

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROVING 2026 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES.

AGENDA OF: October 7, 2025

Assembly Action:

AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED: Introduce and set for public hearing.

Route To	Signatures
Originator M. Brown	<div>9 / 2 4 / 2 0 2 5</div> <div>X M i c h a e l B r o w n</div> <div>Signed by: Mike Brown</div>
Finance Director	<div>Recoverable Signature</div> <div>X C h e y e n n e H e i n d e l</div> <div>Signed by: Cheyenne Heindel</div>
Borough Attorney	<div>9 / 2 4 / 2 0 2 5</div> <div>X N i c h o l a s S p i r o p o u l o s</div> <div>Signed by: Nicholas Spiropoulos</div>
Borough Manager	<div>9 / 2 4 / 2 0 2 5</div> <div>X M i c h a e l B r o w n</div> <div>Signed by: Mike Brown</div>
Borough Clerk	<div>9 / 2 5 / 2 0 2 5</div> <div>X B r e n d a J . H e n r y f o r</div> <div>Signed by: Brenda Henry</div>

ATTACHMENT (S): Resolution Serial No. 25-072 (14 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: The following are the 2026 priorities for State action and funding presented to the Assembly for consideration. Each funding priority includes the State House District (HD), where the project is located.

BOROUGH ACTION PRIORITIES:

- A. Alaska State Trooper Staffing
- B. Support for State Forestry to Implement a Program to Harvest/Remove Beetle-Killed Spruce to Reduce Fire Hazard
- C. Support For User-Friendly Transparent Healthcare Pricing, Including Adoption of a State All-Payer Claims Database (APCD)
- D. Support for the Alaska Long Trail
- E. Support for Modifying Alaska Statute 34.08 - Common Interest Ownership Act
- F. Support for Corporate Tax Holiday for Port MacKenzie District
- G. Support for Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) Maintenance Facility in the Borough

- H. Knik Arm Crossing
- I. State Land Transfers to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough
- J. Fishery Management
- K. Oppose Proposed Changes to Alaska State Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) Unless Municipalities are Allowed to Elect Changes Affirmatively
- L. State of Alaska Voter Roll Accuracy
- M. Support for Establishing the Alaska Energy Independence Program and the Alaska Energy Independence Fund
- N. Adopt a Standard for Operating a Vehicle While Under the Influence of Marijuana or a Standard for the Presumption of Being Under the Influence of Marijuana
- O. Support Proposed Changes to the Law Regarding Sex Offenders, Sex Trafficking, and Sex Crimes
- P. Support of Legislation Relating to Parental Rights in Education
- Q. Support Legislation Which Establishes a Program for School District-Selected Individuals to be Permitted to Carry a Firearm on School Property
- R. Oppose State Legislation Enacting Major Changes to Mandatory Municipal Tax Exemptions
- S. Amend State Law to Allow Expenditures of the E-911 Surcharge Revenues to Support a Broader Range of Emergency Communications Network
- T. Amend State Law Regarding Apportionment of the Borough Planning Commission Where a Borough has Delegated Planning Commission Powers to Cities
- U. Amend State Law to Allow Beverage Dispensary Licenses to be Transferrable from an area Within a City to an Area Within the Borough
- V. Amend State Law to Allow for Online Publication of Notice for Meetings to Satisfy the Alaska Open Meetings Act
- W. Amend State Law to Allow for Four-Year Terms for Local Elected School Board Members
- X. Amend State Law to Allow for Term Limits for School Board Members
- Y. Amend State Law to Allow for Four-Year Terms for Local Planning Commission

BOROUGH FUNDING PRIORITIES:

- 1. Full Funding for School Bond Debt Reimbursement - \$17,162,820 (HD 25-30)
- 2. Port Mackenzie Rail Extension (PMRE) Project - \$275,000,000 (HD 30)
- 3. Non-Borough Certified Roads Upgrades - \$10,000,000 (HD 25-30)
- 4. Jonesville Public Shooting Park - \$3,000,000 (HD 29)
- 5. Willow Public Safety Facility - \$5,000,000 (HD 30)
- 6. Education Support:
 - Increase funding for K-12 public education programs.
 - o Increase Foundation Formula funding

- o Increase funding for Pupil Transportation
 - o Increase funding for the Alaska Reads Act
 - o Increase funding through the Correspondence Factor
 - Support for Ending the School Bond Debt Reimbursement Moratorium
7. Fishery Protection - \$2,500,000 (HD 25-30)
 8. Flood and Erosion Mitigation for Susceptible Roads - \$2,000,000 (HD 28, 29, 30)
 9. Natural Gas Transmission Line to Port MacKenzie - \$57,000,000 (HD 30)
 10. Pavement Preservation - \$17,150,000 (HD 25-30)
 11. Talkeetna Dike and Revetment - \$20,000,000 (HD 30)
 12. State Match for Voter-Approved 2023 MSB Transportation Infrastructure Package - \$19,985,500 (One-half of \$39,971,000) (HD 25-28, 30)

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Respectfully request approval.