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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2002- 265

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY PROVIDING FOR
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ANCHORAGE AND MAT-SU REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RTPO)**

Whereas, over sixty percent of the population of Alaska resides within the boundaries of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the Municipality of Anchorage; and

Whereas, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the Municipality of Anchorage share a common regional economy, and land uses and development within the region are linked; and

Whereas, regional transportation issues are critical for the missions of the local governments, the State government, the Alaska Railroad, Elmendorf Air Force Base, and Fort Richardson; and

Whereas, it is important for members of the two local governments, the Railroad, the State government and representatives from the military bases to work together and exchange information on issues of mutual interest, such as transportation projects, economic development and long range transportation planning.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly Resolves:

Section 1: That the Municipality of Anchorage agrees to become a participant in the Anchorage and Mat-Su Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO). The mission of the RTPO is to:

- a. Create a vision of the regional transportation system required for long-term growth of the Anchorage and Mat-Su region.
- b. Speak with a united voice on regional transportation project priorities
- c. Solicit maximum funding for regional priorities

The RTPO is a public forum where transportation leaders will consider multi-modal transportation projects that affect the entire region. The purpose is to create a common perspective, prioritization, and unified voice on transportation projects and issues that affect the entire region. The organization will address specific transportation projects as well as long range regional transportation planning.

Section 2: That the authority of the RTPO is advisory and will provide recommendations to existing decision-making bodies of local and State agencies, the Alaska Railroad and the adjacent military bases.

Section 3: That the role of the RTPO is to:

- A. Select and prioritize regional transportation projects
 - 1. Establish a process to evaluate and rank regional projects.
 - 2. Communicate project recommendations to local, State and Federal officials.
- B. Develop and update long-range regional transportation plans.
- C. Review and advise government agencies and transportation providers on planning issues with regional significance.

Section 4 : That the membership of the Regional Transportation Planning Organization will consist of:

Municipality of Anchorage designees:	5
Mat-Su Borough designees:	5
Anchorage Legislator designee:	1
Mat-Su Legislator designee:	1
DOT&PF designee:	1
Alaska Railroad Corporation designee:	1
Military designee (non-voting):	<u>1</u>
Total RTPO Membership	15

Anchorage representatives to the RTPO shall be selected in the manner provided in 11.80.040 of the Anchorage Municipal Code.

Section 5: That the RTPO will meet at least three times per year to review and establish annual priorities for transportation projects and conduct other organization business. Organization business will be based on an annual action plan approved by the RTPO.

Section 6: That staff from member agencies or contracted consultants will coordinate the administration of the RTPO. Anchorage will participate in a technical subcommittee of agency staff who will convene prior to each RTPO meeting.

Section 7: That all meetings of the RTPO and the technical subcommittee will be open to the public and subject to public notice as provided in law.

Section 8: That MOA agrees to cooperate to achieve the mission of the RTPO and agrees to participate in meetings and support the program with human and fiscal resources where possible. As stated in the memorandum of agreement, the final decision making authority with respect to matters reserved to the Municipality of Anchorage, rests with the government of the Municipality of Anchorage.

Section 9: That the Mayor shall execute the attached memorandum of agreement in order to implement this resolution.

Section 10: That this resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 200 .

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk

Municipality of Anchorage
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1	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT A Resolution Providing for the Establishment of the Anchorage and Mat-Su Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO)	DATE PREPARED 9-Aug-02
	DEPARTMENT NAME Assembly	DIRECTOR'S NAME Greg Moyer
2	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY	HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER
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4	COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY	INITIALS
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