

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY

Mayor's Conference Room
Eighth Floor, City Hall

Minutes for Special Meeting of October 24, 2005, amended

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Assembly Meeting was convened by Chair Fairclough at 6:07 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room, Eighth Floor, Room 830, City Hall, 632 West 6th Avenue in Anchorage, Alaska.

2. ROLL CALL A Quorum was achieved with Assemblymembers present.

PRESENT: Allan Tesche, Janice Shamberg, Debbie Ossiander, Dan Sullivan, Anna Fairclough, Dan Coffey, Chris Birch, Paul Bauer, Dick Traini and Pamela Jennings.

ABSENT: Ken Stout.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Assemblymember Ossiander led the pledge.

4. ITEM OF BUSINESS

A. To review, discuss and adopt amendments to the Long-Range Transportation Plan (AO 2005-115).

Chair Fairclough stated the Public Hearing for the Long Range Transportation (*LRTP*) was closed on October 11th and the purpose of the meeting that evening was to adopt amendments. She called the Question.

Mr. Coffey moved, to approve AO 2005-115,
Mr. Sullivan seconded,

Mr. Bauer moved, to amend the LRTP, on Page 132, Chapter 8-1, *by adding*
Mr. Sullivan seconded, Projects 602, 637 and 704, concurrently referencing on Page
and this was later amended, 72, and *by adding* at the end: “, to be added to the long-
term priority list,” “*and contingent on having* [earmarked
federal] *additional funding sources,*”

Mr. Bauer stated this would provide an east-west high-speed highway corridor, creating a connection of East Anchorage, Midtown and West Anchorage, including the airport. Deputy Municipal Manager Michael Abbott opposed, because of costs and stated that the Dowling Road upgrade should be completed first.

To Mr. Coffey, Municipal Senior Transportation Planner Jon Spring responded this may cause the entire project to be reviewed.

To Mr. Traini, Mr. Bauer responded the proposed road could address bypassing the Alpine Apartments.

To Ms. Jennings, Mr. Abbott responded this proposed route included the Campbell Creek Corridor, and included wetlands, a salmon stream, 70 homes, 30 businesses and there would be high costs per mile.

Mr. Sullivan agreed with the creation of an east-west corridor expressway, but he was concerned with the potential costs of the project. He recommended adding ‘to be added to the long term priority list.’ This was accepted as a friendly amendment by Mr. Bauer.

To Mr. Coffey, Mr. Abbott responded this project would be based on available state, federal and local funds. Mr. Bauer concurred to amend, by adding at the end, to be contingent on federal earmarked funds and requested correct language from staff. Mr. Spring responded there were many funding sources and recommended not to specify earmarked sources. Mr. Bauer concurred and urged a YES-vote.

and this motion, as amended, was passed, 6-4.

AYES: Ossiander, Sullivan, Fairclough, Coffey, Birch and Bauer.

NAYES: Tesche, Shamberg, Traini and Jennings.

ABSENT: Stout.

Ms. Jennings moved, to amend the LRTP on Page 133, Chapter 8, Table 8-1,
Ms. Shamberg seconded, Project 627, *by deleting* [and to widen the arterial to eight
lanes north of Tudor Road],

Ms. Jennings stated the Traffic Department believed the Raspberry-Dowling connection and other elements of the LRTP would take the pressure off Minnesota and eliminate the need for additional lanes.

Mr. Spring stated the Traffic Department would view this as a long-term recommendation.

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2 and the motion failed, 4-6.

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4 AYES: Tesche, Shamberg, Ossiander and Jennings.
5 NAYES: Sullivan, Fairclough, Coffey, Birch, Bauer and Traini.
6 ABSENT: Stout.

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8 Ms. Jennings moved, to amend the LRTP on Page 128, Chapter 8, Project 224,
9 Ms. Shamberg seconded, by deleting, [with center turn lane],

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11 Ms. Jennings stated a turn lane in this portion of the highway was not necessary because there was nothing to access
12 along this route. Mr. Sullivan concurred.

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14 and this motion passed, 8-2.

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16 AYES: Tesche, Shamberg, Ossiander, Sullivan, Birch, Bauer, Traini and Jennings.
17 NAYES: Fairclough and Coffey.
18 ABSENT: Stout.

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20 Ms. Jennings moved, to amend the LRTP on Page 122, 'Pedestrian Plan and
21 Ms. Shamberg seconded, Sidewalk Projects,' by replacing entire section with, "The
22 MOA is developing a pedestrian plan called for in Anchorage
23 2020 and the Anchorage Trails Plan. This plan will review
24 pedestrian laws, regulations, policies, design standards,
25 maintenance practices and enforcement. The study will
26 evaluate pedestrian safety, including a number of collisions
27 and deaths by section of town, proximity to schools and major
28 employment centers and will report the numbers of walkers
29 and types of available pedestrian facilities in those sections.
30 It will recommend a public outreach and education program.
31 The plan will inventory the existing pedestrian infrastructure
32 and establish priorities for pedestrian projects and accomplish
33 the following:

- 34 • Model pedestrian laws, regulations and policies
- 35 • Model education and enforcement practices
- 36 • Remedy safety hazards
- 37 • Compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act
- 38 • Establish priorities and projects to build missing links
- 39 in the sidewalk system
- 40 • Coordinate pedestrian facilities with transit stops and
- 41 facilities
- 42 • Provide safe connections for walking to schools

43 The Pedestrian Plan will include recommendations for design
44 of pedestrian facilities to meet safety and Americans with
45 Disabilities Act requirements and amenities to encourage
46 pedestrian trips and enhance the aesthetics of our streets."
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48 Ms. Jennings stated that her intent was to include a specific Pedestrian Plan. There were too many people killed in
49 pedestrian accidents. Mayor Begich responded it did not conflict with the current plan. Chair Fairclough was
50 concerned with the additional costs of public outreach.

