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Submitted by: Chairman of the Assembly
at the Request of the Mayor
Prepared by: Department of Health and
Human Services
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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2003-305

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE ADOPTING THE ANCHORAGE CARBON MONOXIDE MAINTENANCE PLAN.

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage has not violated the national ambient air quality standard for carbon monoxide since 1996; and

WHEREAS, an air quality maintenance plan has been prepared that demonstrates that Anchorage can continue to comply with the national ambient air quality standard through the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage will meet Clean Air Act requirements for redesignation to an attainment area after submission and approval of the maintenance plan by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Metropolitan Transportation Study (AMATS) Citizen Air Quality Advisory Committee and AMATS Technical Advisory Committee recommended adoption of the air quality attainment plan, and the AMATS Policy Committee approved the plan during their meeting of September 18, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the air quality attainment plan was prepared in accordance with the transportation planning process required under Section 114 of Title 23 of the United States Code and Section 110 of the Clean Air Act, Title 42 United States Code.

NOW THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:


Section 1. That the "Anchorage Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan" be forwarded to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation for inclusion in the State Implementation Plan for air quality for submission to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Section 2. That this resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 7th day of October, 2003.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 771-2003

Meeting Date: October 7, 2003

From: Mayor

Subject: Resolution No. AR 2003 -305, adopting the "Anchorage Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan" and authorizing its submission to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Anchorage has been an EPA-designated nonattainment area for carbon monoxide (CO) since 1978. Since the early 1980's, however, there have been significant improvements in CO air quality and no violations of the federal clean air standard for CO have been measured since 1996.

Although no violations of the standard have occurred in the past seven years, Anchorage remains classified as a "serious CO nonattainment area." Under Clean Air Act requirements, the absence of violations alone is not sufficient to allow EPA to redesignate an area to an attainment area. Before this can be done, the Municipality, under responsibility delegated by the State, is required to prepare a maintenance plan that demonstrates that the control programs necessary to maintain compliance with the CO standard for at least the next ten years are in place. This plan must be submitted to the EPA through the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation as part of the State Implementation Plan for air quality.

Municipal staff has prepared a plan that meets the requirements of the Clean Air Act. The plan shows that Anchorage can continue to comply with the federal CO standard through at least 2023. The plan commits to the continuation of three current CO control programs: the vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M), Share-A-Ride and Vanpooling, and engine block heater promotion and incentives. The combined CO emission reduction from these programs amounts to approximately 15 tons per day. The plan proposes the discontinuation of the ethanol-blended gasoline program, previously required each winter between November 1 and February 28. This State-operated program was suspended this summer by the Governor. An analysis with EPA-approved models indicates that this program is no longer required to maintain compliance with the CO air quality standard. However, the plan includes a commitment to reinstate the ethanol program as a contingency measure if future violations of the standard occur.

The maintenance plan also contains a motor vehicle emission budget, which limits the amount of CO that can be emitted by vehicles operating in the Anchorage bowl. Federal regulations require all future transportation plans and programs in Anchorage to conform to this budget. New EPA-mandated requirements necessitate that the existing Anchorage budget be revised before the end of January 2004. Significant delays in the approval of the plan could jeopardize future federally-funded roadway, transit and transportation enhancement programs.

The plan was approved by the AMATS Policy Committee on September 18, 2003. After the Assembly reviews and approves the plan, it will be submitted to the State of Alaska for inclusion as an amendment in the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality. The State must then submit the amended SIP to the EPA for approval. EPA Region 10 staff understands the need for timely approval of a new emission budget for Anchorage and have agreed to expedite their review and approval process. We hope to have a new EPA-approved emission budget in place by mid-April 2004.

1 | RECOMMENDATION:
2 | THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPROVAL OF THE ANCHORAGE CARBON
3 | MONOXIDE MAINTENANCE PLAN.
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6 | Concur: Denis C. LeBlanc, Municipal Manager
7 | Respectfully submitted: Mark Begich, Mayor

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