Fairview Community Council
Resolution Number 2017-01

A Resolution Concerning “Anchorage Talks Transit” Initiative proposed by the Municipality’s People Mover System

Whereas the Fairview Neighborhood Plan recognizes the importance of public transportation in the lives of community residents, and

Whereas, the Fairview Community Council has consistently supported efforts to improve the level of public transit service for area residents, and

Whereas, the Council participated in the public process for the Anchorage Talks Transit Initiative and submitted formal written comments during the Public Comment period and dated December 13, 2016, and

Whereas, these comments expressed great concern regarding the proposal to make substantive changes to the People Mover route structure that would result in disenfranchisement of many Fairview residents, and

Whereas, these comments emphasized the importance of being more innovative on the revenue side rather than reducing critical public transportation services for low to moderate income Fairview residents, and

Whereas, the Executive Board of the Council is greatly appreciative of the efforts made by the Director of the People Mover including attendance at the January 5th, 2017 meeting of the Executive Board, and

Whereas, the Community Council has expressed repeated concerns about Fairview only having one Assembly person to represent the interests of the eastern urban core, and

Whereas, the Anchorage Talks Transit 100% proposal would make the under representation worse by eliminating transit service from Eagle River/Chugiak and large areas of South Anchorage thus removing a reason for four Assembly members to support funding for public transit, and

Whereas, the Council is aware the Municipal Administration intends to make a final decision regarding implementation of the 100% Option which significantly impacts Fairview residents in a negative way in the near future,

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Fairview Community Council opposes the recommendations of the Anchorage Talks Transit Initiative as currently proposed,

Be It Further Resolved the Fairview Community Council requests the People Mover table the proposal for the indefinite future and until such time as further analysis is conducted regarding
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supplemental revenues as noted in Council Comments and other approaches to make the People Mover operate on a more fiscally sustainable basis

This Resolution is or is not approved by a vote of ___ Ayes, ___ Nays, ___ Abstentions.

Date: _______

Certified by Harry Need, President, Fairview Community Council

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