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For reading: MAY 18, 1999

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR NO. 99-128

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY OPPOSING SENATE BILL
135, "AN ACT RELATING TO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS"

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, the Municipality and the State currently 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

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

WHEREAS, the Assembly does not support removing the member of the Policy Committee representing the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, especially since Anchorage continues its effort to contain carbon monoxide levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

Section 1: That the Assembly opposes Senate Bill 135 which modifies the membership of the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this 18 day of May, 1999.

Chair

ATTEST:

Vicki Cantrell
Municipal Clerk Deputy

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 135(FIN)(title am)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Amended: 5/5/99

Offered: 5/4/99

Sp -> SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to metropolitan planning organizations."

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

3 * Section 1. AS 19.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

4 Article 2. Metropolitan Highway Planning Organizations.

5 Sec. 19.20.200. Metropolitan highway planning organizations. (a) A
6 metropolitan highway planning organization designated, redesignated, or organized
7 under 23 U.S.C. 134 for a metropolitan area with a population greater than 200,000
8 persons shall consist of seven voting members. The commissioner of environmental
9 conservation or the commissioner's designee shall be a nonvoting member of the
10 organization. Four voting members of the organization shall be designated by the
11 municipalities that are located partially or wholly within the metropolitan area and
12 three voting members shall be designated as follows:

13 (1) one member of the senate whose district is located partially or
14 wholly within the metropolitan area and who is selected by a majority of the members
15 of the senate whose districts are located partially or wholly within the metropolitan

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1 area; a person who is selected to serve as a member of a metropolitan highway
2 planning organization under this paragraph may not receive compensation for service
3 on the metropolitan highway planning organization;

4 (2) one member of the house of representatives whose district is located
5 partially or wholly within the metropolitan area and who is selected by a majority of
6 the members of the house of representatives whose districts are located partially or
7 wholly within the metropolitan area; a person who is selected to serve as a member
8 of a metropolitan highway planning organization under this paragraph may not receive
9 compensation for service on the metropolitan highway planning organization; and

10 (3) one member appointed by the governor.

11 (b) Each metropolitan highway planning organization shall submit its current
12 transportation improvement plan prepared under 23 C.F.R. 450.324 or current update
13 of the transportation improvement plan to the legislature by January 15 of each year.