

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

**AGENDA OF: August 20, 2024**

**Assembly Action:**

Adopted with Assemblymembers Yundt and Fonov opposed 08/20/24 -EMW

**AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED:** Present to the Assembly for consideration.

| Route To            | Signatures  |
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| Originator: M.Brown | <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">8 / 8 / 2 0 2 4</div> <p>X M i c h a e l B r o w n</p> <hr/> <p><small>Signed by: M i k e B r o w n</small></p>                                   |
| Borough Attorney    | <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">8 / 8 / 2 0 2 4</div> <p>X N i c h o l a s S p i r o p o u l o s</p> <hr/> <p><small>Signed by: N i c h o l a s S p i r o p o u l o s</small></p> |
| Borough Manager     | <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">8 / 8 / 2 0 2 4</div> <p>X M i c h a e l B r o w n</p> <hr/> <p><small>Signed by: M i k e B r o w n</small></p>                                   |
| Borough Clerk       | <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">8 / 8 / 2 0 2 4</div> <p>X L o n n i e M c K e c h n i e</p> <hr/> <p><small>Signed by: L o n n i e M c K e c h n i e</small></p>                 |

**ATTACHMENT (S):** Resolution Serial No. 24-084 ( pp)

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** This resolution is sponsored by Assemblymember Gamble. The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) has launched a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process to prepare an environmental assessment for the West Susitna Access Road (West Su Access) project. The first step in that process helps "scope" the issues that need to be studied. The DOT&PF is soliciting scoping comments and information on a proposal to construct the West Su Access. DOT&PF is accepting public scoping comments July 23 through August 23, 2024. The purpose of the project is to provide a safe public road linkage from the existing highway system west to public-owned lands. This improved access would allow for increased recreation, guiding and settlement opportunities, and economic development of public resources, including forestry, agriculture, minerals, and energy. DOT&PF's proposed action is to utilize an alignment with the road terminus at the West Susitna Parkway near Big Lake.

**RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:** Respectfully request approval.