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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 56

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Urging revision of the provisions  
6 of the Highway Trust Fund to permit  
7 utilization of its funds for mass  
8 transit and public transportation  
9 other than for highway purposes.

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 WHEREAS the aim of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956 was to provide  
12 for much needed upgrading of the nation's highways in the form of the inter-  
13 state highway systems; and

14 WHEREAS these needs have not only been accommodated, but in many areas  
15 highways and their related service facilities have been perpetuated to such  
16 an extent that serious problems of air pollution and traffic congestion have  
17 arisen; and

18 WHEREAS since money which now goes into the Highway Trust Fund can  
19 legally be used for other purposes, mass transit systems should be given  
20 primary consideration;

21 BE IT RESOLVED that the Seventh Alaska State Legislature strongly urges  
22 that money from the Highway Trust Fund be made available for public trans-  
23 portation purposes other than highways, and that specific consideration be  
24 given to mass transportation systems in urban areas.

25 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
26 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable John A. Volpe, Secretary,  
27 Department of Transportation; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the  
28 Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U.S.  
29 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.