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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDING
APPROVAL OF A MINOR AMENDMENT TO THE ANCHORAGE BOWL 2025 LONG-
RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO THE ANCHORAGE METROPOLITAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS (AMATS) TO ADVANCE THE LAKE OTIS AND TUDOR
INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS.**

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Bowl 2025 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) serves as the document to guide transportation decisions for the Anchorage Bowl and as an element of the Anchorage Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the intersection of Tudor Road and Lake Otis Parkway is one of the worst, if not the worst, intersections in the Municipality of Anchorage in terms of traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, consultants to the Municipality, working with the State Department of Transportation and the Traffic Department of the Municipality, have completed an extensive study of the intersection of Lake Otis and Tudor Road and have re-designed this intersection with a resulting reduction in delays at the Lake Otis and Tudor Road intersection in the range of 20% upon completion of the proposed improvements and an even greater reduction in delays with the completion of related road improvements in the area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements to the intersection of Lake Otis and Tudor are anticipated to add left and right-turn lanes where needed to improve capacity and efficiency of the existing intersection. The finished configuration is anticipated to have two left-turn lanes and at least one free right-turn lane at each approach, with the purpose of improving circulation, access and safety for vehicle and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the other road projects related to traffic congestion relief in this area are near completion (the extension of Bragaw Road south of Tudor to Abbott Loop Road) or substantially underway (Boniface/48th Avenue east/west extension, 40th Avenue east/west construction, Dowling Road east/west construction) so as to permit construction at the Lake Otis and Tudor Road intersection without severely curtailing north/south access; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Bowl 2025 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) currently shows Project 601, the Lake Otis Parkway/Tudor Road Intersection Improvements Project in an undetermined funding category, but these improvements to the Lake Otis and Tudor Road intersection can be funded with a combination of local bond funds and federal funds from the "Anchorage Traffic Congestion Relief" project

1 identified in the approved 2006-2008 AMATS Transportation Improvement Program;
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4 WHEREAS, it is the stated goal of the Anchorage Assembly to relieve traffic
5 congestion to the greatest extent possible throughout the Municipality and, in particular
6 the intersection of Tudor Road and Lake Otis Parkway; and
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8 WHEREAS, Mayor Begich and the Municipality of Anchorage members of the
9 AMATS Technical Advisory Committee share this goal;
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11 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:
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13 **Section 1.** That the Anchorage Bowl 2025 Long-Range Transportation Plan
14 (LRTP) should move Project 601, the Lake Otis Parkway/Tudor Road Intersection
15 Improvements, to a Short Term Project status; and
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17 **Section 2.** That the Lake Otis Parkway/Tudor Road Intersection Improvements
18 project should commence as soon as practicable after the opening of the Bragaw to
19 Abbott Loop Extension, which is anticipated to occur in 2007, so as to permit
20 construction at the intersection to begin in 2008; and
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22 **Section 3.** That the Anchorage Assembly supports the minor modification of the
23 LRTP necessary to facilitate the commencement of this improvement once the Bragaw
24 Road extension to Abbott Loop Road is completed and open for traffic; and
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26 **Section 4.** That the Anchorage Assembly recommends Municipality of
27 Anchorage members on the AMATS Technical Advisory Committee and Policy
28 Committee to take all necessary action to support the minor modification of the LRTP
29 necessary to facilitate the commencement of this improvement once the Bragaw Road
30 extension to Abbott Loop Road is completed and open for traffic; and
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32 **Section 5.** That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon
33 passage and approval by the Anchorage Assembly.
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35 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 17th day of
36 April, 2007.
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Chair

ATTEST:

41 Barton S. Brash
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43 Municipal Clerk