

Action:

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 26-056**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY REQUESTING THE STATE OF ALASKA DESIGNATE THE OLD GLENN HIGHWAY AS AN OFFICIAL SAFETY CORRIDOR AND PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-PHASED IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ON THE OLD GLENN HIGHWAY TO ADDRESS TRAFFIC SAFETY CONCERNS AND ENSURE ADEQUATE ALTERNATE ACCESS TO INTERIOR ALASKA.

WHEREAS, the Old Glenn Highway provides the only alternative access between Anchorage and Interior Alaska/Canada in the event of a road closure in the high trafficked "flats" section of the Glenn Highway from Milepost (MP) 30 to 35; and

WHEREAS, the Old Glenn Highway is considered a "high risk rural road" by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and currently ranks among the most dangerous segments of road in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Old Glenn Highway from MP 1 to 17 is narrow and poorly lit with vehicles traveling at very high rates of speed; and

WHEREAS, since 2018 development from MP1 to 17, properties only accessible from the Old Glenn Highway, has averaged 2% annual growth with approximately 242 properties developed, with an additional 160 properties planned for residential development on the east side of the Matanuska River since 2024; and

WHEREAS, the traffic and safety concerns on the Old Glenn

Highway will exponentially increase as development in the area continues to accelerate; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly previously identified a need for an Old Glenn Highway Safety Corridor as a State Legislative priority in 2023 (RS 23-104) and 2024 (RS 24-097); and

WHEREAS, a proactive approach is needed to ensure the safety of the traveling public scales with the rapid rate of development and that a long-term improvement project be added to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly requests the State of Alaska to designate the Old Glenn Highway from MP 1 to 17 as a safety corridor and fund a multi-phased highway improvement project to ensure safe passage for local residents and provide resilient alternative access out of Anchorage for residential and commercial traffic.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this - day of -, 2026.

EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

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