

Action:

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 25-074**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED IN THE 2023 COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

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WHEREAS, individuals with limited incomes and people with disabilities depend, sometimes exclusively, on public and specialized transportation services to live independent and fulfilling lives, and these services are essential for travel to work and medical appointments, running essential errands, or simply taking advantage of social or cultural opportunities; and

WHEREAS, under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), projects funded through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program must be included in a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) requires any human service transit projects receiving funding to be included in a coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan; and

WHEREAS, the Borough supported the "FY2023 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan" by way of Ordinance No. 23-074; and

WHEREAS, DOT&PF, through the Human Services Transportation

Grant Funds, provides operating and capital assistance funding to provide transit and purchase of services to private non-profit agencies, federally recognized tribes, and eligible local public bodies that provide specialized transportation services to elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the MVP-supported Transit Roundtable committee has identified the following funding priorities:

- First Priority: Upgrade regional fleet vehicles and support vehicle maintenance, advancing Goal 6 of the Coordinated Plan: Design Safe, Accessible, and Affordable Services for Borough Residents.
- Second Priority: Expand voucher programs offered by human service providers, aligned with Goal 5: Support Ongoing Coordination and Collaboration while Creating New Partnerships.
- Third Priority: Develop a rider education program, including a standalone website listing all regional transit providers and access instructions. This goal supports Goal 1: Develop a Comprehensive Plan for Communication, Education, and Awareness Throughout the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the non-profit organizations will submit grant requests reflecting these project priorities to the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for consideration under through state and federal grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is also expected to be a direct recipient of 5310 funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly supports non-profit organizations in their pursuit of state and federal grant funding to provide essential transportation services to community members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Assembly expresses its support for the prioritized project list developed by the Transit Roundtable Committee, comprising transit providers and representatives from transportation, health, and human services organizations.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 5th day of August, 2025.

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EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

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LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

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