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52 and this motion failed, 3-7.

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54 AYES: Tesche, Shamberg and Jennings.
55 NAYES: Ossiander, Sullivan, Fairclough, Coffey, Birch, Bauer and Traini.
56 ABSENT: Stout.

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58 Mr. Bauer moved, to amend the LRTP on Page 116, Figure 8-4, in box
59 Mr. Sullivan seconded, 'Bus Rapid Transit' by deleting [-30-minute bus service all
60 day],

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62 Mr. Bauer stated that running a 30-minute bus schedule would be very costly and not very cost effective. The
63 Administration had supported this change. Mr. Coffey, Mr. Tesche and the Administration concurred.

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65 and this was passed, 8-2.

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67 AYES: Tesche, Ossiander, Sullivan, Fairclough, Coffey, Birch, Bauer and Traini.
68 NAYES: Shamberg and Jennings.
69 ABSENT: Stout.

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71 Ms. Shamberg moved, to amend the LRTP on Page 116, Figure 8-4, in box
72 Mr. Tesche seconded, 'Commuter Rail System,' by deleting [Consideration of],
73 and this was later withdrawn.

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75 Ms. Shamberg it was important to specify a commuter rail project be included to ensure federal funding possibilities.
76 Mayor Begich responded that the current language would have the project considered and money would be available
77 for design. Ms. Shamberg withdrew her amendment with concurrence of the second.

Ms. Shamberg moved, to amend the LRTP *by incorporating* the Air Quality Memo
Mr. Tesche seconded, into "Appendix E,"
and this motion, as amended, failed, 3-7.

AYES: Tesche, Shamberg and Jennings.
NAYES: Ossiander, Sullivan, Fairclough, Coffey, Birch, Bauer and Traini.
ABSENT: Stout.

Ms. Ossiander moved, to amend the LRTP on Page 134, Project 707, *by changing*
Mr. Coffey seconded, ~~[Artillery Road]~~ to "Eagle River Interchange," and *by changing*
~~[spot]~~ "necessary" improvements,

Ms. Ossiander stated this would expand the Highland-North Eagle River Interchange, particularly the Southbound, left-hand turn lane, where the service was most needed. To Chair Fairclough, she agreed to amend by deleting 'spot improvements' and the second concurred.

and this motion, as amended, was passed, 9-1.

AYES: Tesche, Shamberg, Ossiander, Sullivan, Fairclough, Coffey, Birch, Bauer and Traini.
NAYES: Jennings.
ABSENT: Stout.

Ms. Ossiander moved, to amend the LRTP on Page 134, Project 707, *by adding*
Mr. Coffey seconded, "Improve the South Peters Creek Exit on the Glenn,"
and later withdrawn. and *by identifying* "Safety improvements in the southbound
on-ramp, including both line of sight and emerging,"

Mr. Sullivan stated improvements to Peters Creek would be included in the Eagle River project. Mr. Spring concurred.
Ms. Ossiander stated if that was the case she would withdraw her amendment and the second concurred.

Ms. Ossiander moved, to amend the LRTP on Page 134, Table 8-1 *by*
Mr. Coffey seconded, *adding a new unnumbered project:* "Thunderbird Falls Exit
Improvements from Glenn Highway to Thunderbird Falls,
including safety improvements,"

Ms. Ossiander stated these were recommendations directly from the community councils and the Road Board in the area. Chair Fairclough stated the Administration could number the new project. Mr. Spring responded if it were identified for safety improvements, it would fall under the Safety Improvement Program. He recommended broadening the scope of the recommendation. Chair Fairclough requested Ms. Ossiander get specific language from Mr. Spring. Ms. Ossiander opposed and stated these identified specific concerns from the community council and the road boards and she wanted the problem areas addressed.

and the motion was passed.

AYES: Tesche, Shamberg, Ossiander, Sullivan, Fairclough, Coffey, Birch, Bauer, Traini and Jennings.
NAYES: None.
ABSENT: Stout.

Mr. Birch moved, to amend the LRTP on Page 99, in the center column,
Mr. Coffey seconded, second paragraph, *by changing* the first sentence to bold
and this was approved with one objection. type: "**It is unrealistic to presume that personal**
automobiles will not continue to be widely used,"

Mr. Birch moved, to amend the LRTP on Page 127, Project 210, under
Mr. Traini seconded, 'O'Malley, Minnesota and C Street Interchange,' *by adding*
"extending Peninsula Circle to Lane Street," and *by*
referencing on Page 94, under 'Road Projects and Assist
Freight Distribution,' *by adding a bullet* to read: "Peninsula
Circle would be extended from C Street,"

With the use of a map, Mr. Birch explained the importance of extending the roadway and providing an alternative access to accommodate the gravel trucks. This was requested by local community councils. Mayor Begich responded that this proposal involved private properties. Mr. Spring responded Project 210 was already funded, and this addition could be lumped together with other projects and addressed with a comprehensive update at a later time. Municipal Traffic Director Lance Wilber recommended adding language to the freight section, addressing the need for accommodating Alaska Sand and Gravel trucks. Mr. Birch and Mr. Traini concurred.

and this, as amended, was approved without objection.

