

APPROVEDDate: 2-15-11**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA****AR NO. 2011-53**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF SB 77,
A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION OF MATCHING GRANT FUNDS TO CERTAIN LOCALLY
AND FEDERALLY FUNDED PUBLIC TRANSIT PROJECTS FOR OPERATING EXPENSES
AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS, NOW PENDING BEFORE THE 27TH ALASKA STATE
LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION.**

WHEREAS, Alaska Senate Bill 77 (SB 77), proposing to make a special appropriation to the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities of matching grant funds for certain locally and federally funded public transit project operating expenses, is now pending before the Twenty-seventh Alaska State Legislature, First Session; and

WHEREAS, sanctioned by local voters in 1973, Anchorage's Public Transportation People Mover bus system began operation on July 1, 1974, carrying 39,505 passengers in the first month of service; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, People Mover set a new annual record of 4,220,677 trips, with an average weekday ridership of 14,297; and

WHEREAS, public transportation provides a vital service for a wide range of residents; and

WHEREAS, Alaska is one of only three states that does not provide operating funds for public transportation; and

WHEREAS, if passed by the Twenty-seventh Alaska State Legislature, SB 77 will take effect July 1, 2011, and appropriate \$3 MILLION in matching grant funds for operating expenses of locally and federally funded public transit projects that are not state projects, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012;

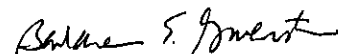
NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

Alaska SB 77, a special appropriation of matching grant funds for certain locally and federally funded public transit project operating expenses, is supported by the Anchorage Assembly, and our state legislators are encouraged to move forward, during this legislative session, measures to improve public transportation projects.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 15th day of February, 2011.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 121-2011

Meeting Date: February 15, 2011

1 **From:** ASSEMBLY MEMBER DRUMMOND

2 **Subject:** AR 2011-53 — A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL
3 ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF SB 77, A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION OF
4 MATCHING GRANT FUNDS TO CERTAIN LOCALLY AND
5 FEDERALLY FUNDED PUBLIC TRANSIT PROJECTS FOR
6 OPERATING EXPENSES AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS, NOW
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8 SESSION.
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10 People Mover strives to improve mobility and access throughout the Municipality of
11 Anchorage for all residents. People Mover maintains a fleet of 55 modern, comfortable,
12 fully accessible and ADA compliant buses that travel over two million miles every year.
13 There are 14 regular transit routes serving Anchorage and Eagle River.
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15 Public Transportation offers a number of transportation programs to meet the needs of
16 Anchorage residents and visitors. *AnchorRIDES* is a complementary shared ride
17 service for seniors age 60 years and over, and for people whose disabilities prevent
18 them from using the fixed route People Mover system. *Connect* provides limited
19 weekday service for the general public in conjunction with eligible ADA paratransit
20 passengers. *Share-A-Ride* coordinates commuter vanpools and offers free carpool
21 matching services. *Travel Training* is a free service for groups and individuals to learn
22 how to ride the bus.
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24 Public Transportation and People Mover use innovative technology to better serve
25 passengers. In May 2009, with a grant from the Federal Highway Administration,
26 People Mover launched *Bus Tracker* - a web application that provides real time bus
27 information and an interactive map, accessible via computer. In January 2011, People
28 Mover began using *FlashAlert Newswire* to alert passengers of weather delays,
29 suspended service or other types of emergencies. *FlashAlert Newswire* is accessible
30 via email, text or Twitter alerts.
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32 Public Transportation provides a vital service for a wide range of residents. Passage of
33 Alaska Senate Bill 77 (SB 77) will ensure that Public Transportation and People Mover
34 continue to provide this vital service. SB 77 is attached.
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37 Respectfully submitted:
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40 Harriet Drummond
41 Assembly Member, Section 3

SENATE BILL NO. 77

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Introduced: 2/2/11

Referred: Transportation, Finance

Funding Information:	General Fund	\$	3,000,000
	Other Funds		-0-
	Total	\$	3,000,000

A BILL**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Transportation and
 2 Public Facilities to provide matching grant funds for operating expenses for certain
 3 locally and federally funded public transit projects; and providing for an effective date."

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** The sum of \$3,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department
 6 of Transportation and Public Facilities to provide matching grant funds for operating expenses
 7 for locally and federally funded public transit projects that are not state projects, for the fiscal
 8 year ending June 30, 2012.

9 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2011.