

Introduced by: Council Member Cleworth
Introduced: December 14, 2015

RESOLUTION NO. 4704, AS AMENDED

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FAIRBANKS METROPOLITAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS' COMPLETE STREETS POLICY**

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2003, the Governor of the State of Alaska designated the Fairbanks Metropolitan Area Transportation System (FMATS) as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Policy Committee as the policy body providing for the direction of transportation planning in the MPO in accordance with Federal Law; and

WHEREAS, Title 23 of the United States Code provides for funding to FMATS to coordinate the planning and construction of all urban transportation facilities with a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with 23 USC Sec. 134, it is in the national interest to encourage and promote the safe and efficient management, operation and development of surface transportation systems that serve the mobility needs of people and freight and foster economic development within and through urbanized areas and minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish this objective, the MPO, in coordination with the State, develops transportation plans and programs that provide for transportation facilities (including pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities) which will function as an intermodal transportation system for the State, the metropolitan area, and the nation; and

WHEREAS, FMATS developed and unanimously adopted a Complete Streets Policy on October 21, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the principles of Complete Streets are context-sensitive and should complement and support the adjoining land uses and community character, emphasize connectivity, ensure the right of way is planned, funded, designed and operated with consideration of safe access for all users of all ages and mobility and all users being equally deserving of safe facilities to accommodate their travel, encourage the use of the latest and best design standards, allow flexibility in balancing user needs including maintenance needs and temporary snow storage, allow for policy exemptions due to fiscal constraints, meet performance standards and include next steps for implementation of the policy; and

WHEREAS, the Complete Streets Policy promotes the principles of Complete Streets to be considered at all phases of planning and project development in the establishment of a multi-modal transportation system and is a commitment that future transportation projects will take into account the needs of everyone using the road right-of-way as early as practicable and throughout the process to integrate the needs of all users into everyday transportation planning practices so that a complete network of roads serves all users.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Fairbanks City Council fully supports the FMATS Complete Streets Policy and will consider this policy in the design and implementation of projects within the City of Fairbanks, as applicable, and will encourage training and educational opportunities for the successful implementation of the FMATS Complete Streets Policy.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of December, 2015.




John Eberhart, Mayor
City of Fairbanks

AYES: Huntington, Matherly, Gatewood, Pruhs, Cleworth, Walley
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
APPROVED: December 14, 2015

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



D. Danyielle Snider, CMC, City Clerk



Paul Ewers, City Attorney