

Municipal Clerk's Office

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For reading: February 11, 2020

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2020-42**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY URGING CONGRESS TO
INCREASE INVESTMENT IN ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION.**

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage recognizes that traffic fatalities and serious injuries are preventable and therefore unacceptable, and have partnered with state agencies and community organizations on a “Vision Zero” campaign to make roadways safer for everyone – pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists - through a data-driven approach involving road design, education, community engagement and enforcement; and

WHEREAS, we cannot build our way out of road congestion, other strategies must be used such as decreasing the number of trips by motorized vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the health of the Municipality’s residents begins where we live, work, learn and play. Connecting networks for walking and biking, ensuring inclusivity and accessibility, with everyday destinations like schools, workplaces, stores and playgrounds improves our ability to be physically active every day. Regular physical activity protects us from the most common and costly diseases such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease, obesity and many cancers; and

WHEREAS, *active transportation*—human powered mobility—increases physical activity, improves public health, provides balanced transportation choices and fosters vibrant neighborhoods with a high quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage Bike and Pedestrian Plans, the 2040 Land Use Plan, and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan identify public safety improvements for non-motorized accessibility for users of our existing trail infrastructure investments – a network that links the Coastal Trail to the Campbell Creek Trail to the Chester Creek Trail to the Ship Creek Trail to the Fish Creek Trail and other associated greenway-supported development; and

WHEREAS, to qualify for federal transportation funds, Anchorage follows national standards and best practices for managing transportation as required by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration. Anchorage does this through the Metropolitan Planning Organization, AMATS; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the main federal transportation law—the FAST Act—governing funding
2 of America's surface transportation programs, including trails and active
3 transportation infrastructure, is set to expire in September 2020 and Congress is
4 currently considering funding priorities; now, therefore
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6 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES** that the Municipality of Anchorage
7 supports increased investment in active transportation networks to link trails,
8 sidewalks, bicycle facilities and other associated greenway-supported development
9 into a seamless system for community mobility; and
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11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipality of Anchorage encourages
12 Congress to increase investment in a robust, modern transportation system that is
13 designed to create and maintain connected active transportation networks by:
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- 15 1. Increasing funds for the Federal Transportation Alternatives Program;
- 16 2. Increasing funds for the Federal Recreation Trails Program;
- 17 3. Authorizing New Funding for Active Transportation Networks
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20 **PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Anchorage Assembly this 11th day of February,
21 2020.
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26 Chair

27 **ATTEST:**
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32 for Municipal Clerk