Mr. Birch moved, to amend the LRTP on Page 130, Project 407, *by adding*
Ms. Shamberg seconded, "reconstruction of Huffman from Elmore to Birch, and on Birch
from Huffman to O'Malley,"

Mr. Birch stated these sections needed reconstruction and the improvements had been requested by the local community councils.

Ms. Shamberg stated that children had been injured while riding in school busses, from the frost heaves in the roads, and it may require digging out and replacing the bad sections of road. Mr. Wilber responded there were several roads in the city that were substandard and they had chosen to not address them in the Long Range Transportation Plan.

and this motion was passed, 9-1.

AYES: Tesche, Shamberg, Ossiander, Sullivan, Fairclough, Coffey, Birch, Bauer and Traini.

NAYES: Jennings.

ABSENT: Stout.

Mr. Sullivan moved,

Ms. Jennings seconded,

to amend the LRTP on Page 132, Project 601, *Project Purpose and Description*, after the word 'approach;' and before the bold word 'purpose,' *by adding "Project 601 will be considered only after 213, and 416 [and 604] have been completed and sufficient statistical data has been collected regarding the traffic flow and congestion relief resulting from this project,"*

Mayor Begich opposed, because it would halt improvements for that area for years. Mr. Sullivan responded it would not stop development, but would set priorities of the improvements being made. Alternative routes needed to be completed first to achieve congestion relief.

Mr. Coffey agreed that alternative routes needed to have priority and proposed that the Boniface Parkway remain as a priority. Mr. Sullivan accepted this as a friendly amendment, along with the second.

and this motion, as amended, was passed, 6-4.

AYES: Ossiander, Sullivan, Fairclough, Coffey, Birch and Bauer.

NAYES: Tesche, Shamberg, Traini and Jennings.

ABSENT: Stout.

Mr. Sullivan moved,

Mr. Bauer seconded,

to amend the LRTP on Page 122, under the 'Update of Areawide Trails Plan and Projects,' *by deleting [Coastal Trail: Kincaid to Potter Marsh and Section House],*

Mr. Sullivan stated there would be significant impact to private property and potential impact to wildlife from this project. Trails could be discussed again when the Parks and Trails Plan was addressed.

Ms. Jennings opposed.

Ms. Ossiander supported the amendment because the updated Parks and Trails Plan was still being completed.

Mayor Begich stated the Administration had worked hard to reduce the costs and the impacts of this project. He opposed the amendment and urged a NO-vote.

Mr. Coffey supported the deletion and stated that trails could be addressed with the Parks and Trails Plan. Every plan that he had seen involved a large taking of residential property. He stated the trail should be on the toe of the bluff, where it belonged, and not impacting 170 parcels of property. The property owners in the area opposed the trail.

Mr. Traini stated the maintenance of the trails would probably come from taxpayers. Mr. Wilber responded the maintenance would come from the allocation of the resource.

Ms. Ossiander stated the top-fifty list of trails was different than the final draft before the Assembly and she proposed to substitute that list.

Ms. Ossiander moved,

Ms. Jennings seconded,

and this motion failed, 2-8.

to amend the Sullivan Amendment *by deleting* all the trails listed *and by substituting* the "Top-Fifty Trails,"

AYES: Ossiander and Bauer.

NAYES: Tesche, Shamberg, Sullivan, Fairclough, Coffey, Birch, Traini and Jennings.

ABSENT: Stout.

Question was put on the motion to approve the Sullivan Amendment.

and this motion passed, 7-3.

AYES: Tesche, Shamberg and Jennings.

NAYES: Ossiander, Sullivan, Fairclough, Coffey, Birch, Bauer and Traini.

ABSENT: Stout.

Mr. Sullivan moved,

Mr. Coffey seconded,

and this motion passed, 7-3.

to amend the LRTP on Page 123, in top, left-hand corner, *by deleting* the words, [and south],

AYES: Ossiander, Sullivan, Fairclough, Coffey, Birch, Bauer and Traini.

NAYES: Tesche, Shamberg and Jennings.

1 ABSENT: Stout.

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3 Mr. Coffey moved,
4 Mr. Traini seconded,
5 and this was amended,

to amend the LRTP on Table 8-1 *by adding* a new: "Project involving north access to the U-Med District," and *by adding* "both Universities and Providence Hospital as well as other affected agencies shall participate in an open, public discussion process, and by referencing "North Access to the U-Med District,"" on Page 70, in upper left-hand corner,

11 Chair Fairclough stated this was a newly proposed project and would be added in the LRTP document somewhere between Pages 127 and 133. Mr. Coffey recommended adding this project to Table 8-1.

14 To Mr. Coffey, Mayor Begich responded that it was important for the universities and the businesses in that area to be involved with the process. Mr. Coffey accepted that language as a friendly amendment, with concurrence of the second.

