

# Matanuska-Susitna Borough



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1. Fiscal Year 2020 Priorities Resolution 18-077
2. Voter Approved Road Projects
3. Citizen Vote on Police Services
4. Equality
5. Fish & Wildlife Commission Update



Amended: 11/27/18  
Adopted: 11/27/18

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 18-077**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROVING  
FISCAL YEAR 2020 BOROUGH PRIORITIES AND PROJECT FUNDING.**

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**Borough Action Priorities:**

- 1. FULL COMPLEMENT OF TROOPER STAFFING AND PRESENCE IN THE MAT-SU VALLEY** - Captain April recommends 85 Trooper positions and we request this goal be achieved within three years.
- 2. HIGHER PRIORITIZATION FOR MAT-SU BOROUGH PROJECTS AND EFFORTS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** - Pursue Mat-Su Borough Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) implementation within the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
- 3. REPRESENTATION FROM MAT-SU VALLEY ON STATE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND DIRECTORIAL POSITIONS.**
- 4. SUPPORT FOR PORT MACKENZIE ON STATE OF ALASKA PROJECTS, INCLUDING LNG DEVELOPMENT.**
- 5. COMPLETION OF STATE-FEDERAL KNIK-GOOSE BAY (KGB) ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FROM CENTAUR AVE. TO SETTLER'S BAY.**
- 6. COMPLETION OF STATE-FEDERAL GLENN HIGHWAY PARKS HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE TO ARCTIC AVE., MP 34 TO 42 PROJECT.**
- 7. COMMENCEMENT OF STATE-FEDERAL SEWARD-MERIDIAN PARKWAY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE II: PALMER-WASILLA HIGHWAY TO SELDON ROAD PROJECT.**
- 8. ACTION ON STATE'S WEST SUSITNA ROADS TO RESOURCES PROGRAM** - The two bridges and forest road will help develop the area between the Little Susitna (Little Su) and Susitna (Big Su) Rivers, allowing access to economic development resources.

**Borough Funding Priorities:**

- 1. MATCHING FUNDS FOR VOTER APPROVED ROAD BOND PROJECTS** - See attached 2018 MSB Road Bond Projects map; 50/50 match request.
- 2. BOGARD ROAD AND ENGSTROM ROAD INTERSECTION UPGRADE** - Traffic delays continue to grow as more and more subdivisions are being built using Engstrom Road access.

3. **COMPLETION OF PORT MACKENZIE RAIL EXTENSION** - Substantial potential to boost and diversify Alaska's statewide economy using the port capable of docking and loading the largest cargo vessels in the world.
4. **WILLOW LIBRARY PROJECT** - Library replacement and community center upgrades, using a \$1.7M match from Mat-Su Health Foundation and \$1.9M borough contribution.
5. **BOROUGH WASTEWATER AND SEPTAGE FACILITY** - Construction of a septage and wastewater facility to serve the Borough's homeowners disposal needs. The municipality of Anchorage has requested this service no longer be provided to Borough residents.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 27 day of November, 2018.

