

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROVING 2024 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES.

AGENDA OF: October 17, 2023

Assembly Action: Amended and adopted without objection 11/1/23 - BJH

AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED: Introduce and set for public hearing.

Route To	Signatures
Originator: M. Brown	<div>10/14/2023</div> <div>X M i c h a e l B r o w n</div> <div>Signed by: M i c h a e l B r o w n</div>
Finance Director	<div>10/15/2023</div> <div>X C h e y e n n e H e i n d e l</div> <div>Signed by: C h e y e n n e H e i n d e l</div>
Borough Attorney	<div>10/15/2023</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: N i c h o l a s S p i r o p o u l o s</div>
Borough Manager	<div>10/15/2023</div> <div>X M i c h a e l B r o w n</div> <div>Signed by: M i c h a e l B r o w n</div>
Borough Clerk	<div>10/16/2023</div> <div>X L o n n i e M c K e c h n i e</div> <div>Signed by: L o n n i e M c K e c h n i e</div>

ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution Serial No. 23-104 (16 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: The following are the 2024 priorities for State action and funding as presented to the Assembly for consideration.

BOROUGH ACTION PRIORITIES:

- A. Support for the following Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) Road Projects -
- Seward Meridian Parkway Improvements, Phase 2 (Palmer-Wasilla Highway to Seldon Road) - \$57 Million
 - Community Transportation Program Mat-Su Borough (MSB) Projects - \$32.9 Million
 - Wasilla-Fishhook, Main Street Rehabilitation - \$48 Million
 - Highway Safety Improvement Projects - \$41.8 Million
 - Fairview Loop Rehabilitation - \$54.3 Million
 - Vine Road Reconstruction, Knik-Goose Bay Road to Hollywood Road - \$12.1 Million

- Big Lake Road MP 0-3.6 and Church Road Pavement Preservation - \$13.2 Million
 - Big Lake Road MP 3.6 to 9.1 Pavement Preservation - \$20 Million
 - Bogard Road Pavement Preservation, Trunk Road to Wasilla Fishhook - \$16 Million
 - Wasilla-Fishhook, Seldon Road to Tex-Al Drive - \$8.9 Million
- B. Full Complement of Trooper Staffing and Presence in the Mat-Su Valley Equaling 71 Sworn Officers
 - C. Continued Support for the West Susitna Access Road
 - D. Support for State Forestry to Implement a Program to Harvest/Remove Beetle Killed Spruce to Reduce Fire Hazard
 - E. Support for User-Friendly Transparent Healthcare Pricing Including Adoption of a State All-Payer Claims Database
 - F. Support for the Alaska Long Trail
 - G. Support for the Jonesville Public Use Area Management Plan and Agreement
 - H. Support for Modifying AS 34.08 - Common Interest Ownership Act
 - I. Support for Corporate Tax Holiday for Port MacKenzie District
 - J. Support for ADOT&PF Maintenance Facility in the Mat-Su Valley
 - K. Support for Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas (AKLNG)
 - L. Knik Arm Crossing
 - M. State Land Transfers to the Mat-Su Borough
 - N. Fishery Management
 - O. Oppose Proposed Changes to State of Alaska Public Employees Retirement System (Pers) Unless Municipalities are Allowed to Affirmatively Elect Changes
 - P. Request the State of Alaska Keep Voter Registration Accurate
 - Q. Support of House Bill 154 and Senate Bill 125 Establishing the Alaska Energy Independence Program and the Alaska Energy Independence Fund
 - R. 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
 - S. Support Proposed Changes to the Law Regarding Sex Offenders and Sex Crimes
 - T. Support of House Bill 105 Relating to Parental Rights in Education
 - U. Support State Legislation Prohibiting Municipal Taxation of the Transfer of Real Property
 - V. Oppose State Legislation Enacting Major Changes to Mandatory Municipal Tax Exemptions

BOROUGH FUNDING PRIORITIES:

1. Full Funding for School Bond Debt Reimbursement - \$16,195,861
2. 50 Percent State Match for Voter-Approved Transportation Infrastructure Package - \$38,168,210
3. Point MacKenzie Highway - \$72 Million
4. Education Support:

- Increase Foundation Formula Funding by adjusting the Base Student Allocation (BSA) in successive years to support a multi-year funding plan. Increase the Base Student Allocation to \$7,087 in FY2025, \$7,389 in FY2026, and \$7,704 in FY2027. [AS 14.17.470]
 - New School Construction for Charter Schools (3 sites) American Charter Academy, Birchtree Charter School, and Academy Charter High School - \$58,654,250
 - Adjust the per student funding for pupil transportation services on an annual basis. The revenue adjustment factor should continue to be the Alaska Consumer Price Index (CPI) as compiled by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. [AS 14.09.010(a)]
 - Support for ending the School Bond Debt Reimbursement Moratorium
5. Willow Fire/EMS Station - \$5 Million
 6. Flood and Erosion Mitigation for Susceptible Roads - \$3.5 Million
 7. Natural Gas Transmission Line to Willow - \$47,600,000
 8. Fishery Protection - \$2.5 Million

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Respectfully request approval of the 2024 State legislative priorities.