18 Mr. Coffey had met with administrators from Alaska Pacific University and the University of Alaska, Anchorage, and had responded to their concerns about the U-Med District Plan and the LRTP. The plan lacked a northern or eastern access and had not addressed traffic circulation and conditions. That was the reason for his amendment, adding this new project. He urged a YES-vote.

23 To Mr. Tesche, Mr. Abbott responded the Administration opposed the Coffey Amendment.

25 Mr. Bauer understood the need for a northern access, but was concerned with the impacts to the surrounding neighborhood and stated process would be needed to determine the impact. He was interested in studying the options.

29 To Ms. Jennings, Mr. Coffey responded it would cost about \$25 million to build a four-lane road from Bragaw to Providence Drive. Ms. Jennings stated that a project this large should involve public process.

32 Mr. Sullivan recommended additional language on Page 70, in the upper, left-hand corner, referencing this project. He recommended adding a new paragraph, describing the northern access. Mr. Coffey accepted this as a friendly amendment, with concurrence from the second.

36 Mr. Traini called the Question on the Coffey Amendment.

38 and this motion, as amended, was passed, 7-3.

40 AYES: Tesche, Ossiander, Sullivan, Fairclough, Coffey, Birch and Traini.

41 NAYES: Shamberg, Bauer and Jennings.

42 ABSENT: Stout.

44 Mr. Traini called for immediate reconsideration and urged a NO-vote.

46 Mr. Traini moved, *for immediate reconsideration* of the Coffey Amendment,
47 Mr. Sullivan seconded, *as amended, concerning the U-Med road,*
48 and this motion failed.

50 AYES: Shamberg, Birch, Bauer and Jennings.

51 NAYES: Tesche, Ossiander, Sullivan, Fairclough, Coffey and Traini.

53 Mr. Traini moved,
54 Mr. Coffey seconded,

to amend the LRTP *by adding* a New Project in Table 8-1, "Oilwell Road – Muldoon and the Glenn. Additional lanes, turning lanes and necessary channelization/traffic control improvements on Oilwell Road, extending northwest from the Muldoon Road-Glenn Highway Interchange, to improve accessibility and safety for Bartlett High School, Alaska Native Heritage Center, Elmendorf Hospital, VA Clinic, CIRI property, the military gate, MOA snow disposal site and AWWU backflush ponds; \$5-8 million fund sources of federal and state grants,"

64 Mr. Sullivan supported the Traini Amendment and stated Oilwell Road was one of the worst pieces of road in the city.

66 and this motion was passed.

68 AYES: Tesche, Shamberg, Ossiander, Sullivan, Fairclough, Coffey, Birch, Bauer and Traini.

69 NAYES: Jennings.

70 ABSENT: Stout.

72 Mr. Coffey moved,
73 Mr. Bauer seconded,

to amend the LRTP on Pages 14-19, *by changing* priority ranking of LRTP goals: #6 to #1; #4 to #2, #7 to #3, #1 to #4, #2 to #5, #3 to #6, and #5 to #7, and *by changing objectives of each section:*

1. **Health and Safety** - Provide a Transportation System that moves people and goods safely throughout the

Municipality] **town, and promotes health and well-being.**

- Improve the safety and security of people on all areas.
- Reduce vehicular and pedestrian crashes.
- Decrease emergency response time and reduce risk to the community from natural hazards and disasters.
- Minimize conflicts between freights and passenger/pedestrian travel.
- ~~[In localized areas (downtown, midtown & the U-Mod district)-p]~~ **"Promote a walkable city with safe winter walking conditions."**

2. Build, Operate and Maintain Quality, Attractive and Affordable Improvements – Develop an efficient

transportation network that takes into account the cost of building, operating and maintaining a system that considers the costs to users and taxpayers.

- Prioritize the projects within the LRTP to optimize the overall capital costs associated with operating and maintaining the projects within the LRTP.
- Consider the life-cycle costs associated with operating and maintaining projects within the LRTP.
- Optimize the travel choices within the transportation system to maximize the associated benefits for users while, at the same time, minimizing the costs to the taxpayers.
- **"Manage traffic on collectors and local streets consistent with the land uses they serve and to preserve and enhance neighborhood livability."**
- **"Match street and highway design to the road's use and character, recognizing that the character may vary from primarily commercial to primarily residential, consistent with the land uses they serve and to preserve and enhance neighborhood livability."**

3. Economic Vitality – A transportation system that supports a thriving, sustainable, broad-based economy for Anchorage by locating and using transportation infrastructure and facilities to enhance community development. *(keeps existing objective as listed)*

4. Optimize Community Connectivity - Establish community connectivity with safe, convenient, year-round auto and non-auto travel routes within and between neighborhoods, commercial centers and public facilities. *(keeps existing objectives listed)*

5. Improve mobility and Access – Improve access to goods, jobs, services, housing and other destinations. Provide mobility for people and goods throughout the region in a safe, affordable, efficient and convenient manner. *(keeps existing objectives as listed)*

6. Transportation Choices – Provide a transportation system that provides viable transportation choices among various modes and promotes health and well being.

