


SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSUTNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATING UP TO \$130,000 FROM THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GRANT MATCH BUDGET AND A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED LOCAL MATCH FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT GRANTS FOR SUNSHINE TRANSIT TO PURCHASE AND MODIFY A TRANSIT FACILITY.

AGENDA OF: May 5, 2020

ASSEMBLY ACTION:

Adopted without objection
5-19-20


MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Introduce and set for public hearing.

APPROVED BY JOHN MOOSEY, BOROUGH MANAGER: John Moosey

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 Date: 2020.04.23 07:42:18
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Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator - P. Graham	Pamel Graham	Digitally signed by Pamel Graham Date: 2020.04.22 12:45:45 -08'00'
	Planning and Land Use Director	Eileen Probasco	Digitally signed by Eileen Probasco Date: 2020.04.22 13:05:00 -08'00'
	Finance Director	Cheyenne Heindel	Digitally signed by Cheyenne Heindel Date: 2020.04.22 13:56:30 -08'00'
	Borough Attorney	Nicholas Spiropoulos	Digitally signed by Nicholas Spiropoulos Date: 2020.04.22 15:01:15 -08'00'
	Borough Clerk	<i>DM 4/28/20</i>	<i>BNA</i>

ATTACHMENT(S): Fiscal Note: YES X NO _____
 Ordinance Serial No. 20-040 (2 pp)
 Resolution Serial No. 20-039 (2 pp)
 Letter to Alaska Community Transit Office (1 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Borough Planning Department and Administration are requesting Assembly appropriation of up to \$130,000 from the Community Transportation Program Grant Match budget. This would provide up to \$130,000 as the 20% required local match to leverage \$520,000 in federal pass-through grant funding for Sunshine Transit to purchase and modify a transit facility at a total cost of \$650,000.

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Talkeetna, Willow, and Houston who are otherwise unable to drive. Sunshine provides access to basic goods and services, including grocery and laundry trips. Their current facility cannot support in-house maintenance, all transit vehicle parking is outdoors with no security, and the current office space they rent is insufficient for their expanding service and the growing public demand.

Several locally-adopted plans support transit investment within the Borough. The Mat-Su Borough Assembly adopted a Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan on November 27, 2018. It describes the current and growing need for transit service improvements based on the growing population and increasing proportion of the population with a propensity for transit use. One key strategy listed for improving transit service in the Borough is to identify additional funding sources, including grants from local, state, and the federal government.

The Borough's Long Range Transportation Plan conveys residents' expressed interest in improving transit and improving multi-modal access to jobs for both residents and employers. The plan specifically mentions expanding the transit system.

This action will place the funding into a project account for the purposes of meeting the federal grant match along with the \$341,334, intended as match for Valley Transit replacement buses, previously approved by the assembly.

In addition, this action will approve the scope of work and budget for these match funds. Each transit agency will be required to enter into a grant agreement with the borough prior to receiving the funding.

If grant funding is not received prior to June 30, 2023 the agencies will provide an updated request based on new grant applications. These requests will be submitted along with the legislation requesting an extension.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Staff respectfully recommends Assembly adoption of the legislation appropriating up to \$130,000 from the community transportation program grant match budget and approving the scope of work and budget to provide the required local match for federal transit grant for sunshine transit to purchase and modify a transit facility.

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
FISCAL NOTE**

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ORIGINATOR: Pamela Graham, Planner I

FISCAL ACTION (TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCE)	FISCAL IMPACT YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
AMOUNT REQUESTED \$130,000	FUNDING SOURCE Grant Match Funds
FROM ACCOUNT # 480.000.000.4XX.XXX	PROJECT #
TO ACCOUNT : 480.000.000.3XX.XXX	PROJECT #
VERIFIED BY: Liesel Weiland <small>Digitally signed by Liesel Weiland Date: 2020.04.22 13:54:08 -08'00'</small>	CERTIFIED BY:
DATE: 04/22/2020	DATE:

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Personnel Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land/Structures						
Grants, Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING						

CAPITAL	130					
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING:

(Thousands of Dollars)

General Fund						
State/Federal Funds						
Other	130					
TOTAL	130					

POSITIONS:

Full-Time						
Part-Time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

PREPARED BY: _____ PHONE: _____

DEPARTMENT: _____ DATE: _____

APPROVED BY: Cheyenne Heindel Digitally signed by Cheyenne Heindel
Date: 2020.04.22 13:56:58 -08'00' DATE: _____

IM No. 20-083
OR 20-040
RS 20-039

Matanuska-Susitna Borough



Debbi Howard debbi.howard@alaska.gov

December 11, 2019

State Transit Coordinator
Alaska Community Transit Office
PO Box 112500
Juneau, AK 99811-2500

Re: Borough Matching Funds for Sunshine Transit Facility & Modifications

Dear Ms. Howard,

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Manager supports seeking Assembly approval to provide up to \$130,000 as the 20% required local match to leverage \$520,000 in federal pass-through grant funding for Sunshine Transit to purchase and modify a transit facility at a total cost of \$650,000.

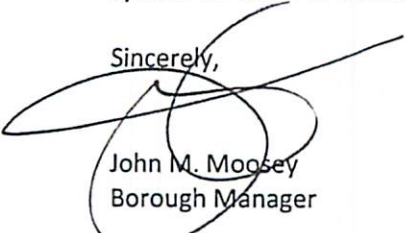
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Thank you for your consideration in helping the Mat-Su Borough foster a more equitable transportation system for some of its most vulnerable residents.

Sincerely,


John M. Moosey
Borough Manager

cc: Eric Taylor, Manager, Transit Program, eric.taylor@alaska.gov



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