

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 260(TRA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/18/04

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATOR BEN STEVENS

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to metropolitan planning organizations and to the policy board of the**
2 **metropolitan planning organization for the Anchorage metropolitan area; and**
3 **providing for an effective date."**

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** AS 19.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

6 **Article 2. Metropolitan Planning Organizations.**

7 **Sec. 19.20.200. Establishment of metropolitan planning organizations.** In
8 order to coordinate transportation planning in urbanized areas and achieve the
9 transportation planning goals of 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303 - 5306, a
10 metropolitan planning organization shall be established for each metropolitan area of
11 the state when required for participation in a federal transportation program. A
12 metropolitan area is an urbanized area with a population of more than 50,000 persons.

13 **Sec. 19.20.210. Membership of the policy boards of metropolitan planning**
14 **organizations.** (a) The policy board of a metropolitan planning organization

1 established under AS 19.20.200 for a metropolitan area with a population greater than
 2 200,000 persons shall consist of at least seven voting members. A quorum of the
 3 policy board is a majority of the voting members of the board. Three voting members
 4 of the board shall be designated by the municipalities that are located partially or
 5 wholly within the metropolitan area. Two voting members shall be appointed by the
 6 governor. Two voting members shall be designated as follows:

7 (1) one member of the senate who is elected from a district, of which
 8 more than 50 percent is located within the metropolitan area, and who is designated by
 9 the president of the senate; a person who is designated to serve as a member of the
 10 policy board of a metropolitan planning organization under this paragraph may not
 11 receive compensation for service on the metropolitan planning organization; and

12 (2) one member of the house of representatives who is elected from a
 13 district, of which more than 50 percent is located within the metropolitan area, and
 14 who is designated by the speaker of the house of representatives; a person who is
 15 designated to serve as a member of the policy board of a metropolitan planning
 16 organization under this paragraph may not receive compensation for service on the
 17 metropolitan planning organization.

18 (b) The governor may appoint an additional voting member to the policy
 19 board of a metropolitan planning organization that is subject to (a) of this section to
 20 represent a private entity that administers or operates a major mode of transportation
 21 within the metropolitan area.

22 (c) The governor may appoint additional nonvoting members to the policy
 23 board of a metropolitan planning organization that is subject to (a) of this section, if
 24 the additional nonvoting members are authorized in the agreement between the
 25 governor and the participating local governments that designates the metropolitan
 26 planning organization.

27 **Sec. 19.20.220. Approval of local transportation improvement plan.** The
 28 governor may approve a transportation improvement plan or an amendment to a
 29 transportation improvement plan prepared by a metropolitan planning organization if
 30 the plan is consistent with applicable federal law and regulation and the policy board
 31 of the metropolitan planning organization is organized in accordance with applicable

1 provisions of AS 19.20.210.

2 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
3 read:

4 POLICY BOARD OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR
5 THE ANCHORAGE METROPOLITAN AREA. (a) The governor shall enter into a
6 agreement with the Municipality of Anchorage to restructure the policy board of the
7 metropolitan planning organization for the Anchorage metropolitan area in conformance with
8 AS 19.20.210, added by sec. 1 of this Act, and with applicable federal law and regulation.

9 (b) It is the intent of the legislature that the membership of the policy board of the
10 current metropolitan planning organization for the Anchorage metropolitan area (known as
11 AMATS) be restructured in accordance with this Act in a manner that does not constitute a
12 redesignation of the metropolitan planning organization under federal law.

13 * **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2005.