- Promotes the development of a safe network of trails and sidewalks that provide reasonable access to work, schools, parks, services and shopping for those who live in a relatively close proximity to areas where trails and sidewalks will actually provide access and be used by citizens.
- Improve the year-round reliability of transit and determine if increased frequency is worth the costs to the taxpayers as measured by increased ridership.
- Optimize the year-round accessibility to and convenience of travel choices.

7. Preserve and Enhance the Natural and Developed Environment – Design and maintain a transportation system that respects the integrity of Anchorage's natural and built environment and protects Anchorage's scenic vistas. *(keeps existing objectives as listed)*

And, by adding respective changes in related sections of the document, including Figure 7-2 on Page 61 and Figure 7-3 on Page 62,

Ms. Jennings stated that connecting the roads needed to remain the number one priority. She opposed the Coffey Amendment.

Ms. Shamberg stated that she supported protection of health and safety as a priority.

To Mr. Tesche, Mr. Abbott responded that the projects listed in the Plan did not reflect prioritization, and additional project plans would be needed for items listed in the Coffey amendment. Table 8-1, listing the recommended road improvements, had not taken into account the proposed Coffey goals. To Mr. Tesche, Mr. Wilber responded the goals had only been identified and had not been arranged by priority.

Mr. Sullivan stated that the number one thing lacking in the grid was connectivity between areas. Connectivity needed to remain one of the top two, if it was ranking priority. As it was, it was only ranking goals.

Ms. Jennings stated that, while Mr. Coffey was prioritizing the goal of promoting health and safety, under his new goals, he had omitted language such as 'promotes health and well being,' 'attractive,' 'attractive development and efficient transportation' and 'which considers the equity of all users which includes bike riders, pedestrians, people with disabilities.'

Mr. Coffey moved, the Question, "Shall we prioritize?"
Ms. Jennings seconded,
and this was approved, with a show of hands.

Mr. Coffey moved, to vote on the Coffey Amendment as a block,
Mr. Tesche seconded,
and this was approved, with a show of hands.

Mr. Coffey stated that he welcomed amendments. Mr. Wilber responded the order was acceptable, but the language of each goal needed to be addressed.

Ms. Tesche moved, to approve the order of the goals, as outlined in the Coffey
Mr. Coffey seconded, Amendment,
and this was approved unanimously.

To Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Wilber responded the proposed objective #1 needed to include, 'promote a walkable city with safe winter walking conditions.'

Mr. Tesche moved, to amend the Coffey Amendment, Goal #1, *by re-adding the*
Mr. Coffey seconded, objective [~~#4~~], "~~#5~~," to read "Promote a walkable city with
and this was amended, safe winter walking conditions," *and by including "the original*
and this was approved without objection. goal description language on Page 18,"

Mr. Coffey stated that sidewalks were of great importance in his goals, in areas like the U-Med and downtown areas, which had been addressed in #5. Mr. Wilber responded there were other areas in the Comprehensive Plan which addressed sidewalks, including schools and other specific areas in town.

Mr. Tesche substituted the Administration's proposed language into Goal #5, in the Coffey Amendment.

Ms. Jennings moved, to amend the Coffey Amendment, Goal #6, *by adding to the*
Mr. Tesche seconded, end of the sentence of the goal description, "and promotes
and this was approved without objection. health and well-being,"

Mr. Tesche moved, to amend the Coffey Amendment, Goal #2, *by reinstating*
Ms. Jennings seconded, language on "aesthetic considerations,"

Mr. Tesche and Ms. Jennings urged consideration of reinstating the language. Mr. Coffey stated this Long Range Transportation Plan addressed transportation and he had focused his amendment on that topic.

and this motion failed, 3-7.

AYES: Tesche, Shamberg and Jennings.
NAYES: Ossiander, Sullivan, Fairclough, Coffey, Birch, Bauer and Traini.
ABSENT: Stout.

Ms. Jennings moved, to amend the Coffey Amendment, Goal #2, *by reinstating "all*
Ms. Shamberg seconded, the original language in the goal description,"
and this motion failed, 3-7.

AYES: Tesche, Shamberg and Jennings.
NAYES: Ossiander, Sullivan, Fairclough, Coffey, Birch, Bauer and Traini.
ABSENT: Stout.

Ms. Shamberg moved, to amend the Coffey Amendment, Goal #2, *by adding a new*
Mr. Coffey seconded, bullet to read: "Manage traffic on collectors and local streets
and this motion was passed, 8-2. consistent with the land uses they serve and to preserve and
enhance neighborhood livability,"

AYES: Tesche, Shamberg, Ossiander, Fairclough, Coffey, Birch, Bauer and Jennings.
NAYES: Sullivan and Traini.
ABSENT: Stout.

1 Ms. Shamberg moved,
2 Mr. Coffey seconded,
3 and this was passed unanimously.

to amend the Coffey Amendment, Goal #2, *by adding* a new
bullet to read: "Match street and highway design to the road's
use and character, recognizing that the character may vary
from primarily commercial to primarily residential,

6 To Mr. Coffey, Mr. Spring responded this would be consistent with the new Appendix C.

8 Chair Fairclough stated a corresponding correction was needed for a Coffey Amendment, on Page 16, describing what
9 was now Goal Number 2, in the last paragraph, 'Visually attractive and' had been eliminated.

