

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY INCORPORATING THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES (DOT&PF) BIG LAKE PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS INTO THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

AGENDA OF: October 30, 2018

Assembly Action:

*Approved under the Consent agenda
10.30.18 (BOD)*

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Present to the Assembly for consideration.

APPROVED BY JOHN MOOSEY, BOROUGH MANAGER: _____

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator (J. Smith)	BS	
	Planning and Land Use Director	CP	
	Borough Attorney	JS for NS	
	Borough Clerk	JRM	10/22/18 (BOD)

ATTACHMENT(S): Fiscal Note: YES _____ NO X
Planning Commission Resolution 18-22 (3 pp)

Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) Big Lake Pedestrian Improvement Study (231 pp)

Resolution Serial No. 18-071 (3 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities' (DOT&PF) Big Lake Pedestrian Improvements Study Public Review Draft (Study) was funded and managed by the Alaska DOT&PF Planning Field Office in response to the Big Lake Community Council's request for pedestrian and other non-motorized user safety improvements along Big Lake Road, particularly in the section from S. Beaver Lake Road to Echo Lake Drive.

A robust public engagement process has been carried out with

project stakeholders, as detailed in the attached Study (p. 6-7). The project planning team has worked diligently with the Mat-Su Borough Planning Department, the Big Lake Community Council, and a Citizen's Advisory Group specifically focused on this project.

On May 24, 2018, the Study was presented to the Transportation Advisory Board, and on July 16, 2018, the Planning Commission recommended Assembly incorporation of the Study's recommended projects into the Borough Capital Improvement Program.

Staff Recommendation:

Adoption of Assembly Resolution 18-071

By: Jessica Smith &
Van Le
Introduced: June 18, 2018
Public Hearing: July 16, 2018
Action: Approved

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 18-22**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING ASSEMBLY INCORPORATION OF THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES (DOT&PF) BIG LAKE PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS INTO THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP).

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) conducted a study to identify and plan for pedestrian and other non-motorized user safety within the Big Lake Community; and

WHEREAS, the 2030 Alaska DOT&PF Statewide Long-Range Transportation Policy Plan indicates the State's support of various communities' initiatives to develop bicycle and pedestrian facilities; and

WHEREAS, the adopted Big Lake Comprehensive Plan recommends development of a pedestrian and bicyclist friendly street network, development of a transportation system that considers transit operations and a transit station located in downtown Big Lake, and multi-purpose trails along Big Lake Road to South Big Lake State Park, on Hollywood Road, Big Lake Lodge Road, and Beaver Lake Road; and

WHEREAS, DOT&PF and the Project Team has worked collaboratively with an advisory committee, conducted an online survey, conducted a traffic analysis that included pedestrian and bicyclist counts, and engaged in three public meetings, two business stakeholder meetings, and conversations with residents and elected representatives from Big Lake to develop recommendations for inclusion into the CIP; and

WHEREAS, the study was presented to the Big Lake Community Council on July 11, 2017 and June 12, 2018 and a letter of support for the CIP recommendations was submitted to DOT&PF and the project team; and

WHEREAS, the study was presented to the Mat-Su Transportation Advisory Board on May 24, 2018 for their review and comment; and

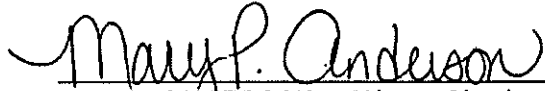
WHEREAS, the recommendations for the CIP are based on community and stakeholder input, supported by the Big Lake Comprehensive Plan, the Big Lake Community Council, and the Transportation Advisory Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission hereby recommend Assembly adoption of the Alaska DOT&PF Big Lake Pedestrian Improvement Study and recommended Capital Improvements into the Borough's CIP.

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ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission
this 16th day of July, 2018.



MARY ANDERSON, Vice Chair

ATTEST



MARY BRODIGAN, Planning Clerk

(SEAL)



YES: *Anderson, Patterson, Chesbro, Hadden, and*
NO: *Mossanen*