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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 98- 16

9 A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY ENCOURAGING THE AMATS POLICY
10 COMMITTEE TO SELECT THE 10 PERCENT SCENARIO ALLOCATION FOR TRANSPORTATION
11 ENHANCEMENTS
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14 WHEREAS, the Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) draft 1998-2000
15 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) establishes transportation and enhancement priorities for the federal
16 highway funds that come to Anchorage; and
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18 WHEREAS, Anchorage receives approximately \$22 million in federal highway funds each year for
19 transportation and enhancement projects; and
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21 WHEREAS, the AMATS draft 1998-2000 TIP offers three scenarios: Scenario #1 proposes to allocate
22 10 percent of total federal transportation funding to enhancement projects; Scenario #2 proposes to reserve 15
23 percent for enhancements; and Scenario #3 would apply 20 percent to enhancements; and
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25 WHEREAS, the enhancement projects are focused on recreational trail extensions and connections; and
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27 WHEREAS, all major roadway projects in the draft TIP already include pedestrian facilities and
28 landscaping that are in addition to the 10, 15, or 20 percent allocations to enhancements; and
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30 WHEREAS, Scenario #1 accommodates the construction of one significant trail or pedestrian
31 improvement each year, including the Northern Extension of the Coastal Trail, the North/South trail along the A-C
32 Couplet, new Campbell Creek trail connections, 5th and 6th Avenue pedestrian improvements, and the Eagle
33 River Business Boulevard pedestrian safety project; and
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35 WHEREAS, enhancement funding of more than 10 percent would eliminate or significantly delay the
36 construction phases for several important roadways, including the Old Glenn and Old Seward Highways and
37 O'Malley, DeArmoun and Eagle River Loop Roads; and
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39 WHEREAS, Scenario #1, the 10 percent allocation to trails, allows for the timely reconstruction of
40 important roadways in Anchorage to address congestion, capacity and public safety issues while providing
41 Anchorage with a first-class trail system.
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43 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves:
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45 Section 1: That the Anchorage Assembly encourages the AMATS Policy Committee to select the
46 10 percent scenario allocation for transportation enhancements.
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48 Section 2: That, upon approval, a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Municipal Clerk to the
49 AMATS Policy Committee.
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51 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 1998.
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ATTEST:

Chair

Municipal Clerk