

Resolution 2022-04
Scenic Foothills Community Council

April 14, 2022

Northern Access to the University Medical District (UMed)
A.k.a. Medical Parkway connecting Northern Lights Boulevard and Tudor Road

WHEREAS, the proposed Northern Access Road project into the U-Med district would extend Bragaw Street south at Northern Lights Boulevard to connect with Elmore Road at Providence Drive,

WHEREAS, \$22 million does not cover the \$15 million worth of right-of-way (ROW) still unsecured making this a \$37 million project for a two-lane road at 30mph that is 7/10ths of a mile long is fiscally irresponsible,

WHEREAS, the time savings during peak travel time is estimated at 32-82 seconds for a four lane road at 35mph per the 2011 DOWL Reconnaissance Study Report,

WHEREAS, should a Northern Access Road project into the U-Med district be developed, the project's 2011 traffic study predicts a 50% increase in traffic along the section of Bragaw between the Glenn Highway and the U-Med District (both to access U-Med and using the North Access Road to cut through the District),

WHEREAS, according to the AMATS LRTP, the Bragaw Street and Northern Lights Boulevard intersection was over capacity as of 2002, and the Bragaw Street and DeBarr Road intersection was at capacity as of 2002,

WHEREAS, this corridor was not planned as a major throughway, so there is no remaining ROW available to expand Bragaw without using eminent domain to acquire ROW. This would place a financial burden on the Municipality in eminent domain costs plus the loss of tax assessed revenue from the acquired land,

WHEREAS, building the U-Med Northern Access road will require the removal of some of the last remaining wetlands in the Chester Creek watershed that to help absorb flood water resulting in increased pressure on our already aging storm drain system and increased flooding downstream,

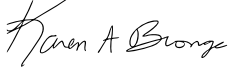

WHEREAS, ten Community Councils from across Anchorage have passed resolutions in the past against this project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Scenic Foothills Community Council opposes any new roadway access into the U-Med District from Northern Lights Boulevard or Elmore Road East of UAA Drive.

Date: April 14, 2022

Votes for: 17 Votes Against: 9 Abstain: 0

Motion Passes / Motion Does Not Pass

President:  Secretary: 
Karen Bronga Tom Wolforth