ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

RESOLUTION #2015-05

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING AN AMENDMENT TO AS 35.30.010 PROVIDING FOR STRONGER AUTHORITY BY LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITIES FOR PUBLIC PROJECTS

WHEREAS, Alaska Statute 35.30.010 – Review and Approval by Local Planning Authorities, requires the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to obtain approval from local planning authorities before commencing construction of a public project, such as a highway improvement; and

WHEREAS, “before commencing construction” of a public project, allows the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to advance a public project without local planning authority until the project plan is final and ready for construction, which is at a point of no return for the department and gives little meaning to the statute; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities needs to obtain local planning review and approval for public projects before the final design or alternative is approved and accepted by the department, to meet the intent of the state.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League recommends an amendment to AS 35.30.010 providing for stronger authority by local planning authorities, by deleting, “before commencing construction” and by inserting, “before plans are approved by the department and an approved alternative is accepted by the department.”

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Alaska Municipal League on this 21st day of November, 2014.

Signed: [Signature]
Linda Murphy, President, Alaska Municipal League

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Kathie Wasserman, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League

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