

Achieving mobility through community appropriate transportation services

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Representative Peggy Wilson State Capitol, Rm 408 Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Wilson:

On behalf of the Alaska Mobility Coalition (AMC), we strongly support HJR4 (a constitution amendment creating a transportation infrastructure fund) and HB30 (transportation infrastructure fund).

The AMC is a private, non-profit membership organization that represents and advocates for public and community transportation in Alaska. The AMC has ninety seven members across the state from Bethel to Prince of Wales Island. The AMC membership provides over seven million rides annually for Alaskans to get to work, school, shopping trips, recreational opportunities and medical appointments. For more information on the AMC, I have attached a link to our website for your review (http://www.alaskamobility.org)

Alaska is one of just three states that do not provide general operating support for transit service. In addition, there are road maintenance, ferry operation and urban and rural trails that are neglected around the state because of the lack of infrastructure support. The federal government will be reducing its investment in transportation in Alaska in the next few years and it is time for legislature to dedicate its gas taxes and other transportation-related user fees for transportation infrastructure.

The Alaska Mobility Coalition would be honored to serve on the Transportation Infrastructure Fund Advisory Council as proposed in HB 30.

Thank you for your efforts in supporting transit in Alaska. I look forward to working with you and the Alaska legislature on your legislation during the current session.

Sincerely,

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