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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2004-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY OPPOSING PASSAGE OF SB 260 AND URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO RETAIN A STRONG LOCAL VOICE IN THE PLANNING AND DESIGN OF ANCHORAGE'S ROAD SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage has been designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization to be responsible, together with the State of Alaska, for carrying out the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134; and

WHEREAS, the AMATS Policy Committee is the federally recognized governing body of the local Metropolitan Planning Organization which plans and designs Anchorage's road system; and

WHEREAS, the current composition of the AMATS Policy Committee provides for three representatives of local government and two representatives of state government; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 260, an act relating to metropolitan planning organizations, has been introduced which proposes to add two State Legislators to the Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, the effect of SB 260 would be to change the composition of the Policy Committee to four representatives of state government and three representatives of local government, thus changing it from a locally directed committee to a state directed one; and


WHEREAS, this change would, in effect, be removing a strong local voice in Anchorage's transportation system planning and design, and would be inconsistent with Federal regulations governing metropolitan planning organizations; and

WHEREAS, such a re-designation would need to be approved by the local governing body, which in this case is the Anchorage Assembly, and


WHEREAS, if such an approval is not received, then there is not a functioning metropolitan planning process in the Municipality of Anchorage and Federal funding for transportation projects could be in jeopardy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anchorage Assembly opposes passage of SB 260 and urges the Legislature to retain a strong local voice in the planning and design of Anchorage's road system.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 3 day of February, 2004.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk
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