

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 06/18/24
Action: Enacted
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2024-028**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE KENAI PENINSULA COORDINATED PUBLIC
TRANSIT-HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO BE SUBMITTED TO
THE STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC
FACILITIES**

- WHEREAS,** the Federal Transit Administration defines a “coordinated public transit-human service transportation plan” as a plan that identifies the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with low incomes, that provide strategies for meeting those local needs, and prioritizes transportation services for funding and implementation.”; and
- WHEREAS,** the *FY 2025 Kenai Peninsula Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan* (“Plan”) is a community-driven initiative aimed at assessing existing transportation services and unmet needs within all regions of the Kenai Peninsula; and
- WHEREAS,** the updated Plan focuses on the needs of vulnerable and older residents, which is crucial for qualifying for Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) and Alaska Mental Health Trust funding facilitated through the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) Alaska Community Transit Office (ACT); and
- WHEREAS,** the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities requires any human service transit projects funded by the Alaska Mental Health Trust to also be included in the Plan; and
- WHEREAS,** the FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program provides operating and capital assistance funding to provide transit and purchase of services to private nonprofit agencies, federally recognized tribes, and to qualifying local public bodies that provide specialized transportation services to elderly persons and to persons with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS,** the Alaska Mental Health Trust provides grants to private nonprofit agencies, federally recognized tribes, and to qualifying local public bodies that serve community transit needs of trust beneficiaries; namely, Alaskans who experience mental illness, developmental disabilities, chronic alcoholism with psychosis, or Alzheimer's disease and related dementia through funding for operating assistance, purchase of services, capital and coordinated transportation system planning; and

WHEREAS, from 2019-2022, representatives from various agencies and organizations, as well as members of the general public, came together for five prioritization meetings; and

WHEREAS, in 2023 and 2024, representatives from various agencies and organizations, as well as members of the general public, gathered for two meetings to discuss transportation “Gaps and Solutions”; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2023 and April 16, 2024, a total of 106 community members came together and discussed transportation gaps and solutions within the area, the meeting participants represented transportation service providers, community support organizations, Tribal entities, Borough and City government officials, and residents of the Kenai Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, to be eligible for federal and state transit funding the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities requires the plan and project priority list be supported by a local governing body;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports the community-led June 2024 update of its *FY 2025 Kenai Peninsula Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan*.

SECTION 2. That this resolution is effective immediately.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 18TH DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

Brent Johnson

Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Michele Turner

Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Cooper, Cox, Ecklund, Elam, Hibbert, Ribbens, Tunseth, Tupper, Johnson

No: None

Absent: None