

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Community & Fiscal Projects Manager

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Johnson, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: Charlie Pierce, Mayor *CP*
Melanie Aeschliman, Planning Director *MA*

FROM: Brenda Ahlberg, Community & Fiscal Projects Manager *BA*

DATE: November 23, 2021

SUBJECT: Resolution 2021-088 Supporting the Transportation Priorities to be Considered for Grant Funding to be Submitted to the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (Mayor)

This resolution supports the local transportation committee's (Committee) efforts to prioritize projects identified in the 2019 Kenai Peninsula Coordinated Transportation Plan. The Committee is made up of diverse stakeholders, including nonprofit, medical, tribal, governmental, private business and agencies, transportation providers and users of public transportation. Each year eligible projects may be submitted under the Federal Transit Administration program "Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities 5310," which is supplemented by the Alaska Mental Health Trust.

On November 17, 2021, the Committee hosted a public meeting to review project applications to be submitted by the nonprofits Independent Living Center, Inc. and Nikiski Senior Citizens, Inc. The Committee unanimously passed a motion for priority funding in the following order: central peninsula, Homer area, Seward area, and Nikiski. Note that the Alaska Department of Transportation requires a motion reflecting prioritization; therefore, each project cannot stand alone for consideration.

The prioritized projects must be supported by a local governing body for the projects to be eligible for federal and state transit funding. This resolution requests such support and has no fiscal note attached for the borough assembly.