

CHUGIAK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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To:

Re: Resolution Against Changes to the Public Transportation Plan Resulting in the Loss of Public Transportation to the Chugiak Area and Extremely Limited Service to Eagle River.

To Whom It May Concern:

The Chugiak Community Council met on 4/20/2017 and heard continued testimony regarding the new People Mover Bus System, here on after referred to as "The Plan." Council Board members and community members both raised concerns over the new plan.

Background:

The Plan as written today drastically changes the public transportation availability for residents of the Chugiak/Eagle River/Birchwood areas. While the plan expands service in the Anchorage Bowl, most, if not all, of these changes come in the way of reduced service for the Chugiak/Eagle River/Birchwood area.

WHEREAS, The Plan eliminates bus service to all of Chugiak and Birchwood, leaving residents without the availability of public transportation.

WHEREAS, The Plan drastically limits bus service in Eagle River to morning and evening commute only, leaving commuters stranded until evening should the need arise to go home from work mid-day.

WHEREAS, The Plan removes existing 40-passenger standard buses currently serving Eagle River and replaces them with 13-passenger mini-buses, further limiting the number of seats available.

WHEREAS, even though The Plan calls for two 13-passenger buses during the morning commute, Eagle River ridership has routinely exceeded these numbers. This leaves commuters to wait for a third bus to be sent out, or forces them to stand on buses at unsafe highway speeds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chugiak Community Council is opposed to the plan to eliminate/severely limit bus service to and from the Chugiak/Birchwood/Eagle River area.

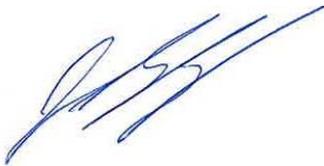
FUTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chugiak Community Council requests Mayor Berkowitz intervene in the current plan and have bus service restored to the Chugiak/River/Birchwood areas. Additionally, maintain Eagle River bus service capacity to

cover the current ridership levels and any increase in service as necessary to keep up with demand.

The council requests that the transit planners and the municipality look into alternative ways to serve the Chugiak/Birchwood/Eagle River area with public transport. This might include a partnership with the Valley Mover in providing several stops in Chugiak and Eagle River to pick up and drop off passengers on the way through our community.

This resolution passed unanimously by with approximately 16 votes.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jake Horazdovsky', written in a cursive style.

Jake Horazdovsky, President
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