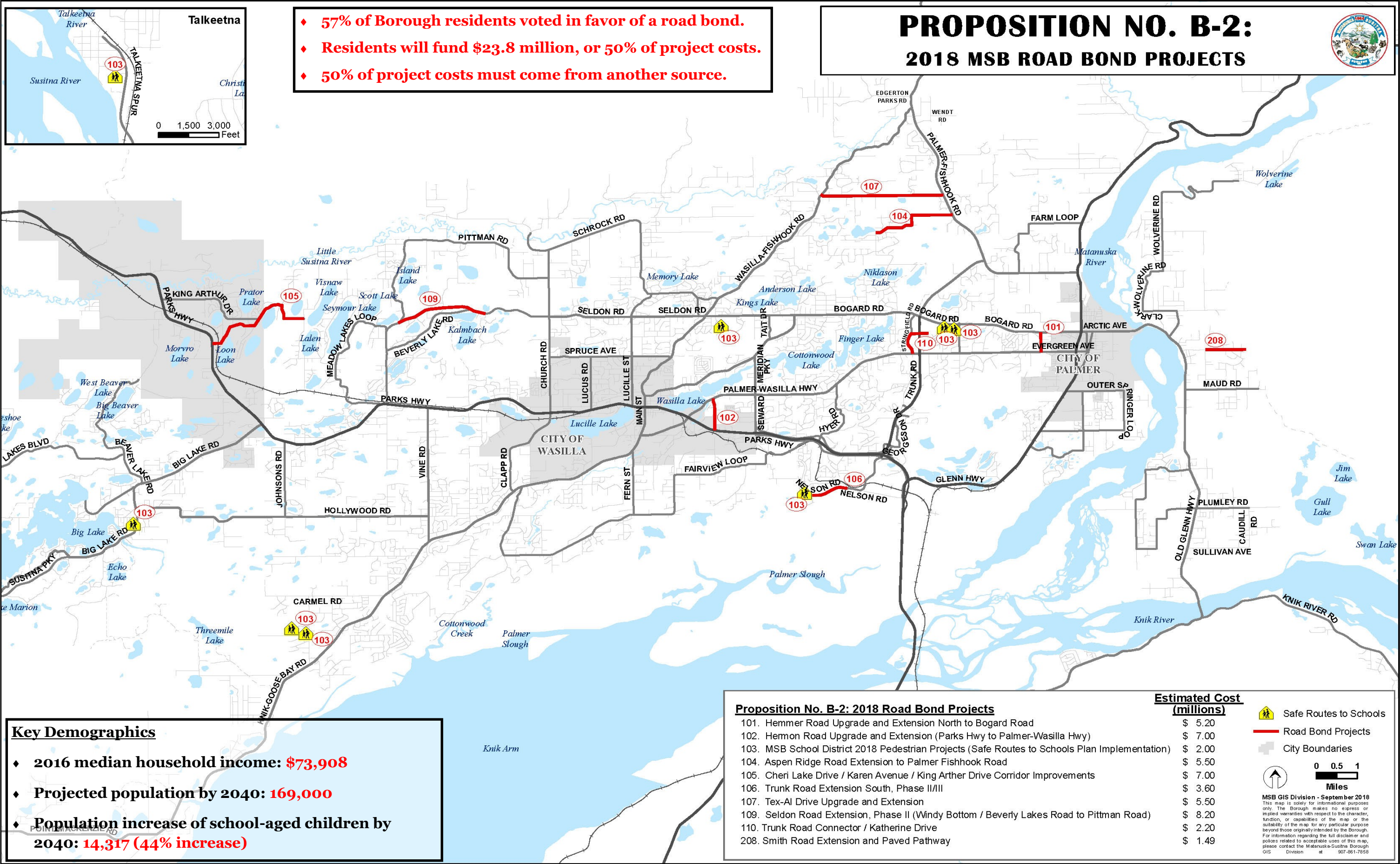
  
VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk  
(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Sykes, Beck, McKee, Leonard, Mayfield, Sumner, and Boeve





- ◆ 57% of Borough residents voted in favor of a road bond.
- ◆ Residents will fund \$23.8 million, or 50% of project costs.
- ◆ 50% of project costs must come from another source.

# PROPOSITION NO. B-2: 2018 MSB ROAD BOND PROJECTS



### Key Demographics

- ◆ 2016 median household income: **\$73,908**
- ◆ Projected population by 2040: **169,000**
- ◆ Population increase of school-aged children by 2040: **14,317 (44% increase)**

Proposition No. B-2: 2018 Road Bond Projects		Estimated Cost (millions)	
101.	Hemmer Road Upgrade and Extension North to Bogard Road	\$ 5.20	
102.	Hemmon Road Upgrade and Extension (Parks Hwy to Palmer-Wasilla Hwy)	\$ 7.00	
103.	MSB School District 2018 Pedestrian Projects (Safe Routes to Schools Plan Implementation)	\$ 2.00	Safe Routes to Schools
104.	Aspen Ridge Road Extension to Palmer Fishhook Road	\$ 5.50	
105.	Cheri Lake Drive / Karen Avenue / King Arther Drive Corridor Improvements	\$ 7.00	
106.	Trunk Road Extension South, Phase II/III	\$ 3.60	
107.	Tex-Al Drive Upgrade and Extension	\$ 5.50	
109.	Seldon Road Extension, Phase II (Windy Bottom / Beverly Lakes Road to Pittman Road)	\$ 8.20	
110.	Trunk Road Connector / Katherine Drive	\$ 2.20	
208.	Smith Road Extension and Paved Pathway	\$ 1.49	

Road Bond Projects

City Boundaries

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Miles

MSB GIS Division - September 2018

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# Memorandum

## Borough Manager John Moosey



Date: January 3, 2019  
From: John Moosey, Borough Manager  
Re: 96.2% Surveyed in Mat-Su See Crime as Serious

More than two-thirds of Matanuska-Susitna Borough residents who were surveyed think crime in the Mat-Su is very serious. Some 96.2 percent consider crime very serious or somewhat serious, according to results from a scientific survey of 602 Mat-Su residents by Hellenthal and Associates.

