

Tudor Area Community Council

A Resolution Commenting on Various Projects Listed in the 2035 MTP Update Including Recommending Removal of the Knik Arm Crossing Due to Non Compliance of Conditions in the 2027 LRTP

Whereas the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) replaces the existing 2027 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) as the primary transportation planning document for the Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions (AMATS) for the Municipality of Anchorage, and;

Whereas Anchorage's Community Councils are encouraged to submit comments about the proposed 2035 MTP Update to AMATS, and;

Whereas the Knik Arm Crossing is listed as a project in the proposed 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and;

Whereas Anchorage Assembly Resolution 2007-46 approved the addition of the Knik Arm Crossing to the existing LRTP with the following conditions;

1. *"No funding currently planned for implementation of the existing Long Range Transportation Plan shall be used to support construction or maintenance of any element of the Knik Arm Crossing beyond that which is currently authorized. In addition no local funds shall be used for construction or maintenance of any element of this project."*
2. *"No construction work will begin on the Anchorage landside bridge approaches until the complete funding package is secured for the bridge and the Anchorage access connections and the project design has been submitted for review through the established municipal design review process."*

Whereas Chapter 12 added the Knik Arm Crossing to the existing LRTP with the following condition listed on page 13:

- B. No funding currently planned for implementation of the existing LRTP, beyond that currently authorized in Tables 12-2 and 12-4, will be used to support construction or maintenance of any element of the Knik Arm Crossing. In addition, no local funds will be used for construction or maintenance of any element of this project."*

Whereas the Legislature has not passed legislation that would meet the Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority (KABATA) requirements for additional State Funding, and making the obligations of KABATA obligations of the State, which would violate the existing LRTP conditions, and;

Whereas KABATA has started Right of Way Acquisition Proceedings, and;

Whereas serious and valid questions have been raised regarding the accuracy of the population and toll numbers used by KABATA, and;

Whereas the accuracy of KABATA's toll and population forecasts directly affect the finances of this project and fiscal responsibilities of the State;

Therefore be it resolved that the Tudor Area Community Council recommends the removal of the following road and bridge projects from the draft 2035 MTP:

- Project # 140 Knik Arm Crossing Project, Phase 1
- Project # 218 Knik Arm Crossing Project, Phase 2
- Project # _____
- Project # _____

If not removed entirely, conditionally remove the Knik Arm Crossing from the 2035 MTP until the conditions in the existing LRTP of no additional state or local funding and requiring the private financing to cover the full risk of toll shortfalls is met.

- That KABATA cease and desist all ROW acquisitions until a financing plan is in place.

Further, the Tudor Area Community Council resolves that it supports the following transportation improvements shown in the draft 2035 MTP:

- Project # _____
- Project # _____
- Project # _____
- Project # _____

As approved by the membership of the Tudor Area Community Council on this _____ day of _____, 2012.

J. Tod Butler, President
Tudor Area Community Council

Date