

RESOLUTION NO. 4510

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FAIRBANKS METROPOLITAN
AREA TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (FMATS), A METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works has passed S.1813, an act cited as the "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century," a bill to authorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs; and

WHEREAS, the Senate bill, as written, terminates MPOs with a population less than 200,000 unless reaffirmed by the existing MPO, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, and the Governor of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, removing the MPO's connection to public participation will lead to decisions made at a state level, increasing the distance between the average citizen and the policy-maker.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, that should Congress elect to change the population threshold and eliminate smaller MPOs, the Fairbanks City Council encourages a grandfather provision for existing MPO's be included in the bill that allows the local decision-makers the exclusive option to remain an MPO; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be sent to Senator Lisa Murkowski, Senator Mark Begich, Congressman Don Young, and the Honorable Governor Sean Parnell.

PASSED AND APPROVED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2012.




JERRY CLEWORTH, MAYOR

AYES: PASSED and APPROVED on the Consent Agenda
NAYS:
ABSENT:
APPROVED: February 06, 2012

ATTEST:


Janey Hovenden, CMC, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Paul J. Ewers, CITY ATTORNEY