

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 21-65**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC
BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF
AND PARTICIPATION IN A REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR
THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH.**

WHEREAS: the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, establishes that a Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) is an organization that identifies local transportation needs, conducts planning, assists local governments, and supports the statewide transportation planning process in non-metropolitan regions of a State; and

WHEREAS: pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 5304 (a)(1) and (e)(1), the State of Alaska shall develop a statewide transportation plan and a statewide transportation improvement program for all areas of the State and shall cooperate with affected local officials with responsibility for transportation or, if applicable, through regional transportation planning organizations for non-metropolitan areas; and

WHEREAS: pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 5304 (l), to carry out required transportation planning processes, a State may establish and designate regional transportation planning organizations to enhance the planning, coordination, and implementation of statewide strategic long-range transportation plans and transportation improvement programs, with an emphasis on addressing the needs of nonmetropolitan areas of the State; and

WHEREAS: pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 5304 (l)(2) and (3), the RTPO shall be a multijurisdictional organization of nonmetropolitan local officials or their designees who volunteer for such organization and representatives of local transportation systems who volunteer for such organization, and shall at a minimum include a policy committee and fiscal and administrative agent; and

WHEREAS: pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 5304 (l)(4), should the State of Alaska establish or designate an RTPO, the duties of the RTPO shall include:

- (A) developing and maintaining, in cooperation with the State, regional long-range multimodal transportation plans;
- (B) developing a regional transportation improvement program for consideration by the State;
- (C) fostering the coordination of local planning, land use, and economic development plans with State, regional, and local transportation plans and programs;
- (D) providing technical assistance to local officials;
- (E) participating in national, multistate, and State policy and planning development processes to ensure the regional and local input of nonmetropolitan areas;
- (F) providing a forum for public participation in the statewide and regional transportation planning processes;
- (G) considering and sharing plans and programs with neighboring regional transportation planning organizations, metropolitan planning organizations, and, where appropriate, tribal organizations; and
- (H) conducting other duties, as necessary, to support and enhance the statewide planning process.

WHEREAS: Should the State of Alaska establish or designate an RTPO, the possible benefits include conducting duties that support and enhance the Statewide planning process; providing a forum for public participation in non-metropolitan areas; ensuring the regional and local input of non-metropolitan areas; fostering coordination of local planning, land use, and economic development plans with transportation plans and programs at the State, regional, and local levels; cooperating on the development of the Statewide Transportation Plan, and consulting on the development of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program in the non-metropolitan areas of the State;

WHEREAS: The State of Alaska Department of Transportation supports the establishment of RTPO's in Alaska and recently designated federal funding in furtherance of this effort;

WHEREAS: The Alaska Municipal League (AML) also supports the establishment of RTPO's in Alaska; and

WHEREAS: the project will serve a public purpose beneficial to the Borough.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly supports the creation of and participation in a Regional


Transportation Planning Organization for the Northwest Arctic Borough region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the Northwest Arctic Borough Mayor shall initiate all necessary steps with the state and federal Departments of Transportation in the creation of and participation in a Regional Transportation Planning Organization for the Northwest Arctic Borough region.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 28th DAY OF DECEMBER 2021.


Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28th DAY OF DECEMBER 2021.


Dickie Moto, Sr., Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 28th DAY OF DECEMBER 2021.


Helena Hildreth, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

