HAINES BOROUGH RESOLUTION No. 22-10-1009 Adopted

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE EXISTING HAINES BOROUGH COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

WHEREAS, people with specialized transportation needs have the right to mobility; and

WHEREAS, individuals with limited incomes and people with disabilities rely heavily, sometimes exclusively, on public and specialized transportation services to live independent and fulfilling lives and these services are essential for travel to work and medical appointments, to run essential errands, or to simply take advantage of social or cultural opportunities; and

WHEREAS, under MAP-21, projects funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program must include a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities requires any human service transit projects funded by the Alaska Mental Health Trust to also be included in a coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan; and

WHEREAS, the FTA 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program provides operating and capital assistance funding to provide transit and purchase of services to private non-profit agencies, federally recognized tribes, and to qualifying local public bodies that provide specialized transportation services to elderly persons and to persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Mental Health Trust provides grants to private non-profit agencies, federally recognized tribes, and to qualifying local public bodies that serve community transit needs of trust beneficiaries, namely Alaskans who experience mental illness; developmental disabilities; chronic alcoholism with psychosis; or Alzheimer's disease and related dementia through funding for operating assistance, purchase of services, capital and coordinated transportation system planning; and

WHEREAS, a local committee with participation by seniors, individuals with disabilities, representatives of public, private, and non-profit transportation and human services providers and other members of the public met on October 14, 2022 to review the plan and recommended through consensus the adoption of the existing plan; and

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WHEREAS, the current Haines Coordinated Transportation Plan, created in 2018, is updated on a five-year schedule, and is due to be updated in 2023, however to be eligible for funding this year, the existing plan must be adopted; and

WHEREAS, members of the local committee reviewed and recommended through consensus the Project Priority as the Purchase of Services Grant for operating expenses associated with the Haines Senior Center Transportation Services; and a capital grant by Southeast Senior Services for a new bus, be submitted to the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

- SECTION 1. That the HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY supports the Haines Borough Coordinated Transportation Plan, 2018 Edition.
- SECTION 2. That the HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY supports the priority project of Purchase of Services Grant on behalf of the Haines Senior Center.

SECTION 3. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

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Bauglas Olerud, Borough Mayor

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 25th day of October, 2022.

Attest:

Fullerton, Borough Clerk