

Sponsor: Assemblymember Kowalke and Mayor Halter
Action:

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 18-060**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY URGING THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES AND THE COMMISSIONER TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF THE CITIZENS AND THE BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY THE PHASE III CONSTRUCTION OF THE PARKS HIGHWAY.

WHEREAS, the Parks Highway through the Meadow Lakes area is a primary north/south transportation route on which thousands of vehicles travel daily; and

WHEREAS, the traffic consists of a growing number of commercial vehicles, commuters, tourists and recreation seekers, as was predicted in the Parks Highway Visioning Document; and

WHEREAS, the increasing traffic requires an increase of safe and efficient infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the population in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has increased by approximately 20 percent since the 2010 census, growing to over 100,000; and

WHEREAS, the increased population relies heavily on the local businesses presently along the Parks Highway and the new businesses that will grow around them as the population continues to increase; and

WHEREAS, residents and business owners have met with the Alaska State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

and have expressed concern, without success, about the design of access and frontage roads along the Parks Highway from Milepost 44 to 52; and

WHEREAS, over 400 residents and business owners have signed a petition, to date, requesting improved access into the Meadow Lakes Post Annex and adjoining properties; and

WHEREAS, safety issues are a major concern to residents and businesses alike, and the highway must be built safely to accommodate fire trucks, ambulances, and school buses; in addition to regular private and commercial traffic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly urges the Alaska State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and the Commissioner to meet with the residents and businesses impacted by Phase III of the Parks Highway Construction to hear the concerns and work with the residents to find viable solutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly supports the use of frontage roads which will create easy access to the Parks Highway and will promote safety in a growing community.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this - day of -, 2018.

VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

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