

RESOLUTION #2021-12

In support of an Alaska Multi-Modal Transportation System.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League supports adequate State funding for basic public services and infrastructure including transportation projects that can be used to match or supplement federal funding; and

WHEREAS, an Alaska Multi-Modal Transportation Program would be a single over-arching program to facilitate the funding of all transportation-related projects in the State of Alaska with the objective of ensuring that all transportation related projects were vetted in one program which would reduce redundancies and enhance modal coordination through a transparent and objective process; and

WHEREAS, the modes addressed would include highways, marine, rail and aviation and would include all federal and non-federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the program would be established under the Department of Transportation with a structure akin to that of a metropolitan planning organization with a Policy Board and a Technical Committee; and

WHEREAS, the make-up of the Policy Board and Technical Committee would be representative of all regions and modes and technical modal experts and planners, with representation from state employees, non-state workers, and expert citizens of the state encouraged to participate; and

WHEREAS, the Program would establish long-term and short-term multi-modal transportation plans at least every four years through an objective nomination and evaluation process and create transparency and stability over the current planning process to ensure that the best mode is funded to satisfy an identified transportation deficiency.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alaska Municipal League supports the creation of the Alaska Multi-Modal Transportation Program.