

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Mayor's Office

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Johnson, Assembly President
Members, KPB Assembly

THRU: Peter A Micciche, Mayor *PAM*
Robert Ruffner, Planning Director *RR*

FROM: Dana Cannava, Special Projects and Constituent Relations *DC*

DATE: June 6, 2024

SUBJECT: Resolution 2024- 028 , 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 (Mayor)

The Resolution supports the Kenai Peninsula Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (Plan), which is to be submitted to the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

The Resolution acknowledges the significance of the FY 2025 Kenai Peninsula Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan as a community-driven initiative aimed at identifying and addressing the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with low incomes within all regions of the Kenai Peninsula.

The Resolution underscores the critical importance of the Plan, emphasizing its status as a grassroots effort to assess and address transportation needs across the Kenai Peninsula. The Plan acknowledges the federal and state requirements mandating prioritization of transportation services for vulnerable populations, such as individuals with disabilities, older adults, and those with low incomes. Additionally, the Plan highlights the funding opportunities available through programs like the FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program and grants from the Alaska Mental Health Trust. In developing the Plan, there was an extensive community process, involving stakeholders from diverse backgrounds to identify transportation gaps and devise solutions. To access federal and state transit funding, the local governing body must adopt a resolution supporting the Plan, thereby cementing the importance of endorsing the Plan within the community.

Therefore, the Resolution resolves that the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports the community-led update of its FY 2025 Kenai Peninsula Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan, effective immediately.

Your consideration is appreciated.