11 Ms. Shamberg moved,
12 Ms. Jennings seconded,
13 and this motion failed, 3-7.

to amend the LRTP on Page 16 in the top paragraph of the
the third column, under 'How does Goal 4 help implement
Anchorage 2020?' *by reinstating* "Visually attractive and,"

15 AYES: Tesche, Shamberg and Jennings.

16 NAYES: Ossiander, Sullivan, Fairclough, Coffey, Birch, Bauer, Traini [~~and Jennings.~~]

17 ABSENT: Stout.

19 Ms. Jennings moved,
20 Mr. Tesche seconded,
21 and this motion failed, 3-7.

to amend the Coffey Amendment Goal #6, *by reinstating*
original language, *by removing* in the title to read:
"Provide a [~~balanced~~] transportation system that provides
viable transportation choices among various modes, "*and by*
reinstating a bullet: "Promote the development of a
continuous, safe network of bicycle and pedestrian trails and
sidewalks that provide access to work, schools, parks,
services, shopping, and the natural environment,"

28 AYES: Tesche, Shamberg and Jennings.

29 NAYES: Ossiander, Sullivan, Fairclough, Coffey, Birch and Traini.

30 ABSENT: Stout.

32 Mr. Coffey moved,
33 Mr. Bauer seconded,
34 and this was passed unanimously.

to amend the LRTP on Page 16, 1st column, in the sentence
beginning with 'It,' *by changing* [~~It~~] to "Goal #3,"

36 *(Clerk's Note: Mr. Tesche's motion involved the proposed recommendations to the LRTP from AMATS, the Technical
37 Advisory Committee, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Administration, referred to as the "Administration's
38 Recommendations.")*

40 Mr. Tesche moved,
41 Mr. Coffey seconded,
42 and this was amended,

to amend the LRTP by adding from the Administration's
Recommendations on Page 4 and 5, Lines 31, 32, 33 and 34,
with **"Ingra Street"** added to #34, *(moved as a block)*,

44 Mr. Coffey supported these revisions.

46 Ms. Ossiander proposed adding Ingra Street to item #34, which was accepted by Mr. Tesche as a friendly amendment.

48 and this, as amended, was passed without objection.

50 Mr. Bauer moved,
51 Mr. Sullivan seconded,
52 and this was passed, 7-3.

to amend the LRTP on Page 73, *by deleting* the top
paragraph in the far right-hand column, referencing
Boniface Parkway,

54 AYES: Shamberg, Ossiander, Sullivan, Fairclough, Coffey, Birch and Bauer.

55 NAYES: Tesche, Traini and Jennings.

56 ABSENT: Stout.

58 Ms. Shamberg moved,
59 Ms. Jennings seconded,

to amend the LRTP on Page 133, Table 8-1, *by deleting*
[~~Project 702, Elmore Extension~~],

61 Ms. Shamberg stated that many people had been killed on this dangerous section of highway. The Administration had
62 studied alternative routes and intersections for the high speed traffic.

64 Mr. Birch opposed the Shamberg Amendment and, with the assurances from the Administration, would support an
65 alternative and acceptable design.

67 and this motion failed, 3-7.

69 AYES: Tesche, Shamberg and Fairclough.

70 NAYES: Ossiander, Sullivan, Coffey, Birch, Bauer, Traini and Jennings.

71 ABSENT: Stout.

73 Ms. Shamberg moved,
74 Mr. Coffey seconded,

to amend the LRTP on Page 127, *by removing* [~~Project
204, DeArmoun Rd. Reconstruction Phase II~~],

76 Ms. Shamberg stated this was a dangerous section of road that needed reconstruction, but there would be too many
77 homes eliminated in this process. Mr. Spring responded there was a known safety problem on that street and just

repaving would not resolve the problems. Mr. Shamberg stated she would approve of it being left in, if the scope of the project could be changed in order for no homes to be destroyed.

Mr. Birch stated the road was necessary, but shared the concern of the impact of losing homes. He proposed to move ahead with the project but requested to minimizing the impact on private property.

Mr. Tesche suggested language.

Mr. Tesche moved,
Ms. Shamberg seconded,
and this motion failed, 4-6.

to substitute for the Shamberg Amendment, under Project 204, following 'DeArmoun Road,' by adding "provided residences are not taken,"

AYES: Tesche, Shamberg, Coffey and Birch.

NAYES: Ossiander, Sullivan, Fairclough, Bauer, Traini and Jennings.

ABSENT: Stout.

Mr. Birch moved,
Mr. Coffey seconded,
and this motion was passed, 9-1.

to substitute for the Shamberg Amendment, under Project 204, by adding "minimize the taking or damage to private property,"

AYES: Tesche, Shamberg, Ossiander, Sullivan, Fairclough, Coffey, Birch, Bauer and Jennings.

NAYES: Traini.

ABSENT: Stout.

Ms. Ossiander moved,
Ms. Shamberg seconded,

to amend the LRTP on Page 133, Project 639, after the words, 'Eagle River,' by adding "- Artillery Interchange," and on Page 134, Project 710, following Eagle River, by adding "- Artillery Interchange," and on Project 707, under Project Purpose, by changing [~~North Eagle River~~] back to "- Artillery Road,"

To Mr. Coffey, Ms. Ossiander responded there were currently six lanes to Highland and it would be eight lanes from Highland to Artillery.

and this motion was passed, 8-2.

