

HAINES BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION No. 23-02-1026

Adopted

**A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly adopting the 2023 Haines Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan and Project List to be submitted to the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.**

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

**WHEREAS**, seniors, 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 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 improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding transportation mobility options; 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**, 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, December 14, 2022 and February 15, 2023 to review the plan and recommended the adoption of the existing plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the new Haines Coordinated Transportation Plan has been completely reviewed, considered and updated as the new 2023 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for the Haines Area; and

**WHEREAS**, this plan will be next updated on the existing five-year schedule, namely in 2028, however this plan shall be reviewed annually to make sure the priorities have not shifted; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the local committee reviewed and recommended 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 adopts the 2023 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for the Haines Area.

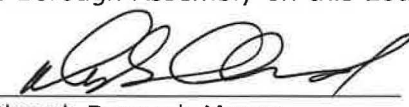
SECTION 2. That the HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY supports the priority project of Purchase of Services Grant on behalf of the Haines Senior Center and the Capital Grant by Southeast Senior Services for the purchase of a new bus.

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

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 28th day of February, 2023.

Attest:

  
Alekka Fullerton, Borough Clerk

  
Douglas Olerud, Borough Mayor

