MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH INFORMATION MEMORANDUM IM No. 25-164

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

AGENDA	OF: August	5,	2025
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Assembly	Action:			

AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED: Present to the Assembly for consideration.

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ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution Serial No. 25-074 03(pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: The Matanuska-Susitna Borough recognizes that individuals with disabilities and limited incomes rely heavily on public and specialized transportation to maintain independence and access essential services like work, medical care, and community life.

In line with federal (FTA Section 5310) and state (Alaska DOT&PF) requirements under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, all funded transportation projects must align with a locally coordinated transit-human services plan. The Borough had previously endorsed the 2023 Coordinated Plan (Ordinance No. 23-074), which outlines strategic goals for enhancing accessibility, safety, and collaboration in regional transit.

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To support implementation of this plan, the Borough formally endorses the following funding priorities identified by The Transit Roundtable committee:

Upgrading fleet vehicles and improving maintenance (Goal 6 - Safety and Accessibility),

Expanding human service voucher programs (Goal 5 - Coordination and Partnerships), and

Creating a rider education and information platform (Goal 1 - Communication and Awareness).

The Borough supports private non-profit organizations and public bodies in applying for relevant grants through state and federal programs, including funds from the Alaska Mental Health Trust and FTA Section 5310. Additionally, the Borough itself will be a direct recipient of 5310 funds to further these efforts.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Respectfully request approval.

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