

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROVING FISCAL YEAR 2022 BOROUGH PRIORITIES AND PROJECT FUNDING.

AGENDA OF: October 6, 2020

Assembly Action:

Amended + adopted with Assembly
Member McKee opposed 10-6-2020

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Present to the Assembly for consideration.

APPROVED BY GEORGE HAYS, ACTING BOROUGH MANAGER:

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator G. Hays	<i>GH</i>	
	Capital Projects Director	<i>BD for JB</i>	25 Sept. 2020
	Public Works Director	<i>TDL</i>	25 Sep 2020
	Planning and Land Use Director	<i>AS</i>	9.25.2020
	Community Development Director	<i>EP</i>	
	Finance Director	<i>AY</i>	
	Borough Attorney	<i>AS</i>	
	Borough Clerk	<i>Jan</i>	

ATTACHMENT (S) : Fiscal Note: YES _____ NO X
Resolution Serial No. 20-096 (7 pp)
2018 MSB Road Bond Projects (1 p)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: The Matanuska-Susitna Borough has been the fastest growing borough in the State this past decade. Priorities and action from the State of Alaska have not recognized the great potential of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's impact on the State's economy nor the needs of its people.

The following are the priorities for State action and funding for fiscal year 2022 as presented to the Assembly for consideration.

Borough Action Priorities:

- Knik-Goose Bay Road Reconstruction (Centaur Avenue to Vine Road) - \$120-150 Million
- Full Complement of Trooper Staffing and Presence in the Mat-Su Valley equaling 71 sworn officers.
- Continued Support for Assessment of the West Susitna Access Road Project.
- Support for Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Office at Seward-Meridian Parkway.
- Support for Alaska Department of Fish and Game Office in the Mat-Su Borough.
- State-Wide Transportation Bonds.
- Support for State Forestry to Implement a Program to Harvesting/Remove Beetle Killed Spruce to Reduce Fire Hazard.

Borough Funding Priorities:

- Houston Middle School - \$13 Million
- Full Funding for School Bond Debt Reimbursement - \$16,888,635
- Matching Funds for Voter Approved Road Bond Projects - \$17.145 Million
- Bogard Road and Engstrom Road/Green Forest Drive Intersection Upgrade - \$7 Million
- Completion of Port MacKenzie Rail Extension - \$140 Million
- Port MacKenzie Deep-Draft Dock Pile Sleeve Protection - \$6 Million
- Shirley Towne Drive Bridge - \$200,000

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Consideration and approval of a set of borough priorities for action and funding for Fiscal Year 2022 for the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

Lonnie McKechnie

From: Vern Halter <vhalter@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Friday, October 9, 2020 10:26 AM
To: Lonnie McKechnie; Nicholas Spiropoulos
Cc: George Hays
Subject: Veto- Resolution 20-096-

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I hereby veto Resolution 20-096 for the sole reason of Assemblyman Sumner's amendment to Resolution 20-096-State Legislative Priorities. This amendment was to add an Elected Sheriff position to

Class 2 Borough power under Title 29. I disagree with this amendment. It is premature and usurps the December 19, 2019 "Police Powers Task Force" report.

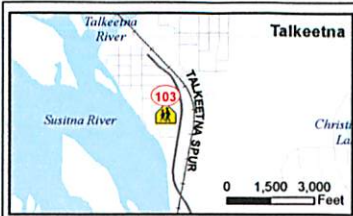
The title page of this report says

"Matanuska-Susitna Borough Ordinance N0. 19-030, March 5, 2019:
The Police Powers Task Force will investigate and consider steps to develop from one to three prioritized, fiscally responsible, and possible proposals for the purpose of sending them to the Assembly for consideration. The Assembly will consider whether to present one or more of these proposals to the voters on the next regular ballot for the purposes of adding specific Police Powers to the Borough's responsibilities."

