

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES' WILLOW AIRPORT REHABILITATION PROJECT.

AGENDA OF: April 6, 2021

Assembly Action:

Approved Under the Consent Agenda 4-6-21

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Present to the Assembly for consideration.

APPROVED BY MICHAEL BROWN, BOROUGH MANAGER:

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ATTACHMENT(S): Fiscal Note: YES _____ NO X
Resolution Serial No. 21-034 (1 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: The State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities is seeking Assembly support for a proposed Willow Airport Rehabilitation Project.

The community of Willow is located within the boundaries of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Alaska. The Matanuska-Susitna Borough is the recognized governing body in the area of Willow. The State of Alaska, Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) owns and operates the Willow Airport consisting of the runway, Willow Lake seaplane base, lease lots, and aircraft tie down areas.

The private sector has invested heavily in the development of capital improvements on the airport, including an aircraft fueling facility and aircraft hangars located on both the lake and runway sides. The Willow Airport is part of the local transportation

infrastructure that serves both the social and economic needs of the community of Willow as well as destination points beyond the community's boundaries. It is a major economic engine for the Willow community. The State of Alaska Statewide Aviation System Plan states that aviation accounts for eight percent of Alaska's economy, ten percent of the jobs, and is the fifth largest economic engine in the State of Alaska. The Willow Airport occupies a substantial amount of real estate in the heart of the Willow community and is integrated into its boundaries.

The Willow Airport is in need of improvements on airport property to increase safety for the flying public and residents located around the airport. The runway, taxiway, tie down area, and access road surfaces are deteriorating and are in need of resurfacing. The snow removal equipment building is in need of significant repair and expansion. The Airport's security fencing is also in need of repair and expansion. DOT&PF is committed to work closely with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to plan the Airport Rehabilitation Project.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Staff recommends the Assembly support the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities' Willow Airport Rehabilitation Project.