

Proposed Resolution 2010-01
Supporting the Anchorage Bicycle Plan

WHEREAS, the bicycle remains an important and vital part of the lives of members of Sand Lake Community who engage in bicycling because it is a viable, enjoyable and environmentally-sound form of transportation; and

WHEREAS, utility bicycling including bicycle commuting and using bicycles for errands is beneficial to all who live in the Sand Lake Community as the use of a bicycle rather than a car improves air quality, reduces traffic noise and congestion and road maintenance costs, improves the overall livability of communities and conserves energy; and

WHEREAS, utility bicycling incorporates a healthy form of exercise into an individual's daily routine and reduces traffic-related stress; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of bicycle commuting extend to the employer and include increased worker productivity, attentiveness, energy and enthusiasm, reduced parking and health care costs, and lower employee absenteeism and turnover; and

WHEREAS, an increasing number of businesses, government buildings, and public and private schools have installed bicycle parking and other bicycling facilities to encourage users to arrive by bicycle; and

WHEREAS, bicycle transportation is an integral part of the "multi-modal" transportation system utilized by federal, state, and local transportation agencies; and

WHEREAS, all People Mover buses are equipped with bicycle racks, thus facilitating bicycling in combination with public transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage promotes utility bicycling through development of the Anchorage Bicycle Plan, newly installed bicycle racks, bicycle lanes, the multi-use pathways, and the annual Bike to Work Day event; and

WHEREAS, the education of bicyclists as to the proper and safe operation of bicycles and motorists on the principles of sharing the road is important and requisite to ensure the safety and comfort of all users; and

WHEREAS, the education of motorists on the proper means to accommodate bicyclists using on-road bicycle infrastructure including bicycle lanes is important and requisite to ensure the safety and comfort of all users; and

WHEREAS, the Bicycle Commuters of Anchorage, Alaska Transportation Priorities Project, The Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska Department of Transportation, and independent bicyclists throughout the state are promoting greater public awareness of safe bicycle operation and of how motorists can safely share the road in an effort to

reduce accidents, injuries, and fatalities, and to ensure that bicyclists feel comfortable and safe on our roads; and

WHEREAS, the Sand Lake Community Council commends and thanks all contributors to the Anchorage Bicycle Plan and encourages bicyclists to observe all safety measures including wearing a helmet and obeying all traffic laws, and motorists to share the road and drive with awareness of bicyclists.

NOW, therefore, be it resolved that the Sand Lake Community Council recognizes the Anchorage Bicycle Plan as beneficial to not only the city at large but to our community in particular. Sand Lake Community Council therefore supports the Anchorage Bicycle Plan and encourages its swift passage before the Anchorage Assembly and the Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions (AMATS) Policy Committee.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Sand Lake Community Council this ___th day of _____, 2010 by a unanimous vote.

Mr.
Sand Lake Community Council President

Currently, the 'Anchorage Bicycle Plan' public hearing draft can be found at

http://www.muni.org/Departments/traffic/AMATS/Documents/WEBAnchBicyclePlan_PublicHearing%20Draft_0809.pdf

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