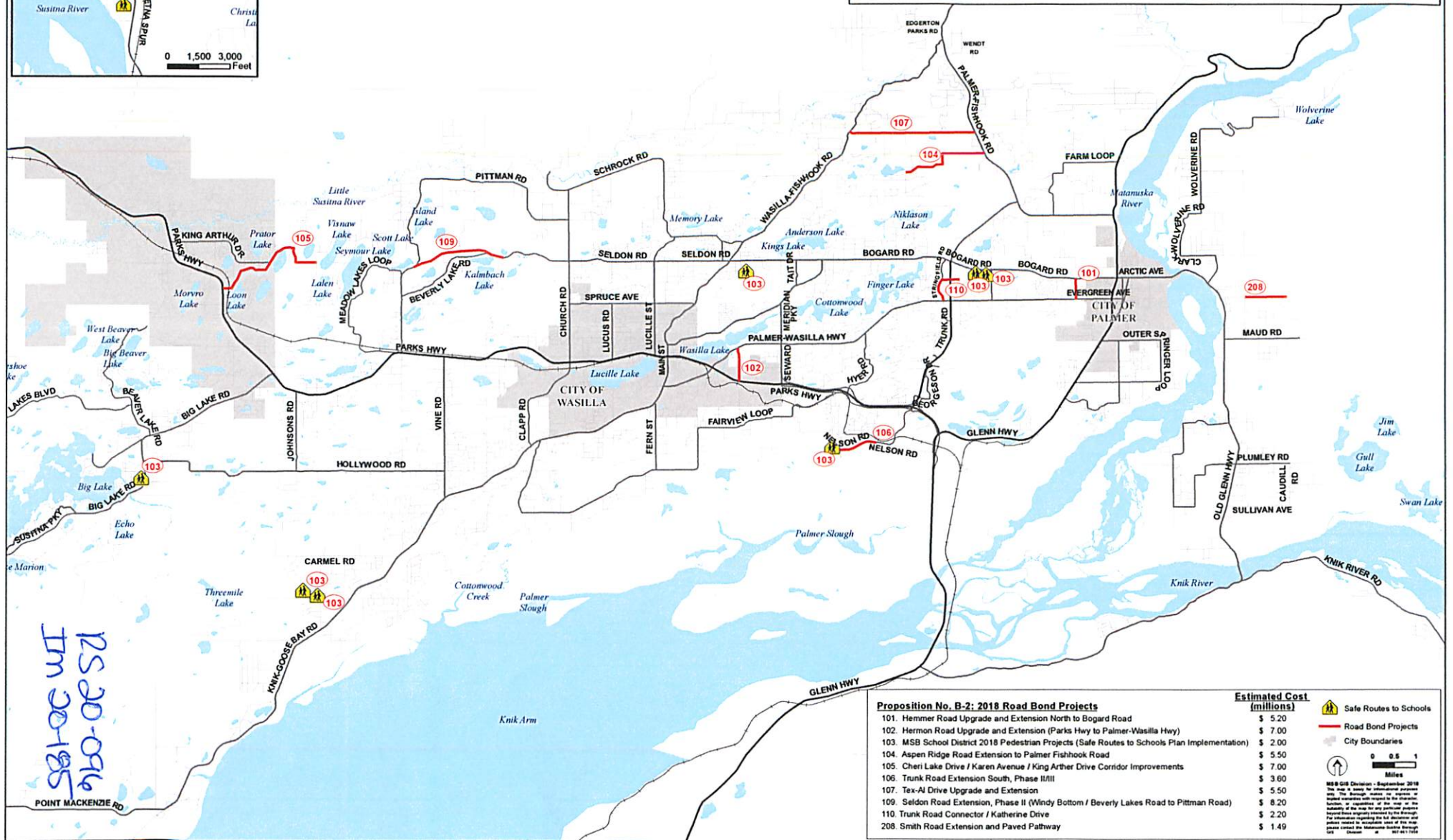
The Covid 19 crisis altered the ability of the Assembly in the short term to follow its own ordinance 19-030 but this certainly does not mean it should be usurped by an unwise amendment that clearly negates or changes the fundamental purpose of the Police Powers Task Force mission. No where in this report is there a recommendation for changing Title 29 to add an elected Sheriff position to the Borough or other similarly situated Borough's.

The Task Force met regularly from March through December of 2019. It synthesized information from the Citizen Working Group meetings that were held though out the Borough. The fundamental issue has not changed- do the citizens of the Mat Su Borough want to add police powers. This is laid out in the Executive Summary pages 5 through 9 of the report.

The Sumner amendment also fails to account for costs and options that are fully explored in the 2019 Task Force report. Rather than lobby the State to change Title 29, this Assembly should follow its own mandate laid out in Ordinance 19-030. Because of Covid 19 we have not had the opportunity to follow through yet but my fervent hope is that Assembly do this.



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



Proposition No. B-2: 2018 Road Bond Projects

- 101. Hemmer Road Upgrade and Extension North to Bogard Road
- 102. Hermon Road Upgrade and Extension (Parks Hwy to Palmer-Wasilla Hwy)
- 103. MSB School District 2018 Pedestrian Projects (Safe Routes to Schools Plan Implementation)
- 104. Aspen Ridge Road Extension to Palmer Fishhook Road
- 105. Cheri Lake Drive / Karen Avenue / King Arthur Drive Corridor Improvements
- 106. Trunk Road Extension South, Phase II/III
- 107. Tex-AI Drive Upgrade and Extension
- 109. Seldon Road Extension, Phase II (Windy Bottom / Beverly Lakes Road to Pittman Road)
- 110. Trunk Road Connector / Katherine Drive
- 208. Smith Road Extension and Paved Pathway

Estimated Cost (millions)

- \$ 5.20
- \$ 7.00
- \$ 2.00
- \$ 5.50
- \$ 7.00
- \$ 3.60
- \$ 5.50
- \$ 8.20
- \$ 2.20
- \$ 1.49

Safe Routes to Schools

Road Bond Projects

City Boundaries

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MSB GIS Division - September 2018
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