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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
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1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING**
2 **THE BRIDGES AND SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR COMMUNITY SUCCESS**
3 **(BASICS) ACT (H.R. 7437) AND URGING ALASKA’S CONGRESSIONAL**
4 **DELEGATION TO SUPPORT ITS INCLUSION IN FEDERAL SURFACE**
5 **TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION**
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8 **WHEREAS**, local governments own and operate approximately 75 percent of the
9 nation’s public road miles and nearly half of all bridges, including critical infrastructure
10 within the Municipality of Anchorage; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, despite this responsibility, local governments receive less than 15
13 percent of federal formula transportation funding, creating a significant mismatch
14 between infrastructure obligations and access to resources; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Anchorage, through its role in the Anchorage
17 Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions (AMATS) planning area, is responsible for
18 advancing regional transportation priorities that support public safety, economic
19 development, and mobility; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, the Bridges and Safety Infrastructure for Community Success (BASICS)
22 Act (H.R. 7437) is a bipartisan proposal designed to improve federal transportation
23 programs by increasing the share of formula funding accessible to local governments
24 and ensuring those funds reach locally selected priority projects; and
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26 **WHEREAS**, the BASICS Act would strengthen the Surface Transportation Block
27 Grant (STBG) program, providing flexible funding that benefits both state and local
28 transportation systems; and
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30 **WHEREAS**, the BASICS Act would expand access to federal formula funding for
31 bridge repair and safety improvements, which could support critical projects in
32 Anchorage such as the Tudor Road Vulnerable Road Users Improvements and
33 Ingra/Gambell Corridor Improvements, addressing rising rates of non-motorized
34 injuries and fatalities; and
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36 **WHEREAS**, the BASICS Act would reinforce the role of metropolitan planning
37 organizations, including AMATS, by strengthening local project selection authority and
38 ensuring transportation investments reflect community priorities; and
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40 **WHEREAS**, the BASICS Act would enhance rural and regional transportation
41 planning capacity and improve coordination among federal, state, and local

1 governments; and

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3 **WHEREAS**, ensuring a reliable baseline of formula funding for local governments is
4 essential, particularly as Congress considers potential consolidation of discretionary
5 grant programs in future surface transportation reauthorization; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, according to the National League of Cities, the BASICS Act is supported
8 by a broad coalition of organizations representing more than 25,000 counties, cities,
9 towns, and regional planning entities nationwide; and

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11 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**

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13 Section 1. The Anchorage Assembly supports the Bridges and Safety
14 Infrastructure for Community Success (BASICS) Act (H.R. 7437) and its goals of
15 improving local access to federal transportation funding.

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17 Section 2. The Assembly urges Representative Nick Begich to cosponsor H.R.
18 7437 and advocate for its inclusion in the base text of the next federal surface
19 transportation reauthorization bill.

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21 Section 3. The Assembly urges Senator Lisa Murkowski and Senator Dan Sullivan
22 to support the inclusion of BASICS Act provisions in the Senate’s reauthorization
23 legislation and to advance companion or similar legislation.

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25 Section 4. The Legislative Services Office is directed to transmit a copy of this
26 resolution to Alaska’s Congressional Delegation.

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28 This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the
29 Assembly.

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32 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 9th day of June, 2026.

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Chair

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39 ATTEST:

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43 Municipal Clerk