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**RESOLUTION #676**

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WHEREAS, existing plans for the ARFF facility do not provide for structural fire fighting capability or ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 51 structures on the airport property, including approximately 27 structures in the FAA housing area, the control tower and airport maintenance and storage buildings; and

WHEREAS, there are substantial differences between aircraft fire fighting vehicles which are designed to fight aircraft fires as compared to structural fire fighting vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Bethel serves as the regional medical center as well as the regional transportation hub for approximately 50 villages in the Yukon-Kuskokwim region; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous ambulance trips between the airport and the Indian Health Service regional hospital serving the entire Yukon-Kuskokwim delta; and

WHEREAS, improving the response time and efficiency of having ambulance and structural fire fighting vehicles located at the airport could prove critical in reducing property damage and injury resulting from an emergency event; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel intends to place a structural fire truck and an ambulance at the proposed ARFF building if two additional storage bays are constructed to accommodate those vehicles.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: the Bethel City Council respectfully requests that the FAA expand the scope of the proposed AIP project in Bethel to accommodate an ambulance and structural fire truck.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 1991.

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Gary Vanasse, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Anna McGowan, City Clerk

tabled at the April 9, 1991  
Council Mtg.

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FURTHER: that the Bethel City Council respectfully requests that the DOT&PF and FAA seek funding through the AIP or other funding sources for the proposed expansion project.

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Gary Vanasse, Mayor

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VOTE COUNT: *Tabled.*