



## MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 19, 2022  
 TO: Mayor and Assembly  
 FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager  
 RE: Manager's Weekly Post

**Local Improvement Districts:** In fiscal year 2022, the Assembly established the Local Improvement District (LID) revolving loan fund and in fiscal year 2023 increased the total funding to \$1,500,000. The Borough has financed or is in the process of financing the following LIDs:

• Road LIDs	\$ 382,000	
• Gas LIDs	\$ <u>358,700</u>	
Total Loans		\$ <u>(740,700)</u>
Property Owner Repayments		\$ <u>9,896</u>
Remaining LID Funds		\$ <u>769,196</u>

**Foreclosures:** Over the past two years, the Borough experienced a decrease in the number of delinquent tax accounts. This can likely be attributed to the COVID-19 and Permanent Fund Dividend monies individuals received. There are currently three tax foreclosures in process.

Tax/LID Year	Beginning # of properties	# of Properties still in process
2018 Real/2019 LID	1,752	80
2019 Real/2020 LID	1,175	179
2020 Real/2021 LID	1,040	251

**Annual Road Service Maintenance 2022-2023 COLA Adjustment:** MSB annual road service area (RSA) maintenance contracts are adjusted annually after the first full year to take into account increases or decreases in cost based on US Department of Labor and Statistics for Anchorage, along with a quarterly sampling of both unleaded and ultra-low sulfur diesel prices. This

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adjustment is mandated by contract and will impact all but four of our RSA contracts this year (RSAs 16, 23, 26, 31 bid in 2022). This adjustment can be either positive or negative depending on the reported data. This increase or decrease is applied to the per mile cost for the entire fiscal year (currently July 2022 – June 2023). Inflation and increases in fuel prices continue to drive up costs.

This year our RSA maintenance contracts will increase 10.28%. This number is derived from a combination of the Anchorage CPI @ 7.6% and fuel increases @ 25.48%. Per the contract, the annual adjustment is computed by using 85% of the Anchorage CPI and 15% of the annual fuel increase/decrease.

Anchorage CPI:	7.6% x .85 = 6.46%
Fuel Increase:	<u>25.48% x .15 = 3.82%</u>
Total Adjustment:	10.28%

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

#### **Department of Natural Resources**

- [State needs public comment for a new Moose Range Management Plan](#)  
Frontiersman

#### **Community**

- [Houston City Council fills seats](#)  
Frontiersman

#### **Elections**

- [Wasilla, Palmer certify city elections](#)  
Frontiersman

#### **Schools**

- [Mat-Su residents push for all-gender restroom at Colony High](#)  
Anchorage Daily News

#### **Fisheries**

- [Bycatch task force considers new rules, more research to protect Alaska fish intercepted at sea](#)  
Alaska Public Media

### **Future Events:**

- Thurs., Oct. 20, 2022 from 3pm to 7pm, Mat-Su Transportation Fair, Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, 1001 S. Clapp Street, Wasilla.
- Sat., Oct. 29, 2022 from 10am to 2pm, DEA National Drug Take-Back Day at three locations: Palmer Fred Meyer, Wasilla Fred Meyer and Willow Community Center.