Introduced by:

Mayor

Date:

11/18/15

Action:

Adopted

Vote:

9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH RESOLUTION 2015-049

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN KENAI PENINSULA COORDINATED PUBLIC TRANSIT-HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN 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. 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 ("Plan"). 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, 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 committee with participation by seniors, individuals with disabilities, representatives of public, private, and non-profit transportation providers, human services providers, and other members of the public met August 26-27, September 18 and October 6, 2015; and
- WHEREAS, the local committee reviewed and recommended through consensus that the Central and Southern Kenai Peninsula Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan be submitted to the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities; 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 local committee's update of its Central and Southern Kenai Peninsula Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan.

SECTION 2. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015.

Blaine Gilman, Assembly President

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Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

Yes:

Bagley, Cooper, Dunne, Holmdahl, Johnson, McClure, Ogle, Welles, Gilman

No:

None

Absent:

None