The Borough contracted with Hellenthal and Associates of Anchorage for work completed between Aug. 30 and Sept. 8, 2018 (a copy of their report is attached). This was the third of a three-part process. A trio of MSB led public forums and the citizen vote was also conducted.

Researcher Marc Hellenthal said he was glad to see his research results confirmed by the Oct. 2, 2018 election results. Official results for ballot proposition B-1 that asked voters if they want to pursue investigating police options were Yes: 7,793, No: 5,247.

In Hellenthal's survey 52.7 percent said they believe the Mat-Su Borough should look into acquiring police powers in order to help local and state police service currently being provided. 31.5 percent said no. 15.8 percent said they don't know.

On the 96.2 percent of surveyed residents who think crime is serious or somewhat serious, Hellenthal described the results as "Overwhelming. That parallels Kenai, Fairbanks and Anchorage too. Crime has been an increasingly noticed problem by citizens throughout the state especially in urban areas. Mat-Su with more than 100,000 people isn't the rural Mat-Su of old. Crime is certainly a problem."

When the surveyed group was asked have you been a victim of crime? 41.4 percent said yes. 58.6 percent said no.

When asked how to pay for police service? Most said through a sales tax, some 53 percent. Some 26.9 percent also said neither. "Neither" is not totally surprising, Hellenthal said. "A lot of people are not interested in paying more money, period, when it comes to government services. And that's true wherever you are in the state," he said.

On the question of Senate Bill 91, 57.7 percent said they favor repealing it, 32.4 percent said they didn't know.

"Whether I poll in Fairbanks, Kenai, Anchorage or Mat-Su, I don't have to explain what it is, it's assumed its own life. They believe that SB 91 made our criminal laws way too lax. Catch and release is an adequate summary of peoples' belief of what it is," stated Hellenthal.

The executive summary results of the three citizen working group meetings led by Deputy Borough Manager George Hays is also attached here. The top three problems as seen by the 100 who participated from Willow, Palmer, and Wasilla are: 1) drugs, 2) theft, and 3) recidivism. The top three recommendations are: 1) repeal Senate Bill 91, 2) more Troopers, and 3) more services for troubled people.



# **MATANUSKA SUSITNA BOROUGH PUBLIC OPINION RESEARCH SURVEY**

**August 30th to September 8th, 2018  
Sample size = 602 margin of error  $\pm 3.97\%$**

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## **INTRODUCTION AND METHODOLOGY**

This report presents an analysis of a survey of Matanuska-Susitna Borough registered voters, aged 18 or older. The survey measured properties of Matanuska-Susitna adult demographics, behaviors, attitudes, and policy concerning crime and police protection in the Matanuska Susitna Borough.

Research typically involves estimating the characteristics of a designated population. Because of the costs of conducting a census of all items in a population and the adequacy of sample results, sample statistics were used to make statistical inferences concerning population parameters.

Six hundred and two (602) Matanuska Susitna-Borough registered voters, aged 18 or older, were interviewed between August 30th and September 8th, 2018. Interviewing was conducted by telephone on a random basis.

That is, computerized random numbers were generated for the last two digits of the suffix of each workable telephone prefix in the Matanuska Susitna-Borough. All Matanuska Susitna-Borough registered voters who are accessible by telephone had an equal chance of being interviewed.

Of the 602 interviews, 340 (56.5%) were conducted on cellular phones and 262 (43.5%) on land-lines. All land-line and cellular telephone households were called at least five times: during the evening (5:00 to 9:00 pm), day (11:00 am to 5:00 pm), and weekend (12:00 pm to 9:00 pm).

This survey is a true random digit survey fielded by Hellenthal & Associates. All other Alaska research firms contract their fielding work to "outside" firms. They do not actually conduct the research themselves. Therefore, their results are only as accurate as the "Outside" firm's quality controls.

None of the "outside" firms conduct enough interviews (usually 20%-30%) on cellular telephones. With 45.2% of Matanuska Susitna-Borough registered voters not accessible by land-line at all, a higher percentage of cellular telephone interviews are essential for a valid sample.

A random cellular telephone interview sampling frame is expensive to design. Hellenthal & Associates develops and constantly updates its own sampling frame and constantly monitors the fielding to insure a high response rate and adequate random sampling.

