

RESOLUTION 27-08

A RESOLUTION BY THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY REQUESTING IMPROVED VEHICLE RESERVATION AVAILABILITY ON THE ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM SOUTH OF KODIAK

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) provides a critical transportation link for the Aleutian Communities and serves as an essential connection for residents, businesses, local governments, and regional economic activity; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 AMHS sailing schedule provides five sailings serving the Aleutian Chain, creating limited opportunities for residents, businesses, seasonal workers, and other travelers to transport vehicles into and out of the region; and

WHEREAS, vehicle transportation is necessary for medical travel, employment, relocation, commercial activities, vehicle maintenance, and other essential needs throughout the Aleutian communities; and

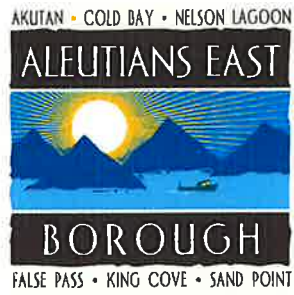
WHEREAS, when direct vehicle space is unavailable, travelers reserve transportation to Kodiak, where vehicles then need to be unloaded and a separate reservation is needed to continue travel to the final destination, resulting in additional costs, delays, and logistical challenges; and

WHEREAS, Kodiak receives more ferry service opportunities in one month than the Aleutian communities do in an entire season; and

WHEREAS, reserved vehicle capacity on the first and last sailing of the season to the Aleutian Chain would provide residents, businesses, seasonal workers, and other travelers a fair opportunity to transport vehicles, and any unused reserved spaces could be released to the general public one week prior to departure to ensure availability capacity is fully utilized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aleutians East Borough Assembly respectfully requests that the Alaska Marine Highway System review its vehicle reservation policies and scheduling priorities to establish reserved capacity on the first and final seasonal sailing serving the Aleutian Chain.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Aleutians East Borough Assembly on this 13th day of August 2026.




Alvin Osterback, Mayor

ATTEST:


Beverly Rosete, Clerk