**Date:** January 19, 2015

## **RESOLUTION NO. 4656**

## A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FAIRBANKS METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (FMATS) REQUEST FOR TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

WHEREAS, FMATS is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Fairbanks Urbanized area and therefore receives federal highway funds for transportation planning and projects that improve the infrastructure for city residents; and

WHEREAS, FMATS' federal transportation funds decreased by 30% in Federal Fiscal Year 2013; and

WHEREAS, FMATS' has not received state funds in the past two years and this has impaired the MPO's ability to meet pressing transportation needs in the metropolitan area; and

**WHEREAS,** FMATS will be unable to continue to improve the safety of its roads, prepare for economic opportunities, and preserve the existing road system without state support; and

WHEREAS, FMATS has many projects in the cue that are short-funded due to the decrease in federal transportation funding to MPOs;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fairbanks City Council supports FMATS in their request for \$15 million from the State of Alaska for the development of projects in the approved Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Governor Bill Walker and the Interior Delegation.

PASSED and APPROVED and EFFECTIVE this 19th Day of January 2015.

JOHN EBERHART, MAYOR

AYES:

PASSED and APPROVED on the Consent Agenda

NAYES:

ABSET:

Walley

APPROVED:

January 19, 2015

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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