

Draft Resolution for Campbell Creek Safety Crossing at Lake Otis (AMATS MTP 2040 Plan)

WHEREAS; the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2040 for Anchorage and Chugiak-Eagle River is an important planning document that provides the basis for future expenditures through the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), and other federal, state and local budget sources; and WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage has adopted a "Vision Zero" campaign to make Anchorage roadways safer for everyone – pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists - through a data-driven approach involving road design, education, community engagement and enforcement;

WHEREAS, the draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2040 appropriately identifies the need for a safe crossing over Lake Otis at Campbell Creek as a short-term priority to improve non-motorized accessibility; and

WHEREAS; the 8-mile, fully-developed multi-use Campbell Creek Trail is a major commuter facility for people traveling to work and school and daily destinations – using all forms of transportation – car, foot, bike, strollers and wheelchairs. Neighborhood residents who live in the vicinity worry about car and human conflicts; and

WHEREAS, connecting non-motorized transportation routes for walking and biking 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 disease such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease, obesity and many cancers; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage's approved Climate Change Action Plan depends, in part, on increased use of more carbon-efficient transportation than personal automobiles; and

WHEREAS, over the past 15 years, many alternatives have been proposed to complete the safety connections along the Campbell Creek Trail – from Campbell Park across Lake Otis to 47th Court – and all will rely on a mix of federal, state and local funds;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT; The Campbell Park Community Council strongly supports the MTP 2040 plan to build a bridge or equivalent infrastructure to provide a safe crossing at Lake Otis from Campbell Park to 47th Court on the Campbell Creek Trail;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT; The Campbell Park Community Council urges AMATS to prioritize funding for the project in the next Transportation Improvement Plan and other federal, state and local funding sources.

Campbell Park Community Council

Sandy Traini, Chair

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