

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 12/07/21
Action: Adopted
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 1 Abstention

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2021-088**

**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 November 17, 2021; and

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

WHEREAS, the first priority is the ILC Supported Transportation Voucher Program for Central Kenai Peninsula, the second priority is the ILC Supported Transportation Voucher Program for Homer and Anchor Point Area, the third priority is the ILC Supported Transportation Voucher Program for Seward Area and the fourth priority is the Nikiski transportation van; 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 Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports the Independent Living Center, Inc. and the Nikiski Senior Citizens, Inc. to pursue state and federal grant funding opportunities.

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

SECTION 3. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon enactment.

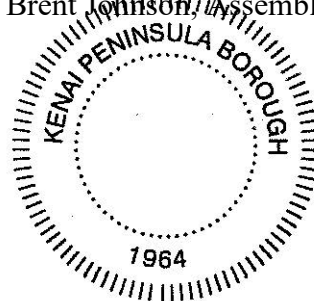
ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 7TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021.



Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:


John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Bjorkman, Chesley, Cox, Derkevorkian, Ecklund, Elam, Tupper, Johnson

No: None

Absent: None

Abstained: Hibbert