

**Airport Heights Community Council  
Resolution 2013-1  
Regarding Efforts to Develop Any Northern Access Roadway to the University and  
Medical District**

WHEREAS, in a Northern Access to the University and Medical District – Reconnaissance Study Report completed in 2011, Dowl HKM selected four possible routes as worthy of further study;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage 2013 Legislative Program (for State fiscal year 2014), includes a request for \$20,000,000 to “design and construct arterial road access to the U-Med District from the north” and that request says “Improvements are expected to include a new three to four lane road with pedestrian facilities, storm drain with curb and gutter, street lighting, landscaping, and *any other amenities deemed desirable to preserve the existing character of the area*”;

WHEREAS, The U-Med District Plan and the UAA Master Plan are currently being updated and will address transportation needs in general and the northern access issue in particular;

WHEREAS, at a recent meeting of the Airport Heights Community Council when University of Alaska Anchorage planners presented their proposed renewed master plan for UAA, council members expressed their opposition to any new roadway extension through the U-Med district;

WHEREAS, the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan ranked this “Northern Access” project 25th out of 43 projects destined for construction sometime before the year 2023, which suggests that there are many other more important and worthy projects;

WHEREAS, the neighbors in Airport Heights Community Council area continually indicate that our neighborhood is valued because of its proximity to parks, trail, and green spaces;

WHEREAS, the neighbors in Airport Heights Community Council have a history of opposing traffic plans that destroy trails and open spaces;

WHEREAS, the Dowl HKM study report included Travel Demand Management (TDM) in its Summary Evaluation of Concepts as recommended to be carried forward although the narrative does not believe TDM would provide adequate traffic relief;

WHEREAS, the Airport Heights Community Council is concerned about the impact to pedestrians, particularly students who attend East High School, of additional roadways at the intersection of Northern Lights Boulevard and Bragaw Street; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Heights Community Council believes that this community needs to explore alternatives for traffic management other than just building more roadways;

NOW, therefore, be it RESOLVED that the Airport Heights Community Council:  
OPPOSES any legislative appropriation of \$20,000,000 for a "Northern Access" project;  
OPPOSES any further study to any roadway expansion or improvements as outlined in the Dowl  
HKM Northern Access to the University and Medical District – Reconnaissance Study Report;  
and  
SUPPORTS the Travel Demand Management alternative.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Airport Heights Community Council this 17th day of  
January, 2013.

*Barbara Karl, Vice President*  
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Rebecca Kurtz, President