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Comments on the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Public Review Draft

**We recommend a project be added** to the MTP short term list. The ADOT/PF storage building and property on the south west corner of Benson and Spenard is not needed by DOT/PF but is valuable land for the economic development of the corridor. That property should be sold for private development.

**The Spenard Chamber of Commerce supports** the 2035 MTP's classification of the Spenard Road project as an important short term project.

The Spenard Chamber of Commerce was created to cultivate Spenard's status as Anchorage's vibrant shopping, dining and entertainment district with an abundant variety of successful independent businesses in a safe and fun environment.

The Chamber is needed to provide a real voice for the businesses in the area. That need has been particularly clear in the case of the Spenard Road project. Typical media coverage of the project consistently characterizes businesses as opposing the road improvements. That is far from the case as the attached petition shows. The large majority of businesses along the project support it.

The petition shows that the majority of the businesses support road, bike and pedestrian features that can only be achieved with a conversion to primarily a three lane road as stated in the MTP.

We are glad to see the recognition of the fiscal benefits of a conversion to a three lane road on p.6-17 "Conversion of 4 lane roads to three lane roads decrease the maintenance cost by one lane."

The Spenard Road project meets all of the recommended performance measures on page 7-77: Providing for the needs of multimodal travel, Increasing the efficiency of the existing transportation system, Maintaining the existing transportation system, Reducing crashes, Supporting economic health and Reducing the environmental impact of the existing system and future construction.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

John Weddleton - Chair  
Debbie Hinchey - Vice Chair  
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