

AIRPORT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Resolution 2013-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE AIRPORT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL (AHCC) REQUESTING AN INDEPENDENT STUDY OF THE TRAFFIC IMPACT AND A FINANCIAL COST ANALYSIS ON BRAGAW STREET THAT WOULD OCCUR IF A NORTHERN ACCESS ROAD INTO THE U-MED DISTRICT IS DEVELOPED

WHEREAS, should a Northern Access Road project into the U-Med district be developed, it would most likely extend Bragaw Street south at Northern Lights Boulevard to connect with Elmore Road,

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions (AMATS) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) states that "travel in the Glenn Highway corridor between Chugiak-Eagle River and the Anchorage Bowl is projected to double over the next 20 years, as suburban development flourishes and the demand will exceed the capacity of the existing six-lane freeway by 1600 vehicles in the peak hour,"

WHEREAS, DOWL HKM, Project Manager of the Northern Access Road study, indicates that 43 percent of the traffic entering the U-Med district is coming from the north and has stated that it is inconvenient to use Boniface and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, which was designed to be the Northern Access route,

WHEREAS, according to the AMATS LRTP, the Bragaw Street and Northern Lights Boulevard intersection was over capacity as of 2002,

WHEREAS, according to the AMATS LRTP, the Bragaw Street and DeBarr Road intersection was at capacity as of 2002,

WHEREAS, students from the Airport Heights Community Council area need to cross Bragaw Street to attend Russian Jack Elementary School and East High School and the AHCC is concerned about their safety as traffic increases on Bragaw Street,

WHEREAS, the Alaska Native Cultural Charter School is located on Bragaw Street north of DeBarr Road and traffic increases on Bragaw Street will also impact the safety of students attending that school,

WHEREAS, a number of residences and business front directly onto Bragaw Street and would be impacted by increased traffic,

WHEREAS, the full financial, social, and environmental impacts of the Northern Access Road project have not been completely analyzed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AHCC requests a new independent study of the impact of the implementation of Northern Access Road project be performed and a plan for safety mitigation for pedestrians, school zones, and traffic access onto Bragaw Street between Northern Lights Boulevard and the Glenn Highway be developed. The study and safety mitigation plan needs to include a financial cost analysis and the funding sources.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED by the Airport Heights Community Council on December 19, 2013 by a vote of: FOR 12, AGAINST 0, ABSTAIN 2.



President