

**SUBJECT:** APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 3 FOR THE BOUTET COMPANY, INC., CONTRACT 24-135P, TO EXTEND CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE FOR THE DESIGN OF KEPLER DRIVE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT FROM MARCH 31, 2026, TO JULY 30, 2027.

**AGENDA OF: March 17, 2026**

**ASSEMBLY ACTION:**

Approved under the consent agenda 03/17/26 - EWM

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

Route To:	Signature
Originator	X <u>Donald Gibbs</u> <small>Signed by: Donald Gibbs</small>
Division Manager	X <u>Cole Branham</u> <small>Signed by: Cole Branham</small>
Department Director	X <u>Tom Adams, PE</u> <small>Signed by: Tom Adams</small>
Purchasing Director	X <u>Russ Krafft</u> <small>Signed by: Russ Krafft</small>
Finance Director	X <u>Cheyenne Heindel</u> <small>Signed by: Cheyenne Heindel</small>
Borough Attorney	X <u>Nicholas Spiropoulos</u> <small>Signed by: Nicholas Spiropoulos</small>
Borough Manager	X <u>Michael Brown</u> <small>Signed by: Mike Brown</small>
Borough Clerk	X <u>Lonnice McKechnie</u> <small>Signed by: Lonnie McKechnie</small>

**ATTACHMENT (S) :**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** On April 17, 2024, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Purchasing Division issued a solicitation requesting Proposals from qualified firms to provide design and construction management services to replace the existing Kepler Drive bridge over the channel connecting Kepler and Bradley Lakes. Services purchased will support the Public Works Department in assembly district #2.

In response to the advertisement, three proposals were received.

A proposal evaluation team made up of Borough Public Works staff evaluated the proposals and selected The Boutet Company as the most advantageous firm for the Borough.

On September 3, 2024, through AM No. 24-103, the Assembly awarded proposal number 24-135P to The Boutet Company, Inc. for the contract amount of \$250,153.40 to design Kepler Bradley bridge replacement, with a final completion date of December 31, 2025.

On April 21, 2025, Change Order No. 1 was authorized in response to inadequate bearing soil conditions. This change order included additional design, permitting, and construction administration services, as well as a gravel surcharge. The revised scope resulted in an increase of \$36,165.00 to the contract, bringing the total contract value to \$286,318.40.

On December 11, 2025, Change Order No. 2 was approved, authorizing a redesign utilizing a twelve-foot diameter round pipe to accommodate low bearing soil conditions. This solution streamlines construction design, preserves lake passage, and adheres to budget constraints. The change contributed an additional \$38,343.00; however, a credit of \$28,560.00 was applied due to reduced permitting and construction management fees, as well as the elimination of the gravel surcharge from Change Order 1. Consequently, the net increase for Change Order 2 was \$9,783.00, resulting in a revised total contract value of \$296,101.40. Per AM No. 24-103, Administration also extended the deadline by 90 days to March 31, 2026.

Due to delays associated with soil condition design, Administration is requesting approval to extend the project completion date from March 31, 2026, to July 30, 2027, to accommodate construction administration oversight during the Fall 2026 bridge construction and Spring 2027 soil stabilization. In accordance with MSB 3.08.170(B), Administration additionally seeks authorization to amend the contract completion date by up to 90 days in response to unforeseen circumstances.

The Public Works Department, Project Management Division, will be administering the contract.

**RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:** Approve Change Order No. 3, for The Boutet Company, Inc., Contract 24-135P, to extend contract completion date for the Design of Kepler Drive Bridge Replacement from March 31, 2026, to July 30, 2027, with additional administrative extension authority of up to 90 days.