

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

Office of the Borough Manager

350 East Dahlia Avenue • Palmer, AK 99645 Phone (907) 861-8689 • Fax (907) 861-8669 Mike.Brown@matsugov.us

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 16, 2021

TO: Mayor and Assembly

FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager

RE: Manager's Weekly Post

<u>Summary of LID Program</u>: In the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget a \$1,000,000 internal service fund was approved and created to provide financing for local improvement districts (LID). Seven LIDs will be presented to the Assembly for public hearing and creation on July 20, 2021. These LIDs are composed of three road paving projects (\$607,000) and four natural gas projects (\$388,000) for a total of \$995,000. If approved, construction for the gas LIDs will occur in the Fiscal Year 2022 construction season and the road LIDs will be constructed in the Fiscal Year 2023 construction season. This uses up the internal service funding until either these LIDs are repaid or additional funds are added to the fund via legislation. Future LIDs will be fund on a "first come, first served basis."

Currently, there is a pending road and gas LID that have met the petition requirements waiting for cost estimates. Additionally, there are eight road and nine gas LIDs that are in the petition phase. As petitions are returned and certified by the Clerk's office, cost estimates will be requested from either Public Works or Enstar.

<u>Mat-Su Problem Reporter</u>: The Borough encourages the public to report maintenance issues they see on Borough roads and right-of-ways to assist in timely fixes. This user-friendly map tool makes reporting easier than ever, and allows individuals to stay informed about issue resolutions in their area. Here is the link: <u>Mat-Su Problem Reporter (arcgis.com)</u>

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Community

Borough allows East Talkeetna tethered balloon to go forward on a temporary basis

State

- This Year's Permanent Fund Dividends would be \$1100 under current budget adjustments
- Alaska's Latest State Troopers graduated from the Alaska Law Enforcement Academy

Trails

• <u>'The wild west doesn't work out here': Volunteers remove hundreds of pounds of trash from</u> Jonesville Public Use Area during annual cleanup

COVID

- State's Covid information hub scaled back
- Alaska used to lead the nation in COVID-19 vaccinations. Six months in, the state has fallen behind.

Fisheries

• FISH FACTOR: Salmon buyers eager to replenish depleted inventories

Outdoors

• Mountaineering Professionals say troubling trends are emerging on Denali.

MSB Facebook Posts

- Transportation Infrastructure Package survey request 16k reached
- Shirley Towne Bridge Ribbon Cutting 14k reached
- <u>MSB Problem Reporter Application</u> 4k reached