## Margin of error

At a 95% confidence level, the empirical proportions reported in the general population survey can be projected, within plus or minus 3.97%, to the entire Matanuska Susitna Borough registered voter population, aged 18 and over. This means one can be 95% sure that the frequencies reported in the population survey are within  $\pm 3.97\%$  of the true Matanuska Susitna Borough registered voter population proportions.

The 2018 questionnaire with results follows.

## MATSU BOROUGH RESEARCH SURVEY

September 2018

Hello, I am \_\_\_\_\_ from Hellenthal and Associates. We are conducting an area wide public opinion research survey. Your telephone number was randomly selected. The questions I need to ask will take only a few minutes. All of your responses will be completely confidential. (PAUSE AND PROCEED)

S1. Do you live in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough? (IF NO, TERMINATE INTERVIEW WITH, "I'm sorry, I need to talk to someone who lives in MatSu")

S2. Are you registered to vote in the State of Alaska?

IF YES, THEN PROCEED TO QUESTION #1

IF NO, THEN ASK...

Is there anyone home who is registered to vote in the State of Alaska?

IF YES THEN ASK...

May I speak with them?

IF NO, THEN ASK...

When will someone be home who is registered to vote?

1. What is your Zip Code where you live?

ZIP CODE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Wasilla 99623.....	86.....	14.2%
Meadow Lakes 99629.....	6.....	0.9%
Palmer 99645.....	176.....	29.2%
Big Lake 99652.....	26.....	4.4%
Wasilla 99654.....	218.....	36.2%
Skwentna 99667.....	1.....	0.1%
Sutton 99674.....	8.....	1.3%
Talkeetna 99676.....	11.....	1.8%
Trapper Creek 99683.....	4.....	0.7%
Wasilla 99687.....	32.....	5.3%
Willow 99688.....	25.....	4.1%
Houston 99694.....	10.....	1.6%



2. Realistically speaking, do you think you are absolutely certain, very likely, somewhat likely, or not at all likely to vote in this fall's October 2nd 2018 Mat-Su Borough election?

LIKELINESS TO VOTE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Absolutely certain.....	346.....	57.4%
Very likely.....	147.....	24.4%
Somewhat likely.....	74.....	12.3%
Not at all likely.....	35.....	5.8%

3. How serious do you think crime is in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough? Do you think crime is a very serious, somewhat serious, or not at all serious problem in the MatSu Borough?

CRIME IN THE MAT-SU BOROUGH	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very serious.....	413.....	68.7%
Somewhat serious.....	166.....	27.5%
Not at all serious.....	23.....	3.8%

4. Have you been a victim of a crime in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough?

YOU A VICTIM OF A CRIME	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes.....	249.....	41.4%
No.....	353.....	58.6%

5. Do you personally know someone, other than yourself, who has been a victim of a crime in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough?

KNOW A VICTIM OF A CRIME	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes.....	461.....	76.6%
No.....	141.....	23.4%

6. How satisfied are you with the police protection provided in your neighborhood? Would you say you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the police protection provided in your neighborhood?

POLICE PROTECTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
4. Very satisfied.....	134.....	22.3%
3. Somewhat satisfied.....	257.....	42.6%
2. Neutral (Not read).....	39.....	6.6%
1. Somewhat dissatisfied.....	108.....	17.9%
0. Very dissatisfied.....	64.....	10.6%
(Mean = 2.480)		

7. The Matanuska-Susitna Borough does not have police powers. Do you believe the MatSu Borough should look into acquiring police powers in order to help local and state police service currently being provided?

LOOK INTO POLICE POWERS	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes.....	317.....	52.7%
No.....	190.....	31.5%
Don't know.....	95.....	15.8%

8. To fund Matanuska-Susitna Borough police service would you favor a property tax increase or a sales tax increase?

FUND MAT-SU POLICE SERVICE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Property tax.....	86.....	14.3%
Sales tax.....	319.....	53.0%
Neither..... (NOT READ).....	162.....	26.9%
Both..... (NOT READ).....	10.....	1.6%
Don't know.....	26.....	4.3%

9. Do you favor or oppose repealing previously enacted criminal justice reform bill Senate Bill #91 (SB#91)?

REPEALING SB#91	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Favor.....	347.....	57.7%
Oppose.....	60.....	9.9%
Don't know.....	195.....	32.4%

10. Do you live within the limits of one of Cities in the MatSu Borough?

LIVE WITHIN CITY LIMITS	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes.....	240.....	39.9%
No.....	353.....	58.6%
Don't know.....	9.....	1.5%

