

CODE ORDINANCE

Sponsored by: Borough Manager  
Introduced: 11/21/17  
Public Hearing: 12/05/17  
Adopted: 12/05/17

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 17-148**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ADOPTING THE CORRIDOR ACCESS MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR SELDON ROAD EXTENSION CHURCH ROAD TO PITTMAN ROAD AND AMENDING MSB 15.24.030, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND PURPOSES.

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WHEREAS, Borough voters approved the sale of a bond to match a state legislative grant to make various roadway improvements, including construction of Seldon Road Extension from Church Road to Pittman Road; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this project is to provide an alternative emergency transportation route; create a link in the new regional east-west transportation route between Palmer and Houston to relieve traffic congestion on high traffic volume corridors, such as the George Parks Highway; improve area circulation, and decrease east-bound travel distance for Beverly Lake and Pittman Road area residents; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Seldon Road Extension Access Management Plan is to ensure the long term safety and mobility of the proposed roadway and to minimize the potential for future costs to upgrade the roadway infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, access management plans must be adopted into Borough code in order to effectively guide intersection locations during

the platting process, thereby improving roadway safety and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the ability to control corridor access is a key factor in highway congestion and accident rates. A lack of corridor access management and control results in high accident rates, high traffic congestion, and increased costs for construction improvements to mitigate these problems; and

WHEREAS, during the plan development, the design consultants reviewed intersection layouts and adjusted the alignment on the west end at Pittman Road; and

WHEREAS, this adjustment minimizes left turns and collision risks, while providing long term controlled access to the school, and has the support of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District, as well as the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, who owns Pittman Road; and

WHEREAS, in support of this Access Management Plan, the Transportation Advisory Board adopted Resolution No. 15-12 in support of this Access Management Plan, on November 30, 2015, and the Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. 16-05 on February 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Borough conducted three public meetings for this project in Meadow Lakes, which included the presentation and discussion of the proposed Access Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, in support of this Plan, the Meadow Lakes Community Council adopted Resolution No. 17-01 on October 11, 2017; and

WHEREAS, this access management plan for Seldon Road Extension will provide guidelines to ensure the safety and welfare of the community for decades to come.

BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the Borough Code.

Section 2. Adoption of plan. The Assembly hereby adopts the Corridor Access Management Plan Seldon Road Extension Church Road to Pittman Road.

Section 3. Amendment of section. MSB 15.24.030 is hereby amended as follows:

**(41) Corridor Access Management Plan for Seldon Road Extension Church Road to Pittman Road.**

Section 4. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 5 day  
of December, 2017.

  
VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)



PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Sykes, Beck, McKee, Leonard, Mayfield, Doty,  
and Kowalke