

Introduced by: Mayor  
Date: 11/07/23  
Action: Adopted  
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 1 Abstention

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 2023-077**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES TO BE  
CONSIDERED FOR GRANT FUNDING TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE OF  
ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES**

**WHEREAS**, individuals with limited incomes and people with disabilities rely heavily, sometimes exclusively, on public and specialized transportation services to live independent and fulfilling lives and these services are essential for travel to work and medical appointments, to run essential errands, or simply to take advantage of social or cultural opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, under MAP-21, projects funded by Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program must be included in a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan; 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 a coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough supported the “2019 Kenai Peninsula Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan” by way of Resolution 2019-045; 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**, Alaska Mental Health Trust provides grants to private non-profit 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**, a local transportation committee consisting of seniors, individuals with disabilities, representatives of public, private, and non-profit transportation and human services providers and participation by other members of the public met on October 19, 2023; and

**WHEREAS,** this committee reviewed and recommended the prioritization of projects as presented by the eligible nonprofit organizations Independent Living Center, Inc. (“ILC”); and

**WHEREAS,** the first priority is the ILC Supported Transportation Voucher Program for Homer, the second priority is the ILC Supported Transportation Voucher Program for Seward, the third priority is the ILC Supported Transportation Voucher Program for Central Peninsula; and

**WHEREAS,** the nonprofits will submit these project priorities to the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to be considered for grant awards through state and federal grant programs;

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


**SECTION 1.** That the Assembly supports the Independent Living Center, Inc. in its pursuit of state and federal grant funding opportunities.

**SECTION 2.** That the Assembly supports the local transportation committee’s efforts to prioritize the project applications.

**SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 7TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023.**

  
Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:  
  
Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Cooper, Cox, Ecklund, Elam, Ribbens, Tunseth, Tupper, Johnson  
No: None  
Absent: None  
Abstention: Hibbert