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Action: Approved

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. PC 21-12**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING THE ASSEMBLY ADOPT AND FUND A TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE THAT INCLUDES PROJECTS LISTED IN THE 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP), THE 2007 OFFICIAL STREETS AND HIGHWAYS PLAN (OSHP), AND THE 2014 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PLAN, TO COMPLETE THE PROJECTS APPROVED BY VOTERS IN THE 2013 & 2018 BOND PACKAGES, AS WELL AS OTHER PRIORITIZED 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.

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WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (Borough) is the fastest growing borough in the State; and

WHEREAS, with the ever increasing population, there is a need to accelerate improvements and connections within our transportation system network which includes roads, transit and pedestrian facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's 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 for 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 worth 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 fund and construct key elements of the Borough's transportation system.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission 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 Planning Commission recommends the Assembly develop new funding mechanisms for the construction of public collector and arterial roads, public transit facilities, and pedestrian pathways in the Borough to improve our transportation system.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2021.

  
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Coleen Vague, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Karol Riese, Planning Commission Clerk

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YES: (6) Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Vague, Commissioner Elder,  
Commissioner Glashan, Commissioner Mossanen, Commissioner Chesbro

NO: (0)