecting North Slope communities; and

WHEREAS, Olgoonik Corporation is the Alaska Native Village Corporation for the North Slope community of Wainwright and holds lands and responsibilities that are directly affected by long-term transportation planning and development on the North Slope; and

WHEREAS, the Arctic Strategic Transportation and Resources (ASTAR) Project was initiated to identify and advance strategic infrastructure opportunities that improve quality of life, community connectivity, and economic outcomes for North Slope communities, while accounting for subsistence, environmental, and cultural considerations; and

WHEREAS, in September 2020, the Olgoonik Corporation Board of Directors adopted Resolution 2020-10, declaring conceptual support for ASTAR road concepts affecting Wainwright, subject to conditions including meaningful village participation, involvement of Olgoonik in planning and route selection, equitable work opportunities, and continued coordination throughout the life of the project; and

WHEREAS, in September 2022, the Wainwright Steering Committee, which includes the City of Wainwright, Olgoonik Corporation, and the Village of Wainwright, reaffirmed support for the ASTAR Project, emphasizing that improved access among North Slope communities—including Wainwright—can reduce the cost of goods and services and provide long-term regional benefits, while underscoring the importance of continued coordination and communication with the community; and


WHEREAS, through the ASTAR evaluation process, the Triangle Community Road (Utqiagvik–Atqasuk–Wainwright) has been identified as a priority community access corridor and is currently advancing through planning and environmental review as the first ASTAR-recommended road project; and

WHEREAS, decisions regarding road development, access management, and future project sequencing within the North Slope Borough carry long-term implications for subsistence use, community safety, land ownership, and regional governance, and therefore require early, clear, coordinated community leadership engagement and direction at both the local and regional levels;

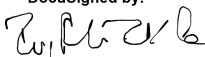
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat conceptually supports the ASTAR Triangle Community Road provided:

- 1) The project planning, development, and execution processes include representatives from all affected villages;
- 2) Officials from affected villages are fully involved in final route selection near their communities, including the Alaska Native village and regional corporation landowners, before formal project approval;
- 3) Those entities involved in planning and development of the Triangle Community Road, utilize clear principles of community-first engagement, including early and ongoing involvement of affected villages, transparency in planning and environmental review, and respect for subsistence, cultural, and land ownership concerns.

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