

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AMENDING THE METROPOLITAN  
TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2035 TO INCLUDE MISSING POINTS DEFINED  
AND RECOMMENDED IN THE HILLSIDE DISTRICT PLAN

WHEREAS The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) misses the following features of the Hillside District Plan:

- On page 5-53, add the HDP to the list of plans with land use strategies beneficial to the transportation system. Generally the land use will stay the same on the Hillside but conservation subdivisions, requirements that land not be developed until there are suitable road connections, the proposals for new access points to Chugach State Park and required trail connections between subdivisions are land use strategies related to transportation.
- In the general discussion of maintenance of the system, there should be a mention of the HDP's proposed Hillside Road, Drainage and Trail Service Area. This service area should be created in some form within the MTP planning period.
- The section "Arcwide Trails Plan" (p.5-64) should refer to the Hillside District Plan's trails map and related narrative. The HDP says "HDP Map 4.6 approved with adoption of the Hillside District Plan and supersedes the existing Anchorage Trails Plan (for the Hillside study area)." (HDP p.4-7)
- Figure 4-5 Road Functional Classifications on p.4-7 shows road connections that do not exist. Elmore between Abbott and O'Malley and between DeArmoun and Rabbit Creek Rd. Also Huffman east of Birch to Hillside Drive.
- Figure 4-20 Bicycle Facilities (p.4-25) shows bike lanes on Elmore between O'Malley and Huffman. There are shoulders but no bike lanes. Also, Dowling from Elmore to Lake Otis does not have bike lanes for the entire length.

WHEREAS The MTP currently includes an upgrade to Birch Road between Huffman and O'Malley on the long term funding list. This project should be moved to the short term list. The road needs work but was scored low.

The "Timing of Need" includes a safety consideration which should be a 5 for Birch Road. Crash statistics will not reflect near misses and cars in the ditch.

The score for Logical Sequencing should also be higher. Looking at a map, and use patterns it appears that Birch should come after the O'Malley and Huffman projects, however, those roads function well except during short, peak use periods of the day. Most of the time, traffic flows just fine. Birch, on the other hand, is dangerous all the time. Logical sequencing should consider getting the worst parts done first.

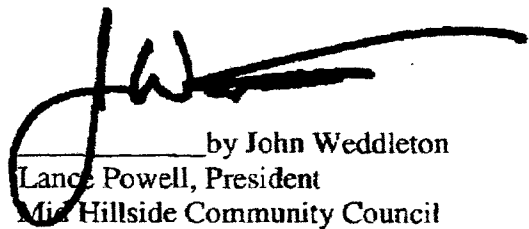
WHEREAS the intersection of Birch and Abbott Roads presents ongoing hazard and safety concerns which need to be evaluated and corrected. A project for addressing these needs to be included in the MTP 2035.


WHEREAS the intersection of Elmore and Huffman Roads presents ongoing hazard and safety concerns which need to be evaluated and corrected. A project for addressing the hazard and safety concerns needs to be included in the MTP 2035.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The Mid-Hillside Community Council and the Hillside East Community Council request that the foregoing items be included in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2035.

Passed by the boards of the MHCC and HECC on November 17, 2011.  
The meeting was properly noticed through its monthly newsletter.

  
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