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Date: 2-12-02

Submitted by: Assemblymember TESCHE

Prepared by: Department of Assembly

For reading: February 12, 2002

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR NO. 2002-53

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD BETWEEN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE AND THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH.**

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage and Mat-Su Borough are part of one regional economy:

The Anchorage/Mat-Su region contains over 50 percent of the State of Alaska's population;

Over 50 percent of the State of Alaska's road system is located within the Anchorage/Mat-Su region;

The State of Alaska's major marine ports and international airport are located in the Anchorage/Mat-Su region;

Many existing transportation facilities link the Municipality of Anchorage and Mat-Su Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage and Mat-Su Borough are considering transportation projects that are regional in scope and impact; and

WHEREAS, a regional transportation advisory board would be beneficial for planning, programming, and prioritizing regional transportation projects of the Municipality of Anchorage and the Mat-Su Borough, resulting in more likelihood of success in achieving project funding from the limited amount of available resources; and

WHEREAS, the need for improving regional coordination of transportation planning and programming has been identified by the Chugiak-Eagle River and Wasilla Chambers of Commerce, the Senate Transportation Committee, the Anchorage and Mat-Su Borough Assemblies, and the Alaska State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities;

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2002, the Mat-Su Borough Assembly approved a resolution nearly identical to this resolution (see attached).


NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

Section 1: That the Assembly supports the establishment of a Regional Transportation Advisory Board between the Municipality of Anchorage and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

Section 2: That the Mayor is encouraged to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Mat-Su Borough to establish a Regional Transportation Advisory Board (see draft Agreement attached).

Section 3: That this resolution is effective upon passage and approval

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this 12 day of
February, 2002.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk

Amended: 01/20/02

Adopted: 01/22/02

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 02-015 (AM)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ESTABLISHING
A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE REGION
ENCOMPASSING THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF
ANCHORAGE.**

WHEREAS, over 50 percent of the state of Alaska's road system
is located within the Anchorage/Mat-Su Borough region; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage/Mat-Su Borough region contains over 50
percent of the state of Alaska's population; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage/Mat-Su Borough area are part of one
regional economy; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alaska's major marine ports and
international airport are located in the Anchorage/Mat-Su Borough
region; and

WHEREAS, many existing transportation facilities link the
Mat-Su Borough and the Municipality of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, both the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the
Municipality of Anchorage are considering transportation projects
that are regional in scope and impact; and

WHEREAS, a regional transportation advisory board will
undertake work on planning, programming, and prioritizing regional
transportation projects of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and
Municipality of Anchorage resulting in more likelihood of success
in achieving funding for projects from the limited amount of
available resources; and

WHEREAS, the need for improving regional coordination of transportation planning and programming has been identified by Eagle River-Chugiak and Wasilla Chamber of Commerce, the Senate Transportation Committee, the Assemblies of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and Municipality of Anchorage, and the Alaska State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

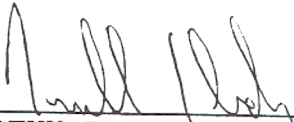
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly hereby establishes a Regional Transportation Advisory Board consisting of two members of the Assembly, Mayor, and the Manager

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough's Transportation Advisory Board, Planning Commission, and Port Commission shall make recommendations on regional transportation projects to the Regional Transportation Advisory Board


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly will consider appropriate modifications to the Regional Transportation Advisory Board upon completion of the regional transportation planning study commissioned by the Alaska State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Manager is authorized to execute a Memorandum of Agreement that establishes a Regional Transportation Advisory Board with the Municipality of Anchorage

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 22 day
of January, 2002


TIMOTHY L. ANDERSON, Borough Mayor

ATTEST


SANDRA A. DILLON, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

SUBJECT: Regional Transportation Advisory Board

AGENDA OF: January 22, 2002

ASSEMBLY ACTION: RS 02-015 Amended and Adopted
without objection 01/22/02 (M.)

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Submit for Assembly consideration

APPROVED BY JOHN DUFFY, BOROUGH MANAGER: John Duffy

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator		
	Public Works Director		
	Planning Director		
	Community Development		
	Public Safety Director		
	Finance Director		
	Borough Attorney		
	Borough Clerk	<u>Ed</u>	<u>1/14/02</u>

Resolution Serial No. 02-015

ATTACHMENT(S): Fiscal Note: Yes ☐ No ☒ X
Draft Memorandum of Agreement (3pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: The Anchorage/Mat-Su Borough region contains over half of the State's population, road mileage and is the transportation hub for the State. Additionally, the State's primary marine port and international airport is located in the region. Furthermore, the Municipality of Anchorage and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough are part of one regional economy and a efficient and effective regional transportation system is vital its continued growth.

Both the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the Municipality of Anchorage are actively pursuing transportation projects of regional significance. As there is a limited amount of funds available for transportation improvements there is a growing need for regional cooperation in the area of transportation planning and programming

so that available funds are used effectively

The need for more formal coordination of transportation planning and programming has been identified by a number of organizations, including the Eagle River/Chugiak Chamber of Commerce, the Wasilla Chamber of Commerce, the Senate Transportation Committee, the Alaska Railroad, and the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF). The interest has resulted in the commission of a study of how to better coordinate regional transportation planning and programming by the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation. The study will be completed the winter of 2002. In the meantime, regional transportation issues must be considered and the region's interests identified and promoted if federal and state transportation funding is to be obtained and allocated appropriately.

