

**CITY OF WASILLA
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 11-10**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 77 THAT AUTHORIZES A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION OF MATCHING FUNDS TO CERTAIN LOCALLY AND FEDERALLY FUNDED PUBLIC TRANSIT PROJECTS FOR OPERATING EXPENSES AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS NOW PENDING BEFORE THE 27TH ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, the Wasilla City Council is supportive of Public Transit in and around Wasilla; and

WHEREAS, the Wasilla City Council is aware that the local transit entities require additional funds to meet the demand for service in Wasilla, as well as, regionally; and


WHEREAS, there is consensus to evaluate a Regional Transit Authority for Anchorage and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 77 establishes a fund that will support Public Transit in our region and allow for a Regional Transportation Authority to be established that will coordinate all transit services including commuter rail service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council supports and recommends the passage of Senate Bill 77 by the Alaska State Legislature.

APPROVED by the Wasilla City Council on March 14, 2011

ATTEST:



KRISTIE L. SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk



VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

[SEAL]

VOTE: Harris, Holler, Katkus, Menard, Sullivan-Leonard and Woodruff in favor.



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LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT**

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Agenda of: March 14, 2011
Originator: Administration

Date: March 1, 2011

Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
	Chief of Police	
X	Finance Director	<i>Frank Miller 03/01/2011</i>
X	Interim Deputy Administrator	<i>[Signature]</i>
X	Public Works Director	<i>[Signature] 3/1/11</i>
X	City Clerk	<i>[Signature]</i>

REVIEWED BY MAYOR VERNE E. RUPRIGHT: *[Signature]*

FISCAL IMPACT: yes or no **Funds Available** yes no

Account name/number:
Attachments: None

SUMMARY STATEMENT: The State Legislature is considering Senate Bill 77 this year that will appropriate State funds to match local and federal funds used for public transit operating costs. This Bill will fund transit services such as People Mover, MASCOT, Valley Movers, and Van Pools used for public transit in our area.

These transit entities receive Federal Funding for operating costs, however, they also struggle to find the necessary match funding on an annual basis. This Bill will provide the necessary match funding and allow public transit to be stable and grow. In addition, this type of match funding is vital if commuter rail service between Wasilla and Anchorage is to become a reality.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve the adoption of Resolution Serial No 11-10 supporting Alaska Senate Bill 77 in the 27th State Legislature for transit matching funds.