

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 21-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD REQUESTING THE ASSEMBLY ADOPT AND FUND A TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE THAT INCLUDES PROJECTS LISTED IN THE MSB LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP), THE MSB OFFICIAL STREETS AND HIGHWAYS PLAN (OSHPP), THE MSB/MSBSD SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PLAN AND TO COMPLETE THE PROJECTS APPROVED BY VOTERS IN THE 2013 & 2018 BOND PACKAGES, AS WELL AS OTHER PRIORITIZED ROAD MAINTENANCE PROJECTS, ALL OF WHICH WILL REDUCE TRAFFIC CONGESTION, SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY, ENHANCE PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICLE SAFETY, INCREASE RELIABILITY, AND PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION CHOICES FOR RESIDENTS.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is the fastest growing borough in the state; and

WHEREAS, with the ever increasing population, there is a need for improvements to a number of roads, and to increase our transit, pedestrian, and nonmotorized pathway facilities within the borough; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's (Borough) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) identifies seven goals including the need to provide transportation choices, improve connectivity, improve mobility, make our transportation system safer, and to support economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's LRTP also included a list and proposed budget a number of Short, Medium, and Long term road projects and identified the need for additional transit and pedestrian facilities ; and

WHEREAS the LRTP identified \$1.3 Billion of needed

transportation infrastructure improvements between 2016 and 2035;
and

WHEREAS, during this same time period the Borough's population is expected to more than double to 189,900 residents; and

WHEREAS, the Official Streets and Highways Plan, Capital Improvement Program, Safe Routes to School Plan, and Comprehensive Plans, also identify priority transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, to implement these plans to improve our transportation infrastructure, funding needs be programmed so that construction can begin as early as possible in order to prevent additional connectivity, congestion, and safety issues from getting worse; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Borough residents to build key elements of the Borough's transportation system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Transportation Advisory Board supports the list of borough staff recommended projects in the 2021 Transportation Infrastructure Package; and

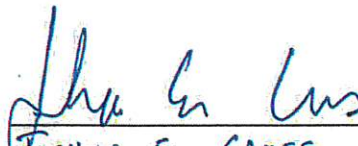
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Transportation Advisory Board would encourage the Borough Assembly to prioritize those projects already approved by previous voter approved bonding efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Transportation Advisory Board would encourage the assembly to direct borough staff to update, explore, and document cost

estimates for projects recommended by staff for funding prior to requesting voter approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Transportation Advisory Board supports assembly efforts to develop new funding mechanisms for the construction of public roads, public transit facilities, and pedestrian pathways in the Borough to improve the safety and function of our transportation system.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Transportation Advisory Board this 11 day of JUNE, 2021.


Joshua E. Cross

, Chair

ATTEST:



Kim Sollien
Transportation Advisory Board Clerk