

Northeast Community Council

Resolution 2023_01

The Northeast Community Council resolves as follows:

Whereas the NECC finds the appended proposed resolution previously submitted to the Anchorage Municipal Assembly well founded, and

Whereas the Assembly has failed or refused to act on the proposal, and

Whereas it is past time to take effective action to reduce death and injury in our transportation network, and

Whereas adoption of the proposed resolution will be an important step in that direction,

Now therefor this council recommends that the Anchorage Municipal Assembly adopt the appended resolution, and

Be it further resolved that this council recommends the MOA Administration act in support of this proposed resolution, including the Traffic Department, and PM&E, and

Be further resolved that this council solicit other councils to act as this council has.

Done this 19 day of January 2023

Secretary: Ronald F. Meeker

President: [Signature]

Vote: Yes 14 No 0 Abstain 2

Appended Proposed MOA Resolution

Whereas, the Assembly signaled an interest in "changing gears" with respect to management of municipal transportation issues with the intent of placing increased focus on ensuring that non-motorized users have safe and equal access to our transportation infrastructure in 2020, and

Whereas, this signaling comes on the heels of an ever increasing toll of death and injury resulting both from the Municipality's failure to adequately enforce the current law and its inability to design and deploy adequate Municipal transportation infrastructure, as well as the increasing outrage expressed by the public over this situation, and

Whereas the NTSB has made it clear that we need to change the way we design our transportation infrastructure in order to make it safe for non-motorized users [see, National Transportation Safety Board, "Bicyclist Safety on US Roadways: Crash Risks and Countermeasures," Safety Research Report

(Washington, D.C.: NTSB, November 5, 2019),
<https://www.nts.gov/safety/safety-studies/Pages/DCA18SS002.aspx>,
<https://www.nts.gov/safety/safety-studies/Pages/SafetyStudies.aspx>,
<https://www.nts.gov/safety/safety-studies/Documents/SS1901.pdf> and National Transportation Safety Board, "Reducing Speeding-Related Crashes Involving Passenger Vehicles," Safety Study (Washington, D.C., 2017), <https://www.nts.gov/safety/safety-studies/Pages/DCA15SS002.aspx>,
<https://www.nts.gov/safety/safety-studies/Pages/SafetyStudies.aspx>,
<https://www.nts.gov/safety/safety-studies/Documents/SS1701.pdf> , and

Whereas, Municipal transportation planning staff have, for the better part of a decade, indicated to those advocating for changes in infrastructure to ensure pedestrian and bicyclist safety, that the NACTO design standards would be "incorporated in the Municipality's approach to transportation design", and

Whereas, AMATS staff have indicated that the only body that can in fact adopt the NACTO design standards is the Municipal Assembly, and

Whereas, multiple Assemblymembers have indicated that they are more than willing to consider any proposed Assembly action in committee for the purpose of determining whether such action should be presented to the Assembly at large but since 2022 when asked so to do have not, and

Whereas, the current non-motorized plan adopted by AMATS does not reference NACTO's Designing for All Ages and Abilities and AMATS Policy Committee members while initially arguing they should be addressed in the NMP now argue they should be considered by the Assembly through the community councils,

Now, therefore, having reviewed the NACTO guides with respect to Bicycle and Pedestrian design (<https://nacto.org/publication/urban-bikeway-design-guide/>), and specifically having reviewed and cited with approval the portion thereof entitled, "Designing for All Ages and Abilities", the Assembly hereby adopts the NACTO "Urban Bikeway Design Guide", as extended and clarified by "Designing for All Ages and Abilities (like ways adopted), and

It is further resolved that the Municipality shall seek affiliate membership in NACTO.

Done this ____ day of _____, 2022