

Adopted: 08/20/24

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 24-084**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE WEST SUSITNA ACCESS ROAD PROJECT WITH AN EASTERN TERMINUS IN THE POINT MACKENZIE AREA.

WHEREAS, the West Susitna basin covers nearly 6.2 million acres and has a diverse natural resource base; and

WHEREAS, surface road access west of the Parks Highway to public lands in the West Susitna basin is minimal or non-existent; and

WHEREAS, access to public lands in the west Susitna would open a vast geographic expanse inaccessible by road; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) proposes to construct this project as a new, rural public road to facilitate access to public lands in the West Susitna basin; and

WHEREAS, this project will provide critical infrastructure intended to improve recreational opportunities, access to natural resources, and economic opportunities within the region; and

WHEREAS, the alignment of the West Susitna Access Road in the Point MacKenzie area offers benefits to the community, better utilizes existing transportation infrastructure, including Point MacKenzie and Knik Goose Bay Roads, and positions potential resource development activity in closer proximity to tidewater via

Port MacKenzie while at the same time providing expanded recreational opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly supports the West Susitna Access Project; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly supports an eastern terminus in the Point MacKenzie area. A West Susitna Access Road terminus in the Point MacKenzie area will enhance economic opportunities, create a more direct and efficient transportation route for commercial and industrial activities, distribute traffic more evenly across the region, and support access to improved recreational opportunities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly urges the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) to consider the benefits outlined in this resolution and to support the alignment of the West Susitna Access Road with an eastern terminus in the Point MacKenzie area.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 20 day
of 20, 2024.


EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

YES: Hale, Nowers, McKee, Gamble and Bernier

NO: Yundt and Fonov