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Submitted by: Assemblymember Clementson  
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For reading:

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AR NO. 98- 63

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY OPPOSING SENATE BILL 259 (TRA), "AN ACT RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF AND THE STATE'S PARTICIPATION IN A METROPOLITAN HIGHWAY PLANNING ORGANIZATION"**

WHEREAS, the current Metropolitan Planning Organization consists of two Assemblymembers, the Mayor, and two representatives from the State of Alaska (Department of Transportation and Department of Environmental Conservation); and

WHEREAS, currently the Municipality and the State have a balanced and cooperative working relationship in the development of transportation and air quality plans; and

WHEREAS, 23 United States Code 134 states that a metropolitan planning organization is designated "by agreement among the Governor and the units of general purpose local government;" and

WHEREAS, the Municipality and the Governor must agree to any changes in the existing Metropolitan Planning Organization's membership, and it is unclear as to the purpose and intent of the changes proposed in Senate Bill 259 (TRA); and

\*See page 2 for amendment.

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency is in the process of designating Anchorage as a serious non-attainment area for carbon monoxide and DEC's representation on the Policy Committee is an important role; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly does not support removing the member of the Policy Committee representing the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

**Section 1:** That the Anchorage Assembly opposes Senate Bill 259(TRA) which modifies the membership of and the State's participation in a Metropolitan Planning Organization.

**Section 2:** That the Municipal Clerk forward copies of this resolution to the Governor and the Alaska State Legislature upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this 24th day of February, 1998.

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Municipal Clerk  
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RE: SB 259 AMATS Membership

The Assembly amended the resolution on February 24, 1998 by adding a new paragraph at line 27 to read:

“WHEREAS, the action to change the AMATS process, entered into unilaterally by the State of Alaska could endanger federal highway funding for Anchorage, which is intended to be handled cooperatively between the Municipality and the State; and ”