

**SUBJECT:** APPROVING AN AMENDED TITLE ON THE PERMANENT TOWER ON GRUBSTAKE PROJECT TO NORTH-EASTERN BOROUGH COMMUNICATIONS TOWER AND APPROVING AN AMENDED SCOPE OF WORK.

**AGENDA OF: February 17, 2026**

**Assembly Action:**

Approved under the consent agenda 02/17/26 - EMW

**AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED:** Present to the Assembly for consideration.

Route To	Signatures
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**ATTACHMENT (S):** Resolution Serial No. 25-014 (1 pp)

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

In the Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Projects Budget, \$400,000 was appropriated to project 47525-1812, fund 480, to construct the Northern Borough Communications Tower. The bids recently received on this project are much higher than anticipated and there is not enough funding to complete the tower construction.

In the Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Projects Budget, \$250,000 was appropriated to project 47525-1811, fund 480, to construct a new permanent communications tower on Grubstake. The Telecommunications Division of Emergency Services has been able to

complete significant upgrades to that site without utilizing the current project funds. The balance of the project remains at \$250,000 and will not need to be spent on the existing Grubstake Tower. Emergency Services would like to rename this project and amend the scope of work to allocate the \$250,000 towards a new North-Eastern borough communications tower. This will secure enough funding to complete the tower project that will increase communication reliability and safety for both the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the State of Alaska.

The North-Eastern Borough Communications Tower project will be a joint venture with the State of Alaska that will provide much needed and improved Emergency Services Communications in the Glacier View and Eureka areas for Ambulance, Fire, and Rescue. This project will enhance communication with mutual aid agency operations along with providing the State of Alaska with additional communications space by mutual agreement. All of the necessary agreements between the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, State of Alaska, and State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources have been secured to complete this project.

**RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:** Respectfully request approval to amend the title and scope of work on the Permanent Tower on Grubstake project, No. 47525-1811, Fund 480.