

**Fairview Community Council
Resolution 2021-02**

**A Resolution regarding the public draft Non-Motorized Plan (NMP) produced by
the Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions (AMATS)**

Whereas, the AMATS NMP is intended to merge the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan, the Anchorage Bicycle Plan and the Anchorage Trails Plan into one comprehensive planning document, and

Whereas, said consolidation places a great deal of importance on the policies, issues and recommendations of the NMP as they relate to the health, safety and quality of life for Fairview residents, and

Whereas, members of the Fairview Community Council submitted comments during the early public involvement phase of the proposed NMP, and

Whereas, members expressed concern about sub-standard trail conditions, inadequate neighborhood connections to the regional trail network, pedestrian safety concerns both in summer and particularly in winter, the need for inclusion of the Fairview Greenway, with a summary listed in Attachment A, and

Whereas, these concerns were shared through written correspondence and via the interactive web portal used by the project team, and

Whereas, the public draft NMP appears to ignore the concerns of our Winter City neighborhood through omission and also advances several recommendations that appear problematic and others that reflect little knowledge of the mobility needs of Fairview residents.

Therefore, Be it Resolved that the Fairview Community Council formally requests that the public draft NMP be amended to substantively address the issues and concerns of neighborhood residents, and

Therefore, Be It Further Resolved that the NMP not be accepted by the Municipal administration nor the Anchorage Assembly until said issues and concerns are resolved so as to protect and enhance the interests of Fairview residents.

Approved ___ Not Approved ___ this ___ day of _____, 2021 by a vote of ___ Ayes, ___ Nays, ___ Abstentions or ___ Unanimously.

Attested to by:

Allen Kemplen, President

Attachment A

Fairview Issues associated with the public draft Non-Motorized Plan:

1. It needs to include improvements to the bike trail segment from 15th Avenue to Sitka Park. This section is significantly deteriorated and presents a safety hazard to users.
2. It needs to include a new trail link on the west side of the North Fork of Chester Creek from Sitka Park to Chester Creek Trail. The new link creates a public loop trail and enhances the physical recreation opportunities for neighborhood residents and users of the Anchorage Senior Center.
3. It needs to conform to the Anchorage Land Use Plan and include the Fairview Greenway connection between Chester Creek and Ship Creek Greenways. This creates an urban bike/ped beltway around the center of the City and significantly enhances the investment environment for the entire urban core area.
4. It needs to describe the significant pedestrian safety issues associated with the existing pedestrian sidewalk infrastructure as it relates to inadequate set asides for snow storage. The existing dominance of rolled curbs within the street cross-section effectively eliminates the sidewalk during much of the winter forcing pedestrians to walk in the vehicle travel way.
5. It needs to discuss the inadequacies of the existing approach to in-street bike lanes during winter months when the painted lane striping is covered by snow and ice. It is suggested that the NMP discuss opportunities for innovative solutions. For example, the placement of a separate luminaire arm on existing poles extending out over the bike lane provides year-round visibility for the in-street bike lane at a marginal cost.