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6 **ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**  
7 **AR NO. 2003-348**  
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9 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING**  
10 **TRANSIT, TRAILS, AND SIDEWALKS**  
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13 WHEREAS, the nation's transportation law, TEA-21 (Transportation Equity Act for  
14 the 21<sup>st</sup> Century), will be reauthorized in early 2004; and  
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16 WHEREAS, TEA-21 sets funding levels for roads, transit, trails, sidewalks, and  
17 community revitalization projects; and  
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19 WHEREAS, Alaska's Senators and Congressman can greatly influence Federal  
20 transportation law and funding levels due to their collective seniority and committee  
21 assignments; and  
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23 WHEREAS, Anchorage has benefited for the last twelve years from TEA-21 and its  
24 predecessor ISTEA (Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act); and  
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26 WHEREAS, residents of Anchorage are benefiting from newly constructed roads,  
27 trails, sidewalks, and roadside landscaping; and  
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29 WHEREAS, Federal and State transportation law have increased local control over  
30 transportation decisions over the last twelve years; and  
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32 WHEREAS, local government is best suited to allocate resources among roads,  
33 transit, trails, and sidewalks; and  
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35 WHEREAS, in Anchorage, transit service has fallen greatly behind public demand  
36 over the last twenty years, and we need to connect sidewalks and pathways for public  
37 safety and health; and  
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39 WHEREAS, Anchorage has begun to use Federal congestion and air quality funds  
40 to add new transit service; and  
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42 WHEREAS, some members of Congress are seeking to limit local control over  
43 Federal transportation dollars through the appropriations process, and to eliminate the ten  
44 percent set aside for trails, sidewalks, and community revitalization investments.  
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1 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

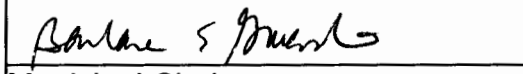
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3 **Section 1:** That this body thanks Congressman Don Young for his support of transit  
4 and trails in the U.S. House TEA-21 reauthorization process and through the annual  
5 appropriations process and requests that Congress:

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7 1. maintain TEA-21's existing structure and increase funding for transit  
8 including the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program;  
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10 2. ensure continuation of the ten percent set aside for trails, sidewalks and  
11 community revitalization investments; and  
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13 3. improve local control over transportation spending by eliminating the three-  
14 year restriction on using congestion and air quality funds to operate and  
15 maintain highway and transit programs.  
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17 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 18<sup>th</sup> day of  
18 November, 2003.

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23 Chair

24 ATTEST:

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28 Municipal Clerk

