

# Rogers Park Community Council

(Including Anchor Park, College Village, Woodside East and Rogers Park)

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## **RPCC Resolution #2013-4: Request for State Department of Transportation (DOT) Landscaping Northern Lights Median between Latouche Street and Lake Otis Parkway and East to UAA Drive**

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1. **WHEREAS**, DOT met with RPCC many years ago and DOT asked for and obtained a vote of approval to pave in lieu of landscaping the median on Northern Lights between Latouche and Lake Otis based on the proposition and RPCC'S understanding that only a 3-foot strip of land between opposing lanes would largely be affected; and paving in lieu of landscaping would greatly minimize maintenance; and
2. **WHEREAS**, after DOT paved the median in subject area, the median was found by RPCC to be much wider than 3 feet for most of the length described by DOT in obtaining RPCC approval; and
3. **WHEREAS**, other medians of various lengths and widths on Northern Lights Blvd and around town have been landscaped with shrubs and trees since that time; and
4. **WHEREAS**, lack of landscaping the median on Northern Lights in this established residential area just east of the midtown commercial district is aesthetically unattractive and has contributed to increased road noise in the neighborhoods on both sides of the road; and
5. **WHEREAS**, proposed sound barriers along the south side of Northern Lights between Latouche and Lake Otis is still incomplete and inadequate after years of efforts; and

6. **WHEREAS**, DOT has failed to revisit or contact RPCC as reportedly promised at least 6 years ago concerning median improvement when the road was to be next repaved in subject area,

**THEREFORE, RPCC HEREBY RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS** that DOT landscape the median along Northern Lights Blvd between Latouche and Lake Otis Parkway east to UAA Drive with trees and shrubs requiring minimal maintenance. Although DOT per Jill Reese, Media Liaison, on October 4, 2013, wrote that *“Until there is another project in that area, we do not foresee DOT being able to take out the asphalt or assist in landscaping the median,”* RPCC will pledge to try to assist in maintaining the median once planted. Anchorage East Rotary already picks up litter along Northern Lights between Latouche and Lake Otis on a periodic basis.

**Copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Mayor, Anchorage Assembly, FCC and to State DOT including:**

- Rob Campbell, Asst. Commissioner and Central Region Director 907-269-0770, [rob.campbell@ak.gov](mailto:rob.campbell@ak.gov) ;
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- Jill Reese, Media Liaison, [jill.reese@alaska.gov](mailto:jill.reese@alaska.gov)

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Rogers Park Community Council this 14th day of October, 2013, by a vote of 11 in favor, 2 opposed, and 0 abstention.

Respectfully,



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