

Introduced by: Don W. Baird, City Manager
Date: April 10, 2007
Action: Passed
Vote: 4-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 07-18

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY'S PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF AN FY 2008 ALASKA COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION GRANT APPLICATION TO OBTAIN TRANSIT SYSTEM OPERATING FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration, acting on the authority of United States Code, Title 49, Section 5311, administers the "Nonurbanized Area Formula Program," in which states may apply and distribute funds to rural public transit systems;

WHEREAS, the community of Bethel is eligible for Section 5311 funding because its public transportation plan has been accepted by the state of Alaska and its public transit system is formally recognized as being in an *implementation status*;

WHEREAS, the Bethel City Council recognizes the importance of implementing public transportation service to the community of Bethel as a way to lower the cost of living for residents/visitors, and facilitate access to jobs, events, and government, health, and education services;

WHEREAS, the Bethel City Council supports a public transit system that coordinates services with other transportation providers in the area and with agencies that can use or purchase services provided by the system;

WHEREAS, the community's transportation needs in Bethel have been discussed in community meetings between the City, ONC, and other agencies, gaps in service identified, and a preferred fixed route strategy put forward that will best serve target populations, including low-income earners, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities;

WHEREAS, the Bethel Public Transportation System Plan is a five-year human service coordinated transportation plan completed in October 2004, accepted by Bethel City Council in November 2004, that suggests the City seek funding through DOT&PF capital grants on an annual basis;

WHEREAS, the Bethel City Council and Orutsararmiut Native Council demonstrated mutual support for a public transit system when they approved the Bethel Transit System Advisory Committee Policy on October 10, 2006, a Memorandum of Agreement indicating that the City would be responsible for vehicle maintenance/storage and administration of a public transit system, and the Native Council would be responsible for administering four grants funding the transit system;

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WHEREAS, match amounts for the grant application will come from in-kind contributions made by the City and other community entities, and previously awarded grant amounts, when applicable, toward the development and operation of the public transit system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Bethel supports the preparation and submission of an FY 2008 Alaska Community Transportation grant to obtain transit system operating funds.

ENACTED THIS 10th DAY OF APRIL 2007 BY A VOTE OF 4 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.



Daniel C. Leinberger, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sandra Modigh, City Clerk