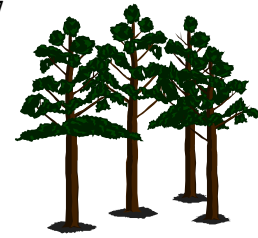


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Resolution 07-2007 Concerning Adding the Knik Arm Bridge as a Long Range Transportation Plan Project

The Rabbit Creek Community Council is opposed to adding the Knik Arm bridge amendment to the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

- ❖ The LRTP is an implementation document of Anchorage's 2020 Comprehensive Plan. The Knik Arm bridge was not included in the LRTP because it did not, and does not, implement that Plan's transportation goals. Far from complimenting 2020's policies, this project would require a rewrite of the 2020 Plan.
- ❖ To fund and support the bridge is in opposition to the 2020 Plan's policies to protect neighborhoods. The bridge design does not allow for further re-design and it will bisect the Government Hill neighborhood. It will also bisect Anchorage's core downtown and negate the Downtown Plan that is being finalized after considerable investment of time and money.
- ❖ The LRTP priority list is composed of transportation projects throughout Anchorage that are critical to the implementation of the land use goals of the 2020 Plan, including the upgrading and construction of projects with limited available funding
- ❖ The proposed Knik Arm bridge does not include plans for funding the on-shore infrastructure nor the impacts of pouring traffic into downtown Anchorage through the Government Hill neighborhood. Even with the required hundreds of millions of dollars for the on-shore infrastructure, the project can not be integrated into the existing road system without huge impacts to existing residences and businesses.
- ❖ Any use of local, state or federal dollars for such a project will lead to reduced funding for existing high priority transportation projects that have already been identified on the LRTP through the public process.
- ❖ Placing the Knik Arm bridge on the LRTP and allocating funds that could be used for other local projects will be a disservice to all residents of Anchorage.

Signed,

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