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For reading: October 27, 2009

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**  
**AR NO. 2009-251**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING  
AND PROMOTING THE PRESERVATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS AND  
CONTINUING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN PLANNING ALTERNATIVE ROUTES IN  
THE HIGHWAY TO HIGHWAY (H2H) PROJECT WHICH WILL CONNECT THE  
GLENN AND SEWARD HIGHWAYS.**

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the Anchorage 2020 Comprehensive Plan and 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan, and with the cooperation of the Municipality of Anchorage, lead agencies including the Federal Highway Administration, the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, and consultants HDR Alaska, Inc. have initiated the environmental review process for the Highway to Highway (H2H) project to connect the Glenn and Seward Highways; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the H2H project is to improve travel efficiency by significantly reducing traffic congestion, the amount of travel time, and most importantly safety for those currently using the arterial connection between the Seward and Glenn Highways; and

WHEREAS, the H2H environmental review process, includes over 20 suggested alternative routes and residents in the affected areas do not believe they received notice of their opportunity to provide input regarding the proposed routes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Boniface and East City routes ~~are vehemently opposed and~~ lack community support for an eight-lane highway cutting through the area because residents know that homes would be lost in addition to the neighborhood's integrity and cohesion; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Lights, 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Orca alternatives threaten the Rogers Park, College Village neighborhoods and the Orca Street and 15th Avenue route splits an established neighborhood, where no arterial currently exists, and causes disruption to the Midtown community; and

WHEREAS, Community Councils representing residents in these areas and all individuals wish to ensure the impacts of the H2H projects affected by these alternative routes are mitigated and welcome the extension of the comment period to October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves:


**Section 1:** That prior to Assembly consideration:

1 A. HDR Alaska, Inc. shall vigorously pursue public comment  
2 from residents in all areas within the suggested 20  
3 alternative routes and fully engage each of the respective  
4 Community Councils throughout the environmental review  
5 process.

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7 B. All suggested alternative routes shall undergo significant  
8 screening and public comment with due consideration to the  
9 preserving the present historical and cultural integrity of a  
10 neighborhood.

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12 **Section 2:** Routes which undermine the demographic diversity of a  
13 neighborhood, minimize and discount the historical and cultural  
14 significance of a neighborhood, and destroy the cohesive nature of  
15 a neighborhood are strongly discouraged and not supported by this  
16 body.

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18 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 27<sup>th</sup> day of  
19 October, 2009.

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