11. Do you have a cell phone?

CELL PHONE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes.....	573.....	95.2%
No.....	29.....	4.8%

12. Do you have a wired land-line at your residence?

WIRED LAND-LINE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes.....	330.....	54.8%
No.....	272.....	45.2%

(COMPUTE FROM PRECEDING TWO QUESTIONS)

TELEPHONE STATUS	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Both cell phone and land-line.....	312.....	50.0%
Cell phone only at residence.....	262.....	45.2%
Land-line only at residence.....	29.....	4.8%

13. Are you married or single?

MARITAL STATUS	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Married.....	396.....	65.8%
Single.....	206.....	34.2%

14. GENDER (USUALLY DO NOT NEED TO ASK).....

GENDER	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Male.....	301.....	50.0%
Female.....	301.....	50.0%

THE FOLLOWING VARIABLES ARE CALCULATED USING THE  
MARITAL AND GENDER VARIABLES

MARITAL BY GENDER	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Married Males.....	198.....	32.9%
Married Females.....	198.....	32.9%
Single Males.....	103.....	17.1%
Single Females.....	103.....	17.1%

This completes the survey, thank you for helping us - goodbye.



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Updated: August 6, 2018

### **CITIZEN WORKING GROUP MEETINGS ON CRIME IN THE BOROUGH** **CONSOLIDATED REPORT TO MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Per Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly direction, the Borough Manager's Office facilitated a series of three public "working group" meetings regarding crime in the Borough. The purpose was to facilitate meetings that would enable citizens to discuss crime in the Borough. They answered six questions about what their top priorities were or whether they were in favor of certain initiatives or not as indicated below.

Meetings were held as follows:

- On June 18, 2018 at Willow, with 19 people participating in three individual groups.
- On June 20, 2018 at Palmer, with 15 people participating in two individual groups.
- On June 25, 2018 at Wasilla with 39 citizens participating in five individual groups.

As indicated by the scores and responses in the attached document, there were similar, if not the same concerns in virtually all groups and locations. Additionally, it is noteworthy that although there are some high overall percentages in some groups for "yes" answers, there were also "no" votes on an individual basis that may not be reflected in the overall percentage.

It is safe to say that crime is a major concern of citizens in the Borough and they would like to see actions taken to reduce crime.

George W. Hays  
Deputy Borough Manager



## QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

Scoring Notes: The citizens at each meeting were divided into nearly equal groups to hold individual group discussions on each of the six questions below. Each group wrote down what their answers were for the questions, then voted individually on what their preferences or top 3 answers were. Once finished with the individual group voting, the facilitator then consolidated all answers for all the groups and every citizen then individually voted on their top answers at the overall group level. Those consolidated answers at each location are what was scored in the charts below.

For answers where a priority order was needed (questions 1, 2, and 6) the following scoring was used for each location; the #1 priority at each location was given 10 points, #2 was given 8 points, #3 was given 6 points, #4 was given 4 points, #5 was given 2 points and any priority that was #6 or below was zero points. The main reason for ending the scoring at that point was that the questions asked for the top 3 answers in priority order. If the answer did not appear at all on the sheet as noted in question 2, then the box is blank without a score at all.

1. What do you think are the 3 biggest crime issues in the Borough, in priority order?					
Rank	Issue	Willow	Palmer	Wasilla	Score
#1	Drugs	10	10	10	30
#2	Theft	8	8	8	24
#3	SB 91/Recidivism	2	0	6	8
#3	Vandalism	6	2	0	8
#5	Rehabilitation	0	6	0	6

2. What are your recommendations to reduce crime?					
Rank	Recommendation	Willow	Palmer	Wasilla	Score
#1	Prevention: Repeal/Revise SB91; Longer Jail Term; and Tougher Consequences	8	10	10	28
#2	More Troopers on duty. Training and Address Turnover Issue(s) (Trooper Retirement Program)	10	8	8	26
#3	More Mental Health/Drug Rehab Services In and Out of Prison	8	8	0	16
#4	Neighborhood Watch Program	4	4	4	12
#5	Establish Borough Sheriff Department			8	8
#6	More Authority For Law Enforcement Officers			4	4
#7	Community Public Safety Officers		2		2

**3. How important is it that the Borough takes actions to implement changes vs. the State taking action?**

Rank	Recommendation	Willow	Palmer	Wasilla	Score
#1	State	100%		60%	80%
#2	Borough	0%		40%	20%

Note: Palmer Groups did not score this question. Instead they provided recommendations for each entity as follows:

Borough Tasks - Improve Code Enforcement; Facilitate Youth Programs; Public Outreach Education; and Memorandum of Understanding with State of Alaska.