The Anchorage/Mat-Su Borough Liaison Committee recommends that the Borough and Municipality establish a Regional Transportation Advisory Board to begin the process of coordinating transportation planning and programming of regional significance. The Advisory Board would consider regional transportation projects and issues and forward their recommendations on to the Assemblies of both Borough and Municipality for final consideration. This Advisory Board would also allow both municipalities to coordinate their respective requests for federal and state transportation funding thereby increasing the probability of success. A Regional Transportation Advisory Board would build upon the proactive coordination that is now occurring between the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and Municipality of Anchorage. Upon completion of the DOT&PF study, a memorandum will be brought to the Assembly for its consideration regarding appropriate changes to the Regional Transportation Advisory Board.

The Borough Administration recommends the establishment of a Regional Transportation Advisory Board. A proposed Memorandum of Agreement between the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the Municipality of Anchorage establishing a Regional Transportation Advisory Board is included for the Assembly's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: The Administration respectfully recommends the establishment of a Regional Transportation Advisory Board.

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
ESTABLISHING A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
BETWEEN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE AND THE
MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH**

This AGREEMENT is made and entered into between the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB) and outlines the responsibilities of each part to be followed for implementing a Regional Transportation Advisory Board.

1. **PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES STATEMENT:** The underlying concept of the Regional Transportation Advisory Board is that the MOA and MSB are part of one regional economy and that transportation plays an important role in the further development of this regional economy. Through coordination between the MOA and MSB on regional transportation projects, a stronger and more diverse regional economy may be achieved. Moreover, determining the priorities for regional transportation projects will allow the region to better compete for limited resources and make more effective uses of those resources available to the region.
2. **PURPOSE:** This Agreement sets forth the responsibilities of the MOA and MSB in cooperatively planning, programming, and prioritizing regional transportation projects within the municipal boundaries of the MOA and MSB through a Regional Transportation Advisory Board.
3. **AUTHORITY:** This Agreement is made pursuant to the authority contained in MOA Charter, Article III, Section 3.01 and MSB Code 1.10.010 and 1.10.125.
4. **MEMBERSHIP:** The Regional Transportation Advisory Board shall be composed of two Assembly members each from the MOA and MSB, the MOA Mayor and Manager, and the MSB Mayor and Manager. The South-central Regional Director of the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities shall be an ex officio member of the Advisory Board.
5. **MEETINGS:** Regular meetings of the Regional Transportation Advisory Board shall be held not less than once a quarter. Special meetings may be called by a majority of the members of the Advisory Board. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Advisory Board membership.
6. **ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT:** The Administrations of the MOA and MSB shall designate appropriate personnel to support the Regional Transportation Advisory Board.

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7. FUNCTIONS: Developing recommendations for improved regional transportation planning, programming and prioritization are the important functions of the Regional Transportation Advisory Board. The Regional Transportation Advisory Board shall have the authority to develop and recommend methods of improving regional transportation planning, programming and prioritization.

8. PROCESS:

8.1. Nothing in this Agreement shall alter the MOA's or MSB's internal methods or processes for developing regional or non-regional transportation plans, programs or priorities.

8.2. Recommendations of the Regional Transportation Advisory Board shall be forwarded to the Assemblies of the MOA and MSB for final consideration and action.

9. GENERAL PROVISIONS:

9.1. This Agreement does not obligate either party to appropriate or expend funds for functions related to regional transportation planning and programming.

9.2. This Agreement may not be assigned.

9.3. Neither of the parties is subject to claims of liability for actions of the other party.

10. TERM: This Agreement and any subsequent amendments shall remain in effect pursuant to Section 11 below.

11. TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT:

The terms and conditions of the Agreement shall be reviewed annually in January of each year.

Either part may terminate its participation in this Agreement by providing notice, in writing, to the other party at least 90 days in advance of the date on which its termination becomes effective.

Amendments to this Agreement may be proposed, in writing, by either party at any time, and shall become effective upon written approval of both parties.

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12. ADOPTION: This Agreement shall become effective after ratification by both Assemblies and signature by both parties.

This Agreement has been reviewed, agreed to, and executed by the following parties:

Date: _____

Date: _____

George Wuerch,
Mayor
Municipality of Anchorage

John Duffy,
Manager
Matanuska-Susitna Borough

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**Municipality of Anchorage
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1	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT	DATE PREPARED <i>2-3-02</i>
	<i>Supporting Establishment of a Regional Transportation Advisory Board w/ Mat-Su Borough</i>	INDICATE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED
		<i>AR Attachments</i>
2	DEPARTMENT NAME <i>Assembly</i>	DIRECTOR'S NAME <i>Dick Traini</i>
3	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY	HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER
4	COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY	INITIALS
		DATE
	Mayor	
	Heritage Land Bank	
	Merrill Field Airport	
	Municipal Light & Power	
	Port of Anchorage	
	Solid Waste Services	
	Water & Wastewater Utility	
	Municipal Manager	
	Cultural & Recreational Services	
	Employee Relations	
	Finance, Chief Fiscal Officer	
	Fire	
	Health & Human Services	
	Office of Management and Budget	
	Management Information Services	
	Police	
	Planning, Development & Public Works	
	Development Services	
	Facility Management	
	Planning	
	Project Management & Engineering	
	Street Maintenance	
	Traffic	
	Public Transportation Department	
	Purchasing	
	Municipal Attorney	
	Municipal Clerk	
	Other	
5	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/COMMENTS	
	<i>For Action</i>	
6	ASSEMBLY MEETING DATE <i>2-2-02</i>	7
		PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED <i>—</i>

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