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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2007-_____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A
MINOR AMENDMENT TO THE ANCHORAGE BOWL 2025 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION
PLAN TO THE ANCHORAGE METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS
(AMATS) TO ADVANCE THE LAKE OTIS AND TUDOR INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Bowl 2025 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) serves as the document to guide transportation decisions for the Anchorage Bowl and an element of the Anchorage Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the intersection of Tudor Road and Lake Otis Parkway is one of the worst, if not the worst, intersections in the Municipality of Anchorage in terms of traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, consultants to the Municipality, working with the State Department of Transportation and the Traffic Department of the Municipality, have completed an extensive study of the intersection of Lake Otis and Tudor Road and have re-designed this intersection with a resulting reduction in delays at the Lake Otis and Tudor Road intersection in the range of 20% upon completion of the proposed improvements and an even greater reduction in delays with the completion of related road improvements in the area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements to the intersection of Lake Otis and Tudor are anticipated to add left and right-turn lanes where needed to improve capacity and efficiency of existing intersection. The finished configuration is anticipated to have two left-turn lanes and at least one free right-turn lane at each approach with the purpose of improving circulation, access and safety for vehicle and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the other road projects related to traffic congestion relief in this area are near completion (the extension of Bragaw Road south of Tudor to Abbott Loop Road) or substantially underway (Boniface/48th Avenue east/west extension, 40th Avenue east/west construction, Dowling Road east/west construction) so as to permit construction at the Lake Otis and Tudor Road intersection without severely curtailing north/south access; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Bowl 2025 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) currently shows Project 601, the Lake Otis Parkway/Tudor Road Intersection Improvements Project in an undetermined funding category, but these improvements to the Lake Otis and Tudor Road intersection can be funded with a combination of local bond funds and federal funds from the "Anchorage Traffic Congestion Relief" project identified in the approved 2006-2008 AMATS Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, it is the stated goal of the Anchorage Assembly to relieve traffic congestion to the greatest extent possible throughout the Municipality and, in particular the area

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

Section 1: That the Anchorage Bowl 2025 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) should move Project 601, the Lake Otis Parkway/Tudor Road Intersection Improvements, to a Short Term Project status; and

Section 2: That the Lake Otis Parkway/Tudor Road Intersection Improvements project should commence as soon as practicable after the opening of the Bragaw to Abbott Loop Extension which is anticipated to occur in 2007 so as to permit construction at the intersection to begin in 2008; and

Section 3: That the Municipality of Anchorage members on the AMATS Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee shall support the minor modification of the LRTP necessary to facilitate the commencement of this improvement once the Bragaw Road extension to Abbott Loop Road is completed and open for traffic; and

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Section 4: That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Anchorage Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 2007.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk