

**CITY OF CRAIG
RESOLUTION 20-17_**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COORDINATED PUBLIC TRANSIT PLAN AND
TRANSIT PRIORITIES FOR PRINCE OF WALES ISLAND

WHEREAS, people with specialized transportation needs merit access to mobility, individuals with limited incomes and people with disabilities rely heavily, sometimes exclusively, on public and specialized transportation services to live independent and fulfilling lives. These services are essential for travel to work and medical appointments, to run essential errands, or simply to take advantage of social or cultural opportunities; and

WHEREAS, under Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, projects funded by Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program must be included in a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan. The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities requires any human service transit projects funded by the Alaska Mental Health Trust to also be included in a coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan; and

WHEREAS, the FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program provides operating and capital assistance funding to provide transit and purchase of services to private nonprofit agencies, federally recognized tribes, and to qualifying local public bodies that provide specialized transportation services to elderly persons and to persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Mental Health Trust provides grants to private non-profit agencies, federally recognized tribes, and to qualifying local public bodies that serve community transit needs of trust beneficiaries, namely Alaskans who experience mental illness; developmental disabilities; chronic alcoholism with psychosis; or Alzheimer's disease and related dementia through funding for operating assistance; purchase of services, capital and coordinated transportation system planning; and

WHEREAS, a local committee with participation by representatives of Southeast Senior Services, Catholic Community Service, Craig Tribal Association, City of Craig, Interisland Ferry Authority, Island Care Services, all who provide or represent elders who rely on transit services, met on October 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, attendees included representatives of seniors, individuals with disabilities, and public and non-profit transportation and human services providers; and

WHEREAS, the local committee reviewed and recommended through voice vote a list of transit priorities to be submitted to the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the priority list is as follows:

1. Southeast Senior Services operating assistance to include transportation to/from Hollis, through the Human Services Grant Program;
2. Southeast Senior Services transit van vehicle replacement;
3. An operational payment to IFA through the federal Section 5311 transit program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CRAIG CITY COUNCIL:

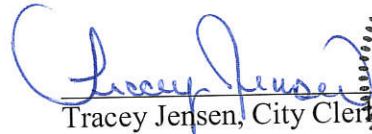
SECTION 1. That the City of Craig supports the local committee's Coordinated Plan and prioritized projects.

SECTION 2. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE CRAIG CITY COUNCIL THIS 5th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020



Mayor Tim O'Connor



Tracey Jensen, City Clerk

