

Action:

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 26-057**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING A FREE DISPOSAL OF EARTH MATERIALS TO THE ALASKA RAILROAD CORPORATION FOR USE AS AN IN-KIND MATCH FOR COMPLETION OF THE PORT MACKENZIE RAIL EXTENSION.

WHEREAS, the Port MacKenzie Rail Extension ("PMRE") is a major initiative of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and a consistent legislative and administrative priority; and

WHEREAS, the project is roughly 50% complete; and

WHEREAS, Segment 2 is approximately 7.1 miles long and still requires construction of embankment, and there may be other sections which require updating or renovation of the embankments; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the Alaska Railroad Corporation have been partners throughout the project; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Railroad Corporation is in the process of applying for a Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements ("CRISI") grant to complete the PMRE; and

WHEREAS, the CRISI grant requires match participation; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interests of the Alaska Railroad Corporation and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to complete the PMRE; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough owns earth material resources, including gravel, which could be used to complete and update the embankments necessary for completion of the PMRE; and

WHEREAS, normally, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough derives revenue from earth materials sales as it does when disposing of any publicly owned asset; and

WHEREAS, here, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough will forego any revenue which would otherwise be obtained and allow the value of the earth materials to the extent that value can be used as a match (often called an 'in kind match') as may be needed for the CRISI grant; and

WHEREAS, a future ordinance will be needed to effectuate the policy goal and objective expressed in this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Manager is directed and empowered to take all administrative steps necessary to carry out the policy of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly fully supports the Alaska Railroad Corporation's CRISI grant application and commits to providing earth materials as may be needed for the project without charge so that the value may be used as match participation in the CRISI grant.

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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