



**Alaska Native Brotherhood & Alaska Native
Sisterhood
Grand Camp**



RESOLUTION No. 14-09

Title: Fair and Equitable Transportation Planning

WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska is an archipelago of Islands almost entirely managed by the federal government land managers; and

WHEREAS, transportation costs are significant especially for the smaller predominantly Native communities that are disproportionately impacted by higher energy costs (electricity and other fuels); and

WHEREAS, a healthy economy is predicated on providing efficient transportation of goods and services to market; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Transportation plan 2014 plan requires continuous comment; and

WHEREAS, certain items related to community size are being addressed positively in the plan such as the plan to locate a new land based airport in Angoon, the largest community in Alaska without a land airports; and

WHEREAS, the plan would be better and priorities would be more likely to occur if better planning and coordination occurred with federal agencies such as the FAA Federal Highway and Department of Energy through community based federally recognized tribal entities; and

WHEREAS, ferry terminals in large and small communities should be built, maintained and operated by the State of Alaska as part of the overall Marine Highway system and not put on the shoulders of the smaller municipal governments as is now the case, and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan is premised on the planning assumption that Southeast population trends will continue and that by 2034 Southeast will represent 6.9% of the state wide population down from the current 10.2%, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood in Grand Camp assembled in Petersburg, Alaska between October 8 through October 11, 2014 urges the Department of Agriculture through the USFS and the State of Alaska to look into the underlying cause of population shifts and address the lack of reasonable growth in Southeast; to address those causes and determine how better transportation planning and transportation solutions can address the decline; work collaboratively to improve the transportation systems for Southeast Alaska by interacting more with all communities and federally recognized tribes in such a way as to access greater federal funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of Agriculture is requested to issue findings to the Grand Camp of Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood on how surface transportation, aviation transportation and energy transmission can be improved on federal lands in response to the negative population outlook presented by the State of Alaska after consultation with communities and federally recognized Tribes.




William E. Martin
ANB Grand President



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ANS Grand President

ATTEST: I certify that this resolution was adopted by the ANB/ANS Grand Camp in convention at Petersburg, Alaska, during the week of October 8 through October 11, 2014.



Colette Buchanan
ANB Grand Secretary