

Introduced by: Acting City Manager John
Malone
Date: May 10, 2005
Action: Passed
Vote: 6-1

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 05-20

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF A SECTION 5311 NEW START 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, a letter dated April 15, 2005 from the state of Alaska requested a Section 5311 New Start grant application from the City of Bethel;

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 coordinated public transportation system in Bethel that involves multiple agencies making significant contributions to system implementation and operation;

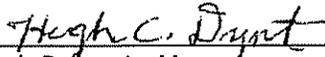
WHEREAS, the City of Bethel intends to use a majority of the expected \$50,000 Section 5311 funds for Administrative expenses, which require a 20% cash match;

WHEREAS, the \$8,000 per year Senior Center bus maintenance arrangement between the City and Orutsaramiut Native Council and \$2,000 worth of discounted donations by local media businesses constitute the 20% required cash match;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Bethel supports the preparation and submission of a Section 5311 grant application to obtain transit system operating funds.

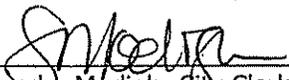
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ENACTED THIS 10th DAY OF May 2005 BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 1 OPPOSED.



Hugh Dymont., Mayor

ATTEST:



Sandra Modigh, City Clerk