

Resolution 2019-13

A Resolution Cautiously Supporting the Midtown Congestion Relief Planning and Environmental Linkages Study, That Includes a “Cut and Cover” Concept, Provided It Address Impacts of the Project on Fairview

DRAFT- Committee substitute may be presented at the meeting.

Whereas, the Fairview Community was significantly impacted when the State Transportation Department converted our local neighborhood streets of Gambell and Ingra into a one-way, high- speed couplet, and

Whereas, such conversion established an automobile-oriented design framework upon Fairview’s gridded, small-block and pedestrian scaled traditional neighborhood land structure, and

Whereas, the result of said conversion was the creation of an urban environment out of place with the needs of a more livable neighborhood, and

Whereas, the increasing volumes of traffic along the Gambell-Ingra Couplet clash with the heavy volumes of pedestrians and other non-motorized users of the streets such that the corridor is identified as one of the most dangerous places for pedestrians in the Municipality, and

Whereas, the Mid-Town Congestion Relief - Planning and Environmental Study (MCR-PEL) seeks to increase the throughput of traffic through Mid-Town and channel this increased traffic into the Gambell-Ingra Couplet, and

Whereas, the MCR-PEL includes in its scope of study impact to Chester Creek and 15th Avenue, and

Whereas, the project could provide a more balanced approach to enhancing mobility within the Mid-Town commercial while adding value to the Anchorage urban fabric, conforming to the Anchorage Land Use

Plan, improving access to public transit, supporting non-motorized modes of transportation while showing awareness and integration of important regional trail infrastructure, and

Whereas, the inclusion of a Midtown Greenway Alternative supports the viability of the Fairview Greenway that is identified in the Anchorage Land Use Plan and strongly promoted by members of the Fairview Community Council, and

Whereas, traffic volumes modeled by the MCR PEL appear not to impact flows into the facilities of Fairview, and

Whereas, the issues related to environmental justice

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Fairview Community Council is cautiously supportive of the concepts presented in the most recent iterations, including a cut and cover concept through the core of midtown, and

Be It Further Resolved, the Fairview Community Council requests the DOT&PF to add the Midtown Greenway conceptual alternative to the short list of alternatives to be moved forward.

Considered at the _____ meeting of the Fairview Community Council and _____ approved, _____ not approved by a vote of _____ For, _____ Against, _____ Abstentions.

_____ President
Fairview Community Council