

Introduced by: Mayor Eberhart
Date: October 10, 2016

RESOLUTION NO. 4762

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FAIRBANKS METROPOLITAN
AREA TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS' GREEN 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, 23 USC provides 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 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, minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and air pollution, and protect the environment; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish this objective, the MPO in coordination with the State shall develop 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, Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, the latest national highway authorization, includes a new planning factor for the reduction or mitigation of stormwater impacts on surface transportation; and

WHEREAS, FMATS Green Streets Policy helps local governments meet compliance requirements with Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) Municipal Storm Water Permit by implementing controls for reducing or eliminating the discharge of pollutants from streets roads and highways; and

WHEREAS, the Chena River, Noyes Slough and Chena Slough are currently listed on Alaska's list on Impaired Water Bodies for sediment and the Noyes Slough is additionally listed for petroleum products and debris; and

WHEREAS, FMATS developed and unanimously adopted a Green Streets Policy on June 5, 2016; and

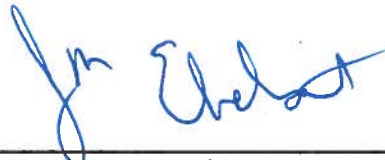
WHEREAS, the principles of the Green Streets reflect the transportation policy and design approach that minimizes environmental impact by focusing on efforts to retain, treat and eliminate runoff using green infrastructure applications; and

WHEREAS, the policy promotes coordination for programs and projects to implement Green Streets as an integrated aspect of road right-of-way infrastructure, and where feasible, maintenance-level rehabilitation projects; and

WHEREAS, basing stormwater management systems on green infrastructure rather than on gray infrastructure often results in lower capital costs due to smaller stormwater infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairbanks City Council fully supports the FMATS Green Streets Policy and will encourage training and educational opportunities and the successful implementation of the FMATS Green Streets Policy within the Fairbanks City Limits.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th Day of October 2016.

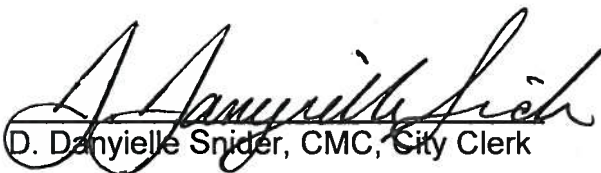


John Eberhart, City Mayor

AYES: PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
APPROVED: October 10, 2016

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



D. Danyielle Snider, CMC, City Clerk



Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney