

RESOLUTION NO. 4951

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ONE-WAY TRAFFIC CONCEPT PROPOSAL
FOR THE 5TH AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the pavement and sidewalks on 5th Avenue have severely deteriorated over the years, the sidewalks are obstructed with utility poles, curb ramps are not ADA compliant, and the roadway experiences frequent ponding during rain and snowmelt events; and

WHEREAS, 5th Avenue is a part of the City's downtown core and provides access to numerous businesses and public facilities and is a prime corridor for residents and tourists accessing the Central Business District by vehicle, bicycle, and on foot; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2017, the City Council approved Resolution No. 4816 supporting the nomination of an FMATS transportation improvement program project for the reconstruction of 5th Avenue between Barnette and Noble Streets; and

WHEREAS, as part of the planning for the 5th Avenue Reconstruction Project, FAST Planning has held four stakeholder meetings and online and open house surveys, plus, the project has been reviewed by the FAST Planning Technical Committee and the Policy Board; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has been briefed at Council meetings on the Project by the City Engineer and by Council Members Gibson and Cleworth; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports maintaining the current one-way traffic pattern rather than a proposed two-way traffic pattern for the following reasons:

The ROW between Lacey Street and Cushman Street is not wide enough to provide the desired sidewalk widths, on-street parking, and lanes for two-way traffic in all seasons;

The one-way concept provides wider sidewalks that encourage pedestrian movement;

The one-way concept reduces pedestrian-vehicle conflicts;

The one-way concept maintains on-street parking and loading zones; and

The one-way concept promotes efficient winter maintenance of the roadway.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, that the City supports the one-way traffic concept proposal for the FAST Planning Transportation Improvement Program Project for the Reconstruction of 5th Avenue Between Barnette and Noble Streets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to FAST Planning.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of January 2021.

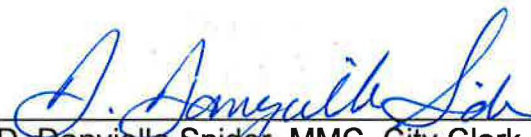


Jim Matherly, Mayor

AYES: Kun, Gibson, Therrien, Clark, Marney, Rogers
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
APPROVED: January 25, 2021

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney