

Spenard Community Council Resolution

2021-04

A Resolution Supporting Full Funding for the Public Transportation Department for 2022

WHEREAS, the Spenard Community Council (“SCC”) is an organization representing the interests of the residents of the Spenard neighborhood of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the SCC supports public transit as a vital public service important to the economic development of community, and one that makes Anchorage an affordable place to live and work; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan designates the Spenard Road corridor for transit-supportive development, where high frequency transit routes provide an incentive to housing and commercial development and infill development over the long term; and

WHEREAS, the Spenard Corridor Plan, Anchorage’s first transit-supportive development corridor planning document adopted in October 2020, includes “Goal 1: Support Transit and Increase Ridership;” and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage made major changes to the People Mover Transit System in October 2017, resulting in both more frequent service in the Spenard neighborhood and also the elimination of bus service along 36th Avenue to the Loussac Library; and

WHEREAS, the SCC passed Resolution 2019-01 “A Resolution in Support of Improving People Mover Service,” with a focus on restoring bus service in West Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the new People Mover Route 85 was implemented on September 20, 2021, using a federal grant for service expansion, which restored service to West Anchorage with access to the Loussac Library; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in the Public Transportation Department’s operating budget would jeopardize the use of the grant for Route 85 and the provision of overall services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SCC strongly recommends the Assembly and the Mayor continue to support the Public Transportation Department's 2022 budget, which contains no changes or increases from the current (2021) operating budget, and not reduce the amount allocated during the quarterly budget revision process.

Resolved, this 6th day of October 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lindsay Han", is written over a horizontal line.

Spenard Community Council President

10/6/21

Date

Vote: 21 in favor, and 1 opposed.