

## **FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2009-02**

### **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS**

WHEREAS, The Municipality of Anchorage is the government entity responsible for public transportation services within the Anchorage Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the People Mover bus system is the locally operated public transportation provider within the Municipality of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, Fairview is a “walking community,” where a significant percentage of trips are pedestrian in nature; and

WHEREAS, many Fairview residents require public transportation services to access healthcare, community events, housing, education, social services, employment, and much more; and

WHEREAS, Public Transportation services are funded through local property taxes (60%), farebox revenues (20%), federal government support (15%), and municipal revenue sharing (5%); and

WHEREAS, bus systems in Alaska provide minimal service; and

WHEREAS, there are unmet operating and capital needs in Southcentral Alaska’s public transportation network, and bus systems consequently are providing minimal service; and

WHEREAS, The State of Alaska General Fund does not provide funding for public transit<sup>1</sup> systems within the state; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska is one of the wealthiest states per capita in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Alaska is one of a small number of states that do not provide funds to support public and community transportation systems within the state.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Fairview Community Council strongly supports the goals for public transportation growth and expansion.

NOW THEREFORE, be it also resolved that the Fairview Community Council hereby voices Anchorage’s capital (\$21.2 million) and operating (\$13.5 million) public transit needs to the State Legislature and encourages all elected officials to consider mechanisms for providing State funding to meet these needs.

NOW THEREFORE, be it also resolved that the Fairview Community Council recommends and encourages the Legislature to establish a policy mechanism for an ongoing fiscal commitment in support of public transit operations throughout Alaska.

RESOLVED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009.



President

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<sup>1</sup> Excluding the Alaska Marine Highway System and the Alaska Railroad Corporation