

**Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority
Board of Directors Resolution #04-09**

Resolution to Retain the Knik Arm Crossing In Short Term Portion of AMATS LRTP

WHEREAS, the Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority(KABATA) was created by the Alaska Legislature in 2003 under Alaska Statute 19.75 to "... further the development of public transportation systems in the vicinity of Upper Cook Inlet with construction of a bridge to span Knik Arm and connect the Municipality of Anchorage and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough;" and

WHEREAS, The Knik Arm Crossing is a Statewide project that will provide a critically needed alternative corridor for the efficient transportation of people, goods and services throughout our State; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee of the Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions (AMATS) has initiated an unnecessary and detrimental process to amend its long-range transportation plan (LRTP) to move the Knik Arm Crossing (which is 91% beyond its boundaries) from the short-term to the long-term portion of the Long Range Transportation Plan, 2018 and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the AMATS LRTP is not required to be amended or updated until 2011. Any Plan Amendment is required to be 1) fiscally constrained, and 2) provide the effected agencies and communities a reasonable opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, as drafted the amendment does not demonstrate committed, available or reasonably available revenue sources to fund all of the other listed projects, however the Knik Arm Crossing is a toll facility substantially financed by user fees and has committed and available revenue sources that are not in competition with other state or AMATS projects; and

WHEREAS, the affected public of this Statewide and regionally significant project includes the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, where 70% of the population favors the project, yet the AMATS process fails to provide an opportunity to account for their comments; and

WHEREAS, the proposed AMATS amendment jeopardizes a federal and state investment of over \$40 million in environmental and related project development activities, and the viability of the project, denying Alaskans the substantial benefits it provides; and

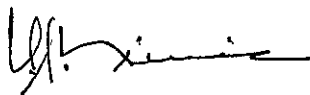
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the KABATA Board of Directors is opposed to any action by AMATS that moves the Knik Arm Crossing Project from a timeline that would in any way alter the pending Record of Decision or NEPA process or delay or deny the project benefits to the public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that KABATA's Board of Directors resolves that AMATS undertake proper consultation, coordination and cooperation with all affected agencies to resolve the issues identified in this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors requires that this Resolution be forwarded to all parties directly involved in the decision making process for the Knik Arm Crossing, Stakeholders and the public at large.

Approved [unanimously] this 8th day of October, 2009

Attested to by:

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Andrew J. Niemiec, Executive Director