

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2019-440, As Amended

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT**
2 **OF ADDRESSING DANGEROUS STREET CROSSINGS FOR SCHOOL**
3 **STUDENTS AND DECLARING ITS INTENT TO WORK WITH THE ANCHORAGE**
4 **SCHOOL BOARD, ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND MUNICIPALITY OF**
5 **ANCHORAGE TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP A PLAN OF ACTION**
6 **AND IMPROVE STUDENT WALKABILITY TO SCHOOLS.**
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9 **WHEREAS**, citizens have testified at both Anchorage School Board and Anchorage
10 Assembly meetings in support of expanded and improved walkability to schools; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, the health and safety of students while walking to and from school is
13 a community concern as well as a mutual concern to members of the Anchorage
14 School Board and the Anchorage Assembly; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage School District Transportation Department and the
17 Municipality of Anchorage Traffic Department work together to maintain and
18 update the Safe Routes to Schools Manual, which includes maps indicating safe
19 pedestrian routes that students are encouraged to use; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage School District Transportation Department has
22 reinstated the Safe Student Transportation Committee, which consists of
23 individuals from the Anchorage School District, [CENTRAL COUNCIL] Alaska PTA,
24 MOA Traffic, MOA Public Works, the Anchorage Police Department and the
25 Alaska Department of Transportation, and makes recommendations to the
26 Superintendent of Schools based on technical evaluations of student pedestrian
27 hazards; and
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29 **WHEREAS**, the Safe Student Transportation Committee is limited to
30 recommending bussing or the addition of adult crossing guards to walking routes;
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33 **WHEREAS**, improving student walkability often requires larger-scale solutions,
34 such as signalization or the installation of sidewalks, and is best addressed during
35 the planning stages of infrastructure projects and guided by policy documents; and
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37 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage 2020 Anchorage Bowl Comprehensive Plan is the
38 guiding document for land use development in the Municipality of Anchorage and
39 recognizes the community's desire to "become a more pedestrian-friendly city;"
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42 **WHEREAS**, Section 6.04 of the Anchorage Municipal Charter identifies the
43 comprehensive plan as an item that shall be discussed at the quarterly joint
44 meetings between the Anchorage School Board and the Anchorage Assembly;
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WHEREAS, members of the Anchorage Assembly seek to collaborate with members of the Anchorage School Board to develop policy-driven solutions for pedestrian routes to school where the community desires a solution beyond what the existing options provide; now, therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:


Section 1. To work with the Anchorage School Board, Anchorage School District and Traffic Department to assess and catalogue current dangerous crossings and develop a plan of action.

Section 2. To use the plan of action to embed the Anchorage School Board and the Anchorage School District in the conversation about ongoing multi-modal transportation planning and design efforts.

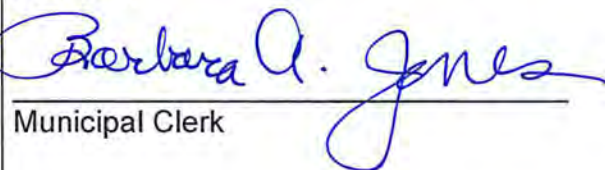
Section 3. To coordinate with the State of Alaska Department of Transportation on projects that impact school walking routes.

Section 4. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 17th day of December, 2019.



Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk