

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

AGENDA OF: October 4, 2022

Assembly Action:

*Amended & adopted without objection
10-18-22 MB*

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Introduce and set for public hearing.

APPROVED BY MICHAEL BROWN, BOROUGH MANAGER: *MB*

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator: M. Brown	MB	
	Finance Director	CK	
	Borough Attorney	MS	
	Borough Clerk	JAM 9/20/22	<i>MB</i>

ATTACHMENT (S): Fiscal Note: YES ☐ NO ☒
Resolution Serial No. 22-097 (14 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The following are the priorities for State action and funding for Fiscal Year 2024 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 Extension North, Phase 2 (Palmer-Wasilla Highway to Seldon Road) - \$57 Million
 - Community Transportation Program Mat-Su Borough (MSB) Projects - \$32.9 Million
 - Knik-Goose Bay Road Reconstruction (Fairview Loop to Vine Road) - \$50 Million
 - Glenn Highway MP 34-42, Phase 2 (Parks Highway Interchange to South Inner Springer Road) - \$45 Million
 - Wasilla-Fishhook, Main Street Rehabilitation - \$47 Million
 - Highway Safety Improvement Projects - \$41.8 Million
 - Fairview Loop Rehabilitation - \$54.3 Million

- Vine Road Reconstruction, Knik-Goose Bay Road to Hollywood Road - \$12.8 Million
- Parks Highway Alternative Corridor, Planning-Environmental Linkage Study - \$5.2 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. Port MacKenzie Rail Extension Multi-Modal Transportation Corridor
- M. Knik Arm Crossing
- N. State Land Transfers to the Mat-Su Borough
- O. Fishery Management
 - Support Collaboration between the state and federal fisheries management to reduce bycatch
 - Increase funding for fish weirs in the Mat-Su Borough and increase genetic sampling to improve salmon management
 - Full match federal funds from license fees to maximize federal dollars for fish and game
 - Hold Alaska State Board of Fisheries meetings at a neutral site such as Anchorage, rather than in the Mat-Su Borough or Kenai Peninsula Borough
 - Maintain the conservation corridor for salmon

BOROUGH FUNDING PRIORITIES:

- A. Full Funding for School Bond Debt Reimbursement - \$17,252,568
- B. Arctic Winter Games 2024 - \$2 Million
- C. Port MacKenzie Rail Extension Public Road Upgrade - \$30 Million
- D. Metropolitan Planning Organization - \$1 Million
- E. Willow Fire/EMS Station - \$5 Million
- F. Education Support: Base Student Allocation (BSA) increase; Facilities for American Charter School, Birchtree Charter School, and Academy Charter School; Transportation Allocation Increase; Support for Ending the School Bond Debt Reimbursement Moratorium; support 70/30 split for school bond debt reimbursement for qualified projects
- G. Safe Streets and Roads for All - \$500,000

- H. 2022-2023 Community Transportation Program (CTP) - \$30 Million and Alaska Transportation Alternatives Program (ATAP) - \$10 Million
- I. Flood and Erosion Mitigation for Susceptible Roads - \$3.5 Million
- J. Talkeetna Water and Sewer Line Repairs and System Upgrades - \$4.75 Million
- K. Alaska Railbelt Clean Energy Transportation Infrastructure Project - \$203.9 Million
- L. Completion of Port MacKenzie Rail Extension (PMRE) - \$190 Million
- M. Fishery protection - \$2.5 million
- N. Substandard road and bridge improvements - \$25 million

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Approval of Fiscal Year 2024 State legislative priorities.