AYES: Shamberg, Ossiander, Sullivan, Fairclough, Coffey, Birch, Bauer and Jennings.

NAYES: Tesche and Traini.

ABSENT: Stout.

Ms. Ossiander moved,
Mr. Coffey seconded,
and this motion was passed, 6-4.

to amend the LRTP on Page 121, the third bullet, following 'that prioritizes,' by adding "safe walking paths along major connectors and areas without sidewalks,"

AYES: Shamberg, Ossiander, Sullivan, Fairclough, Birch and Bauer.

NAYES: Tesche, Coffey, Traini and Jennings.

ABSENT: Stout.

Ms. Shamberg moved,
Mr. Coffey seconded,
and this was passed without objection.

to amend the LRTP on Page 15, under objectives of Goal #6 Transportation Choices, by adding a new bullet, "create transit phasing and loops in order to successfully achieve future good connectivity," (Clerk's Note: Ms. Shamberg later clarified language as: "Geographic Priorities or Phasing: Reinstate the link between transit and land use by establishing as a priority to build transit-friendly residential and commercial development downtown, as the first phase of implementing Anchorage 2020's land use goals,")

AYES: Tesche, Shamberg, Ossiander, Sullivan, Fairclough, Coffey, Birch, Bauer, Traini and Jennings.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Stout.

Mr. Birch moved,
Mr. Coffey seconded,

to amend the LRTP in Appendix C, Page 6, by moving "Maps Numbers 21 and 22, Mountain Air Drive extended to 164th, and an unnamed roadway, to be added as Projects 21 and 22, in Table 8-1," (Clerk's Note: reference was made to this road being completed by private development.)

To Mr. Birch, Mr. Abbott responded the unnamed roadway was going to be in the Goldenview-Potter area and be built by a private contractor. Ms. Shamberg stated there were many homes scheduled for development in that area.

and this motion was passed.

AYES: Tesche, Shamberg, Ossiander, Sullivan, Fairclough, Coffey, Birch, Bauer, Traini and Jennings.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Stout.

1 Mr. Sullivan moved,
2 Ms. Jennings seconded,
3 and this passed without objection.

to amend the LRTP in Chapter 3, Page 13, *by adding* the
"West Anchorage Planning Area" to Figure 3-1,

5 Mr. Sullivan moved,
6 Mr. Coffey seconded,

to amend the LRTP on Page 121, *by deleting* last bullet
listed: [~~Creation of an MOA non-motorized transportation staff
position.~~],

9 To Ms. Jennings, Mayor Begich responded the new design of the LRTP would require staffing to monitor the trails.

11 Mr. Tesche moved,
12 Ms. Jennings seconded,

to substitute for the Sullivan Amendment *by reinstating* the
last bullet, and *by substituting* the word "program" for [~~staff
position.~~],

15 To Mr. Coffey, Mayor Begich responded that by including the position in the LRTP, it would ensure AMATS policy
16 direction and funding possibilities.

18 and this motion failed, 3-7.

20 AYES: Tesche, Shamberg and Jennings.

21 NAYES: Ossiander, Sullivan, Fairclough, Coffey, Birch, Bauer and Traini.

22 ABSENT: Stout.

24 Question was called on the Sullivan Amendment.

26 and this motion passed, 7-3.

28 AYES: Ossiander, Sullivan, Fairclough, Coffey, Birch, Bauer and Traini.

29 NAYES: Tesche, Shamberg and Jennings.

30 ABSENT: Stout.

32 Mr. Sullivan moved,
33 Mr. Bauer seconded,

to amend the LRTP on Page 121, *by adding a new bullet* to
read: "Road enhancements funded through the AMATS
process shall not exceed the 10% maximum [~~as dictated by
State Law.~~],"

37 Mayor Begich moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey, to delete 'as dictated by State Law,' which was accepted as a friendly
38 amendment by Mr. Sullivan.

40 and this motion was passed, 6-4.

42 AYES: Ossiander, Sullivan, Coffey, Birch, Bauer and Traini.

43 NAYES: Tesche, Shamberg, Fairclough and Jennings.

44 ABSENT: Stout.

46 (Clerk's Note: The following Assembly discussion and action involved the proposed recommendations to the LRTP
47 from AMATS, the Technical Advisory Committee, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Administration, hereby
48 referred to as the "Administration's Recommendations.")

50 Mr. Tesche moved,
51 Mr. Coffey seconded
52 and this was passed without objection.

to amend the LRTP *by adding* from the Administration's
Recommendations, Page 1, "Item 1,"

54 Mr. Coffey moved,
55 Mr. Sullivan seconded,
56 and this was passed without objection.

to amend the LRTP *by adding* from the Administration's
Recommendations, Page 1, "Item 2,"

58 Mr. Tesche moved,
59 Mr. Sullivan seconded,

to amend the LRTP *by adding* from the Administration's
Recommendations, Page 1, "Item 3,"

61 The Administration recommended that the Air Quality Report be added as "Appendix E," and referenced in the
62 objectives listed under the Health and Safety Goal #1 in Chapter 3.

64 and this was passed, 7-3.

