

**WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 14-01(AM)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING THAT THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL AMEND THE TRANSPORTATION CHAPTER OF THE 2011 CITY OF WASILLA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADD DESIGN STANDARDS AND THE USE OF CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND/OR UPGRADES OF ROADS AND HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla is the commercial center for the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and

WHEREAS, the demands on the City's road networks are intensifying; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Highway, Palmer-Wasilla Highway, Knik-Goose Bay Road, and Main Street are state roads and serve as major corridors entering into and through the city limits; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Department of Transportation has classified these roads as principal arterials that are now part of the National Highway System and are required to meet standards for higher mobility and lower degrees of access by the Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, where these roads enter the city limits, the city desires to find a balance between mobility and access that supports commercial development and residential access; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Highway Alternate Corridor is designated as a priority project for the City of Wasilla and it is where the high degree of mobility needs to be focused; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla is committed to establishing a network of local roads and joined accesses between developments to promote secondary routes and reduce the need to expand arterials in the city limits; and

WHEREAS, to meet a balance between mobility and access the City is willing to accept some levels of congestion during peak hours such that principal arterials can be designed to a Level of Service "E" with a design speed of 35 mph.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla Planning Commission hereby recommends that the Wasilla City Council amend the transportation chapter of the 2011 City of Wasilla Comprehensive Plan as follows:

Chapter 3. Transportation

3.3 Goals, Objectives, and Actions

Goal 1. Provide for streets and highways that promote mobility, connectivity and access for both present and future users while utilizing context sensitive solutions for roadway and highway design.

Objectives	Actions
1.4 Improve the City's road system to meet projected growth.	1.4.1 Continue efforts to locate, design, and maintain roads based on their function and the community needs. <u>1.4.2 Promote the development of secondary roads to establish a network of local roads to reduce the need to expand arterials.</u> <u>1.4.3 Continue to support the Parks Highway Alternative Corridor project as the primary route to move traffic through the City.</u>

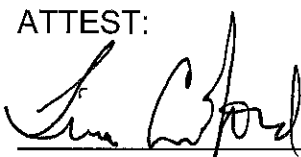
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Goal 2. Provide a streets and highway network that supports economic development and growth.

Objectives	Actions
<p>2.1 Create regulations that protect and improve the traffic flows on highways and arterials that <u>integrate environmental and community values in the transportation decisions at an early point in planning, and continue through project design.</u></p>	<p>2.1.1 Promote access management along collector and arterial roadways, <u>as appropriate and where secondary access is available or planned.</u></p> <p>2.1.2 Reserve sufficient room for major future roadway upgrades along collector and larger roads when developing new roads <u>to allow for the use of context sensitive solutions in the roadway design.</u></p> <p>2.1.3 Revise right-of-way reservation requirements in City Land Development Code to accommodate four lanes or more <u>for the Parks Highway Alternative Corridor Project.</u></p> <p>2.1.4 Require new commercial developments to provide connectivity with adjoining commercial uses.</p> <p><u>2.1.5 Require new residential developments to provide connectivity with adjoining neighborhoods.</u></p> <p><u>2.1.6 Require arterials to be designed with a Level of Service "E" where some congestion is acceptable during peak hours or as approved by the Planning Commission for a specific project.</u></p> <p><u>2.1.7 Require arterials to be designed with a speed limit of 35; and 25 mph when in downtown along the Main Street Couplet or as approved by the Planning Commission for a specific project.</u></p> <p><u>2.1.8 Consider the use of roundabouts when planning improvements to roads and highways.</u></p>

APPROVED by the Wasilla Planning Commission on February 4, 2014.


ATTEST:



Tina Crawford, AICP, City Planner

VOTE: Passed unanimously

APPROVED:



Glenda Ledford, Chairman

Date

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