

**SUBJECT: INFORMING THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY OF THE BOROUGH MANAGER'S INTENT TO SUBMIT A BUILD GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE BURMA ROAD CORRIDOR PROJECT, AND A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A BUILD GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE BURMA ROAD CORRIDOR PROJECT AND REQUESTING ITS NOMINATION FOR THE ALASKA STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP) .**

**AGENDA OF: February 3, 2026**

**Assembly Action:**

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

| Route To                         | Signatures   |
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| Originator - Brad Sworts         | <p>1/21/2026</p> <p> <br/> Signed by Brad Sworts</p>                          |
| Public Works Department Director | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <br/> Signed by Tom Adams</p>        |
| Finance Director                 | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <br/> Signed by Cheyenne Heindl</p> |
| Borough Attorney                 | <p>1/22/2026</p> <p> <br/> Signed by Nicholas Spriopoulos</p>               |
| Borough Manager                  | <p>1/22/2026</p> <p> <br/> Signed by Mike Brown</p>                         |
| Borough Clerk                    | <p>1/23/2026</p> <p> <br/> Signed by Lorrie McKechnie</p>                   |

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Resolution Serial No. 26-008 (5 pp)  
Burma Road Corridor Map (1 pp)

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** The U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program provides funding for surface transportation infrastructure projects that demonstrate significant local or regional impact. BUILD enables project sponsors to advance multi-modal and multi-jurisdictional initiatives that may be difficult to finance through other grant programs. USDOT is accepting applications through February 24, 2026.

The Borough administration intends to prepare, sign, and submit an application for the BUILD Grant Program to the USDOT for the Burma Road Corridor, seeking up to \$25,000,000 for a Planning Project. Planning project activities include planning, preparation, design or engineering of surface transportation projects that will not result in construction with FY 2026 BUILD funding.

The accompanying resolution is in support of the FY 2026 BUILD Grant Program application.

This project proposes planning, preliminary engineering, and design of a highway corridor from Ayrshire Avenue to Susitna Parkway. The corridor generally follows the existing alignment of Burma Road and the Purinton Parkway. The existing Burma Road is not suitable for anything other than local traffic.

This highway corridor will be a critical connection in moving equipment and materials from west of the Susitna River to Port MacKenzie. It would be difficult to overstate the impact a Susitna River crossing would have on the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. Planning the Burma Road corridor is a proactive approach to better position the Matanuska-Susitna Borough for the vast economic impacts that would certainly come from the construction of a bridge across the Susitna River.

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

