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5 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

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7 RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 09  
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9 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN ADJUSTMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING  
10 AREA BOUNDARY TO INCLUDE THE CHENA LAKE RECREATION AREA  
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12 WHEREAS, Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation (FAST) Planning is the  
13 State-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Fairbanks area and is  
14 seeking approval for a minor adjustment to their Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA)  
15 boundary; and  
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17 WHEREAS, The boundaries of an MPA encompass the existing urbanized  
18 area and may be further expanded to encompass the entire metropolitan statistical area  
19 (MSA); the Fairbanks North Star Borough is one of two MSAs in Alaska; and  
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21 WHEREAS, In accordance with 23 CFR 450.312, as appropriate, MPA  
22 boundary adjustments should be made to foster an effective planning process that  
23 ensures connectivity between modes, improves access to modal systems, and promotes  
24 efficient overall transportation investment strategies; and  
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26 WHEREAS, The urbanized area is determined by census data, but the  
27 census-designated urbanized area can be adjusted; Federal Highway Administration  
28 guidance states the adjusted urbanized area should encompass all large traffic  
29 generators that are within a reasonable distance from the urban area, such as “fringe  
30 area public parks;” and  
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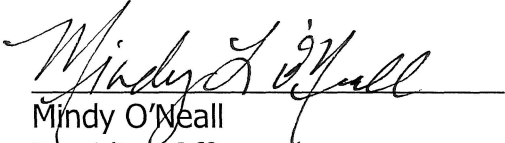
32 WHEREAS, The Borough maintains and operates the Chena Lake Recreation  
33 Area (CLRA) on Federal Lands under a 50-year lease from the US Army Corps of Engineers  
34 and hosts an average of 240,000 visitors per year; a portion of the CLRA is in the  
35 urbanized area; and  
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37 WHEREAS, Expanding the MPA to include the CLRA will allow the area’s  
38 transportation network to be eligible for additional planning and construction funding  
39 opportunities.  
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41 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the Fairbanks  
42 North Star Borough supports the Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation Metropolitan  
43 Planning Organization’s request for a change to the Fairbanks Metropolitan Planning Area  
44 boundary to include the Chena Lake Recreation Area.

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ADOPTED THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2021.

  
Mindy O'Neall  
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

  
April Trickey, CMC  
Borough Clerk

Yeses: Tomaszewski, Cooper, Williams, Sanford, Wilson, Lyke, Cash, O'Neall  
Noes: None  
Other: Lojewski (Excused)