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For reading: February 3, 1998

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 98- 39

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY ENCOURAGING THE AMATS POLICY COMMITTEE TO SELECT THE 10 PERCENT SCENARIO ALLOCATION FOR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) draft 1998-2000 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) establishes transportation and enhancement priorities for the federal highway funds that come to Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage receives approximately \$22 million in federal highway funds each year for transportation and enhancement projects; and

WHEREAS, the AMATS draft 1998-2000 TIP offers three scenarios: Scenario #1 proposes to allocate 10 percent of total federal transportation funding to enhancement projects; Scenario #2 proposes to reserve 15 percent for enhancements; and Scenario #3 would apply 20 percent to enhancements; and

WHEREAS, the enhancement projects are focused on recreational trail extensions and connections and

WHEREAS, all major roadway projects in the draft TIP already include pedestrian facilities and landscaping that are in addition to the 10, 15, or 20 percent allocations to enhancements; and

WHEREAS, Scenario #1 accommodates the construction of one significant trail or pedestrian improvement each year, including the Northern Extension of the Coastal Trail, the North/South trail along the A-C Couplet, new Campbell Creek trail connections, 5th and 6th Avenue pedestrian improvements, and the Eagle River Business Boulevard pedestrian safety project; and

WHEREAS, enhancement funding of more than 10 percent would eliminate or significantly delay the construction phases for several important roadways, including Old Glenn and Old Seward Highways and O' Malley, DeArmoun, and Eagle River Loop Roads; and

WHEREAS, Scenario #1, the 10 percent allocation to trails, allows for the timely reconstruction of important roadways in Anchorage to address congestion, capacity and public safety issues while providing Anchorage with a first-class trail system.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves

Section 1: That the Anchorage Assembly encourages the AMATS Policy Committee to select the 10 percent scenario allocation for transportation enhancements.

Section 2: That, upon approval, a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Municipal Clerk to the AMATS Policy Committee.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this ____ day of _____, 1998

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