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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 19-041**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROVING THE AMENDED BUDGETS, REAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND SCOPE OF WORK FOR PHASE II OF THE SEWARD MERIDIAN PARKWAY, PROJECT NO. 35040, FUND 430, SEWARD MERIDIAN PARKWAY, PHASE II, FROM THE RESERVE MATCH FOR PAVING AND CALCIUM CHLORIDE, RESERVE FUND 100.262.990, AS A LOCAL MATCH IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,350,000.

WHEREAS, the Borough provided a project nomination package for the Seward Meridian Road Upgrade/Extension project in the fiscal years 96'-98' State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The nomination entry was verified in the 1997, 1999, and 2003 published STIP where the project scored high enough to be put on the list of projects to be developed by the Alaska State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF); and

WHEREAS, an environmental assessment for Phases I and 2 of the project was prepared and completed with a "Finding of No Significant Impact" (FONSI) on April 2, 2007; and

WHEREAS, in the original STIP nomination package, the Borough agreed to own and maintain the upgraded road upon completion of construction; and

WHEREAS, Phase I of the project from Parks Highway to Palmer-Wasilla Highway was subsequently funded for design, right-of-way

acquisition, utility relocation and construction. The Phase I project was completed and opened to traffic in 2012; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 ADOT&PF requested a resolution of support and acknowledgement that the Borough will own and maintain both the existing and new extension (Phase II) of Seward Meridian Parkway once design and construction are completed; and

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2013, the Assembly passed Resolution Serial No. 13-116 and IM No. 13-248, in support of accelerated funding for the Seward Meridian Parkway Phase II Four-Lane Project from the Palmer-Wasilla Highway to Seldon Road and acknowledging that the Borough would continue to own and maintain the upgraded highway upon completion of construction; and

WHEREAS, according to 2017 traffic counts by the ADOT&PF traffic on the Phase I segment from the Parks Highway to the Palmer-Wasilla Highway are at 10,620 Average Daily Traffic (ADT) volumes; and

WHEREAS, traffic volumes on Phase II of the Seward Meridian Parkway from the Palmer-Wasilla Highway to Bogard Road are even higher at 11,345 ADT volumes, with commercial business development along the alignment continuing at a rapid pace; and

WHEREAS, Seward Meridian Parkway is one of the most important highways in the Borough for both local, commuter, and freight traffic. The Borough's 2007 Long Range Transportation Plan Traffic

Model indicates traffic will more than double to over 27,000 ADT volumes by 2025. It is vitally important to get funding for the Phase II project back on an expedited track to service this high growth area of the Borough. In the Borough's core area the Seward Meridian Parkway is one of only three major arterial roads (Trunk Road, the Seward Meridian Parkway and Main Street/Wasilla Fishhook) running north to south connecting three other east to west arterial roads (Bogard Road, the Palmer-Wasilla Highway, and the Parks Highway). The Seward Meridian Parkway carries more traffic than any other north south road in the Borough with the exception of the Glenn Highway; and

WHEREAS, Phase II of the Seward Meridian Parkway Road Improvements project will upgrade and widen Seward Meridian Parkway from the Palmer-Wasilla Highway to Bogard Road and extend the road to Seldon Road. The roadway would be widened/constructed to accommodate four travel lanes and a center turn lane. Work will also include a paved, separated pathway for bicyclists and pedestrians, lighting, and a new structure to replace the existing culvert at Cottonwood Creek. New traffic signals are proposed at the intersections of Seward Meridian Parkway with Meridian Park Loop, East Country Field Circle, Bogard Road, and Seldon Road. The new extension will service the Cottonwood Public Safety Building, Teeland Middle School, the Mat-Su Career and Technical High School

and Fronteras Charter School as well as a large expansion of the Alcantra National Guard Armory; and

WHEREAS, highway design staff at the ADOT&PF are staged to continue working on the final design and right-of-way acquisition of Phase II; and

WHEREAS, the project is funded with Federal funds through the STIP Community Transportation Program. The Federal Highway Administration requires that a 9% local match be provided. With the road being owned by the Borough and ADOT&PF developing the project, this 9% match is being split between the two entities with each providing 4.5%. A portion of the Borough's match funding is being provided through donation of public use easements (valued at \$308,100). The remainder amount of \$1.35 million is left to be provided.

AMENDED SCOPE OF WORK

Project Number 40205 - Project No. 35040, Phase II of the Seward Meridian Parkway Road Improvements project will upgrade and widen Seward Meridian Parkway from the Palmer-Wasilla Highway to Bogard Road and extend the road to Seldon Road. The roadway would be widened/constructed to accommodate four travel lanes and a center turn lane. Work will also include a paved, separated pathway for bicyclists and pedestrians,

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AMENDED BUDGET

Project	Previously Approved Budget	Amended with this Resolution
Project No. 35040-Seward Meridian, Phase I	<u>\$1,347,196.63</u>	<u>\$1,347,196.63</u>
Project No. 35040-Seward Meridian Phase II Reserve Match for Paving and Calcium Chloride, Reserve Fund 100.262.990	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$1,350,000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$1,347,196.63</u>	<u>\$2,697,196.63</u>

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 7 day
of May, 2019.


VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

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