

TRANSIT RESOLUTION

The City and Borough of Juneau approved a transit plan in spring 2014 which included a number of changes beneficial both for the University of Alaska Southeast (UAS) and the broader community. This fall, it was announced that most of these changes would not be adopted and that all bus service onto the Auke Lake campus would be eliminated. In response to this, the UAS Juneau Campus Advisory Council resolves:

Whereas, access to education is a core value of UAS;

Whereas, UAS is an anchor tenant in the Auke Bay community, employing 380 full and part-time people;

Whereas, there are 2393 students enrolled in Juneau campus classes;

Whereas, many local residents who would benefit from education do not drive;

Whereas, UAS just opened a new 120 bed Freshman Residence Hall directly next to the **existing** campus bus stop, largely in recognition that most of these students do not drive;

Whereas, UAS serves many students with limited mobility for whom a lengthy walk to the back loop road creates a hardship, especially at night and in the winter;

Whereas, the UAS community relies on the bus system for transit between the UAS Auke Lake and UAS downtown Technical Education Center;

Whereas, UAS just opened a Juneau Police Department Substation next to the campus bus stop to mirror the transit facility in downtown at no cost to the City;

Whereas, UAS provides the opportunity for local residents to use the campus as a park-and-ride location to downtown, further reducing the traffic on local roads;

Whereas, the Juneau campus provides frequent events open to the Juneau community;

Whereas, the Egan Library serves the public seven days per week and is located next to the existing bus stop;

Whereas, the Juneau Campus is an attractive destination for local visitors;

Be it therefore resolved that the UAS Juneau Campus Advisory Council urges the City and Borough of Juneau to seek solutions with UAS to retain the on-campus bus stop and to further promote ridership by making this stop part of the regular back-loop route.

Resolution passed at the November 3, 2014 meeting of the
Juneau Campus Advisory Council in Juneau, Alaska.

Members present:

Walter Majoros, Steve Hamilton, Nancy Decherney, Rosemary Hagevig,
Steve Hamilton, Jim Strader, Jesse Kiehl, Susan Alexander, Mike Satre,
Sander Schijvens, Capt. Shannan Greene, Andi Story, Mark Miller,
Bill Legere, and Victoria Daniels.