

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**WATERSHED & NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-03**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE PUBLIC  
REVIEW DRAFT OF THE 2035 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN.**

(WNRC Case No. 11-04)

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WHEREAS, in response to long-term planning needs for transportation expansions and upgrades in the Municipality, the Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions (AMATS) program released the Public Review Draft of the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, this draft plan combines the 2007 revised Anchorage Bowl 2025 Long-Range Transportation Plan and the Chugiak-Eagle River 2027 Long-Range Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the municipal Planning Division's Transportation Planning Section seeks Watershed & Natural Resources Commission review and input on potential policy-level environmental mitigation activities for the Plan's proposed transportation improvement actions and projects; and

WHEREAS, staff from the Transportation Planning Section presented an overview of the Draft 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, its projects, and relevant policies from the Plan's Chapter 8 Implementation Section at the Watershed & Natural Resources Commission regular meeting of November 23, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Anchorage Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission that:

- A. The Commission supports the watershed-, wetlands-, and wildlife-related policies presented in the Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan as presented on page 8-21.
- B. The Commission finds that an additional policy or policies should be included to address the issues raised in the bullets on page 8-23 as recommended by the EPA for additions to the Plan's Environmental Concerns, Air Quality, and Public Health policy section. The Commission recommends the following policy language:

Promote project planning and design that maximizes avoidance of aquatic areas, valuable wetlands, and other environmentally sensitive areas. Where these areas cannot be avoided, negative impacts should be minimized and/or mitigated.

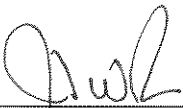
- C. The Commission also recommends the following additional policy be included in the Environmental Concerns, Air Quality, and Public Health section on page 8-21:

Municipal transportation plans and future recommended projects should work in concert with the Alaska National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit.

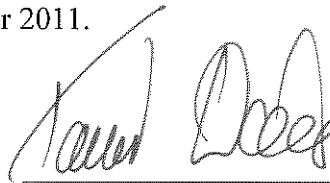
- D. The Commission recommends the following be included in the Action Item Recommendations – Environmental Concerns, Air Quality, and Public Health chart on page 8-21:

EC-E. For future road projects, address wildlife-vehicle incidents based on existing maps and traffic accident data and through consultation with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission on the 23rd day of November 2011.



Jerry T. Weaver, Jr.  
Secretary



Tamás Deák  
Chair

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