



## MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 11, 2022  
TO: Mayor and Assembly  
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager  
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

**Deep Draft Vessel at Port MacKenzie:** A deep draft vessel is expected to arrive at Port MacKenzie late this week for a cement shipment. The ship is expected to be in Port for the next week.

**Roads Task Force Update:** The road Service Area (RSA) Task Force conducted their first meeting on May 5, 2022. The meeting was essentially introductory in reviewing the Open Meetings Act requirements with the Borough Attorney, then reviewing the mandatory and the optional tasks outlined in Ordinance 22-020. Recognizing they have a lot to do, the Task Force agreed to discuss the details for the Scope of Work for the Task Force at the next meeting, and are planning to meet every other week.

**State Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS):** The Manager, select staff, and many members from across our community from various sectors are participating in a Mat-Su virtual forum to provide input to the Statewide CEDS. A CEDS is a strategic plan to guide economic development for a specific location for a five-year period. The main focus areas for the Statewide CEDS include: strengthening Alaska's economic engines; cultivating and growing emerging sectors; improving the business climate and the entrepreneurial ecosystem; building and updating economic foundations; developing Alaska's workforce and human capital; and building a resilient state economy. The Statewide CEDS is scheduled to be completed and communicated to the US Economic Development Administration (EDA) later this summer.

### **Public Affairs Media Flyover:**

#### **Wildfire Mitigation**

- [Alaska fire crews create vital fuel breaks to prepare for worst-case scenario](#) – Alaska News Source
- [Mat-Su Borough delivers message on safe burning practices](#) – Matanuska-Susitna Borough Facebook

## Natural Resource Development

- [West Susitna Access Road wraps up outreach](#) – KTNA

## Borough Business

- [Borough to negotiate with private company to manage Port Mac operations](#) – *Frontiersman*

## State Legislature

- [Legislature holds firm on two Mat-Su budget priorities in final days before adjournment](#) – *Frontiersman*
- [Alaska House Republicans remove Eastman from caucus](#)- *Cordova Times*
- [Alaska Senate adds \\$5,500 PFD, energy relief check to the budget](#) – *Alaska News Source*

## Advisories

- [Public urged not to drive on forest roads statewide during spring melt](#) – *AKfireinfo.net*

## Fisheries

- [Nearly \\$132 million allocated for Alaska fishery disaster](#) – *Alaska News Source*
- [Fishing with traps study reveals compelling data](#) – *Craig Medred*

**Future Events:** On Monday, May 23, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Borough will be hosting a Joint Port Commission Meeting between the MSB and the Port of Alaska in the MSB Assembly Chambers in Palmer. The primary topic for discussion is the energy alliance and a potential micro-grid.