

**Spenard Community Council Resolution #2023-06**

A Resolution Supporting the Continued Maintenance of People Mover Route 85

**WHEREAS**, the Spenard Community Council (“SCC”) is an organization representing the interests of the residents of the Spenard Neighborhood of Anchorage; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCC supports public transit as a vital public service important to the economic development of community, and one that makes Anchorage an affordable place to live and work; and

**WHEREAS**, the Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan designates the Spenard Road corridor for transit supportive development, where high frequency transit routes provide an incentive to housing and commercial development over the long term; and

**WHEREAS**, the Spenard Corridor Plan, Anchorage’s first transit-supportive development corridor planning document adopted in October 2020, includes “Goal 1: Support Transit and Increase Ridership;” and

**WHEREAS**, People Mover Route 85 was implemented on September 2021, using a federal grant for service expansion, restoring service to West Anchorage with access to the Loussac Library and points in between after four years without connectivity; and

**WHEREAS**, a federal grant that has funded Route 85 for the last three years will expire this fiscal year, eliminating the only route through West Anchorage direct to Midtown and South Anchorage without municipal funding; and

**WHEREAS**, Route 85 was created based on public feedback gathered by PTD in 2018 and 2019, when a route returning service along the Old Seward Highway and direct service to Loussac Library was the most requested during this information gathering period; and

**WHEREAS**, Route 85 carried 113,850 Anchorage riders to their destination in 2022; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Spenard Community Council strongly supports the continuation of People Mover Route 85 via municipal funding for 2024 and recommends the Assembly and the Mayor not reduce the amount allocated for Route 85 during the annual budget or quarterly budget revision processes in order to maintain existing service levels that Spenard residents rely upon to maintain their quality of life.

Resolved, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2023

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Meg Mielke, Spenard Community Council President  
Chair

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Date

Vote: \_\_\_ in favor, and \_\_\_ opposed