State of Alaska Tasks - Address Issues with AST Pay and Benefits; Restructure Programs; Criminal Justice Reform; Childhood Education; and Fund Re-Entry Program.

**4. Is there an appetite for additional government (i.e. in the form of some type of police enforcement)?**

Rank		Willow	Palmer	Wasilla	Score
#1	Yes	67%	40%	100%	69%
#2	No	33%	60%	0%	31%

Note: Willow: One "Yes" vote for increasing government, but only at the State level.

Wasilla: Voted "Yes" for increasing government at both the Borough and State levels.

**5. Are you willing to pay increased taxes for police enforcement? Total votes on this one; Yes (higher or lower costs) or No?**

Rank	Recommendation	Willow	Palmer	Wasilla	Score
#1	Yes	67%	60%	50%	59%
#2	No	33%	40%	50%	41%
#1	Yes - Higher (over \$10 million)	67%		50%	58%
#2	Yes - Lower (\$10 million or less)	33%		50%	42%

Note: Willow: Two of the three groups responding "Yes" did not want to increase property taxes but were willing to pay a sales tax and tax tourists. One of the groups responding "Yes" did so with the caveat that taxes are used to better services.

Palmer: The groups in Palmer responding "Yes" did not answer "Higher" or "Lower."

Wasilla: One of the five groups did not respond to this question. One of the two groups responding "Yes" said they would support higher costs with the caveat of a sales tax with a cap and a sales tax in addition to Proposition 1.



6. What are your expectations of measurable outcomes as a result of implementing your recommendations?					
Rank	Recommendation	Willow	Palmer	Wasilla	Score
#1	Reduction of Crime	10	8	8	26
#2	More Police Presence and Stations	8		10	18
#3	Reduction of Repeat Offenders/Lower Recidivism Rates		10	4	14
#4	Increase in the Availability of Mental Health Services	8			8
#5	Safer Community/Sense of Better Security			6	6
#5	Reduce the Number of First Time Offenders		6		6
#7	New Laws When SB 91 Is Repealed			4	4
#7	Increase the Number of Neighborhood Watch Organizations/Community Involvement		4		4
	Decreased Police Response Times			0	0
	Criminals Leave The Borough			0	0
	More Incarcerations/Prosecutions; Increased Incarceration Costs			0	0
	Recommendations should be Implemented in a Timely manner "Get er Done"			0	0
	More Tourism				0
	Decrease in Family/Domestic Violence Crimes; Child Neglect				0
	Increased Property Value				0
	Decreased Junk and Trash Cases				0
Note: Recommendations listed that have a score of "0" were provided by the groups in Willow but were not ranked by those groups.					



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Matanuska-Susitna Borough

December 27, 2018

DEC 28 2018

Dear Senator Shower:

Administration

Happy New Year and best wishes for a productive 2019 legislative session! We are delighted that many of us have had the opportunity to meet with you in person. Thank you for visiting our community.

The Willow Library Replacement and Community Center Upgrade Project is in need of additional funding. As construction of the Talkeetna Library finished with a surplus of \$ 423,029, we request a transfer of these funds to our project and ask for an additional \$ 576,971 in state money. Almost three-quarters of the financing for this \$ 5,660,000 project has been secured, 24% for the community center upgrades and 76% for the library replacement. Our financial situation follows for your review.

Willow Library and Community Center Upgrades Budget	\$ 5,660,000
Mat-Su Borough Appropriation	(1,900,000)
Mat-Su Health Foundation Grant	(1,698,000)
Mayor Vern Halter Contribution	(14,000)
Willow Community Contribution	(75,000)
<u>Pending Rasmuson Foundation Grant</u>	<u>(500,000)</u>
Subtotal	\$ 1,473,000
State of Alaska Contribution (18% of budget)	(1,000,000)
(Talkeetna reappropriation \$ 423,029 and \$ 576,971 State General Fund appropriation.)	

Balance to be Raised \$ 473,000

The Willow Library and Community Center are the hub of our small community, but they are outdated, inadequate, and deteriorating. The quality of physical and mental health of our socioeconomically diverse population is closely tied to the facilities. Together they provide a gathering place for learning and socializing, a venue for physical exercise, and shelter in case of emergencies.

We are happy to answer any questions. We request your financial support of this project that is the heart and soul of the Willow community.

Sincerely,

William Mailer, Vice-Chair  
Willow Library Association