66 AYES: Tesche, Shamberg, Ossiander, Sullivan, Birch, Bauer and Jennings.

67 NAYES: Fairclough, Coffey and Traini.

69 Mr. Coffey moved,
70 Mr. Sullivan seconded,
71 and this was passed without objection.

to amend the LRTP *by adding* from the Administration's
Recommendations, Page 1, "Item 5,"

73 Mr. Coffey moved,
74 Mr. Sullivan seconded,
75 and this was passed without objection.

to amend the LRTP *by adding* from the Administration's
Recommendations, Page 1, "Item 6,"

77 Ms Ossiander moved,

to amend the LRTP *by adding* from the Administration's

Mr. Coffey seconded, Recommendations, Page 1, "Items 7-13,"
and this was passed without objection.

Mr. Coffey moved, to amend the LRTP *by adding* from the Administration's
Mr. Sullivan seconded, Recommendations, Page 2, "Item 14,"
and this was passed without objection.

Mr. Coffey moved, to amend the LRTP *by adding* from the Administration's
Mr. Sullivan seconded, Recommendations, Page 2, "Items 15 & 16,"

Ms. Ossiander requested Item #16 also be added, which was accepted as a friendly amendment by Mr. Coffey, with concurrence from Mr. Sullivan.

and this motion, as amended, was passed without objection.

Mr. Coffey moved, to amend the LRTP *by adding* from the Administration's
Mr. Sullivan seconded, Recommendations, Page 2, "Item 17,"
and this was passed without objection.

Mr. Coffey moved, to amend the LRTP *by adding* from the Administration's
Mr. Sullivan seconded, Recommendations, Page 2, "Item 18,"
and this was passed without objection.

Mr. Coffey moved, to amend the LRTP *by adding* from the Administration's
Mr. Sullivan seconded, Recommendations, Page 2, "Item 19,"
and this was passed with one objection.
And Mr. Coffey removed his objection.

Mr. Coffey moved, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to approve Item 20, and this was held for later in the meeting.

Mr. Coffey moved, to amend the LRTP *by adding* from the Administration's
Ms. Ossiander seconded, Recommendations, Page 2, "Item 21,"
and this was passed without objection.

Mr. Coffey moved, to amend the LRTP *by adding* from the Administration's
Mr. Sullivan seconded, Recommendations, Page 2, "Item 22,"

Ms. Jennings stated that the changed language concerning International Airport Road needed to be addressed.

and this was passed without objection.

Mr. Coffey moved, to amend the LRTP *by adding* from the Administration's
Mr. Sullivan seconded, Recommendations, Page 2, "Items 23, 24, 25, 26, [27,] 28, 29 & 30,"

Chair Fairclough recommended moving the whole page as a block, which Mr. Coffey accepted this as a friendly amendment with the concurrence from Mr. Sullivan. The Administration stated there had been a change made with item #27, and Mr. Coffey agreed to have that item bifurcated. Mr. Sullivan concurred and there were no objections.

and this motion, as amended, was passed without objection.

Mr. Tesche moved, to amend the LRTP *by adding* from the Administration's
Mr. Traini seconded, Recommendations, Pages 4 & 5, "Items 31-34,"
and this was approved without objection.

Mr. Coffey moved, to amend the LRTP *by adding* from the Administration's
Mr. Traini seconded, Recommendations, Page 5, "Items 35, 36, [37] 38 & 39,"

To Ms. Ossiander, the Administration responded that 'Street Smarts,' as listed in Item #38, included an educational program and would be a new program to the Municipality. It was recommended by the Administration. To her question, the Administration indicated that funding for these sorts of programs were handled through non-profit.

Mr. Coffey objected to item #37 being included with the block. Mr. Traini concurred.

and this motion, as amended, was passed without objection.

Mr. Traini moved, to amend the LRTP *by adding* from the Administration's
Mr. Coffey seconded, Recommendations, Page 6, "Items 40-42,"

Mr. Traini stated that Item #43 had already been approved earlier in the meeting.

and this was passed without objection.

Mr. Coffey moved, to introduce AR 2005-282, concerning the
Mr. Sullivan seconded, Long Range Transportation Plan,

Chair Fairclough stated that, because they were limited at a Special Assembly Meeting to only address what was on their pre-scheduled Agenda, it could not be introduced that evening.

Mr. Traini moved, to amend the LRTP *by adding* from the Administration's
Mr. Coffey seconded, Recommendations, Page 7 "Items [44] 45-51,"

To Ms. Ossiander referring to Item #44, the Administration responded that approval would provide guidance when addressing prioritization of short term or long term projects. The Assembly would have the opportunity to address prioritization again. Chair Fairclough recommended Item #44 be bifurcated until it could be addressed at a later time, which Mr. Tesche accepted this as a friendly amendment.

and this, as amended, was passed without objection.

To Ms. Jennings, referring to Item #48, Mr. Tolley responded this would take out the reference to a grade separation between Northwood and International. There still would be a grade separation between International and Jewel Lake.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fairclough called for a motion.

Mr. Tesche moved, to adjourn the Special Assembly Meeting,
Ms. Jennings seconded,
and there were no objections.

The Special Assembly Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

ANNA FAIRCLOUGH, Assembly Chair

ATTEST:

BARBARA GRUENSTEIN, Municipal Clerk
Date Minutes Approved: January 10, 2006, as amended on Page 8.
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