

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. TAB 23-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD REQUESTING THE ASSEMBLY ADOPT AND FUND A TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM FOR 2023 THAT INCLUDES PROJECTS LISTED IN THE 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP), SHOWN ON THE 2022 OFFICIAL STREETS AND HIGHWAYS PLAN (OSHP), THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PLANS, AS WELL AS OTHER PRIORITIZED PROJECTS, ALL OF WHICH WILL REDUCE TRAFFIC CONGESTION, SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY, ENHANCE PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICLE SAFETY, INCREASE RELIABILITY, AND PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION CHOICES FOR RESIDENTS.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is the fastest growing borough in the state; and

WHEREAS, with the ever increasing population, there is a need to accelerate improvements and connections within our transportation system network which includes roads, transit, and pedestrian facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's (Borough) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) identifies seven goals including the need to provide transportation choices, improve connectivity, improve mobility, make our transportation system safer, and to support economic vitality; and

WHEREAS the LRTP identified \$1.3 Billion of needed transportation infrastructure improvements between 2016 and 2035; and

WHEREAS, during this same time period the Borough's population is expected to more than double to 189,900 residents; and

WHEREAS, the Official Streets and Highways Plan, Capital Improvement Program, Safe Routes to School Plan, and Comprehensive Plans, also identify priority transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, to implement these plans to improve our transportation infrastructure, funding needs be programmed so that construction can begin as early as possible in order to prevent additional connectivity, congestion, and safety issues from getting worse; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Borough residents to fund and construct key elements of the Borough's transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the city of Houston when through a transition in leadership and their recommendation for a road project did not make it to the TIP 23 list; and WHEREAS, transportation infrastructure surrounding our schools is a priority for safety and connectivity.

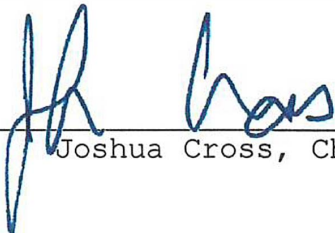
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Transportation Advisory Board recommends the assembly advance the 2023 Transportation Infrastructure Program as ranked in the proposed list; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Transportation Advisory Board recommends the City of Houston, King Arthur Drive upgrade project be added to the TIP 23 list; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Transportation Advisory Board recommends that school projects are prioritized for funding after road projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Transportation Advisory Board recommends the assembly seek and develop alternative funding mechanisms for the construction of public roads, public transit facilities, and pedestrian/bicycle pathways in the Borough to improve our transportation system.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Transportation Advisory Board this 31st day of March 2023.



Joshua Cross, Chair

ATTEST:



Kim Sollien, Planning Services Manager
Staff Support

By: B. Sworts
Introduced: May 1, 2023
Public Hearing: May 15, 2023
Action: ADOPTED

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 23-13**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
RECOMMENDING THE ASSEMBLY ADOPT AND FUND A TRANSPORTATION
INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM FOR 2023.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (Borough) is the fastest growing borough in the state; and

WHEREAS, with the ever increasing population, there is a need to accelerate improvements and connections within our transportation system network which includes roads, transit and pedestrian facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) identifies seven goals including the need to provide transportation choices, improve connectivity, improve mobility, make our transportation system safer, and support economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's LRTP also includes a list of short-, medium-, and long-term road projects and identifies the need for additional transit and pedestrian facilities; and

WHEREAS, the LRTP identified \$1.3 billion worth of needed transportation infrastructure improvements between 2016 and 2035; and;

WHEREAS, during this same time period, the Borough's population is expected to more than double to 189,900 residents; and

WHEREAS, the Official Streets and Highways Plan, Transportation Improvement Program 2021, Safe Routes to School Plan, and Comprehensive Plans, also identify priority transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the projects identified correlate well with the seven goals established in the LRTP; and

WHEREAS, to implement these programs and plans to improve our transportation infrastructure, funding needs to be budgeted so that construction can begin as early as possible in order to prevent additional connectivity, congestion, and safety issues from getting worse; and

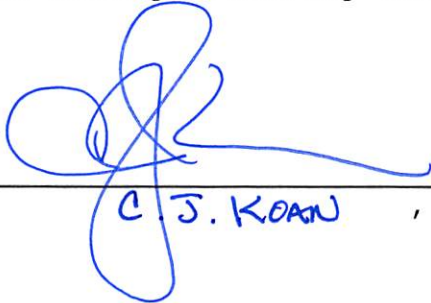
WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Borough residents to fund and construct key elements of the Borough's transportation system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission supports the list of proposed projects in the 2023 Transportation Infrastructure Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission supports the Assembly efforts to develop new funding mechanisms to support the construction of public collector and arterial roads, public transit facilities, and

pedestrian/bicycle pathways in the Borough to improve the safety and efficiency of our transportation system.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission this 15TH day of May, 2023.



C. J. KOAN, Chair

ATTEST



KAROL RIESE, Planning Clerk

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YES: ~~Commissioner~~ Koan, Glenn, Allen, & Scoggin

NO: ∅


SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY DIRECTING THE MANAGER TO PREPARE A 2023 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS PACKAGE FOR ASSEMBLY CONSIDERATION IN THE SPRING OF 2023.

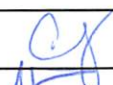



AGENDA OF: October 4, 2022

ASSEMBLY ACTION:

Approved under the Consent Agenda 10-4-22 

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Present to the Assembly for consideration.

APPROVED BY MICHAEL BROWN, BOROUGH MANAGER: 

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator - B. Sworts	Brad Sworts	<small>Digitally signed by Brad Sworts Date: 2022.09.20 16:32:59 -0800</small>
	Public Works Director	Tom Adams	<small>Digitally signed by Tom Adams Date: 2022.09.20 21:13:37 -0800</small>
	Finance Director		
	Borough Attorney		
	Borough Clerk		

ATTACHMENT(S): Fiscal Note: YES _____ NO X
Resolution Serial No. 22-100 (2 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB) continues to be the fastest growing municipality in the State of Alaska. While many transportation projects from previous packages have been completed, there is a clear need for continued infrastructure improvements particularly with maintaining existing assets. This resolution directs the Manager to have staff prepare a new transportation package, through a public process, for a potential ballot proposition.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Approve the resolution directing the Manager to prepare a transportation package for Assembly consideration.

Introduced: 09/27/22
Public Hearing: 10/04/22
Adopted: 10/04/22

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 22-100**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY DIRECTING THE MANAGER TO PREPARE A 2023 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS PACKAGE FOR ASSEMBLY CONSIDERATION IN THE SPRING OF 2023.

WHEREAS, the Borough is the fastest growing area in the State and with the ever increasing population, there is a need for a number of transportation infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Long Range Transportation Plan identifies seven goals, including the need to provide transportation choices, improve connectivity, improve mobility, make our transportation system safer and to support economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, funding is needed for improvements in order to alleviate additional connectivity, congestion, and safety issues and to maintain existing infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Assembly supports developing a new transportation package, through a public process, for a potential future ballot proposition to improve the safety and function of our transportation system.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 4 day
of October, 2022.


EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)



PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Hale, Nowers, McKee, Yundt, Tew, Sumner, and
Bernier

NONCODE ORDINANCE

Sponsored By: Borough Manager

Introduced: 07/18/23

Public Hearing: 08/01/23

Amended: 08/01/23

Adopted: 08/01/23

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 23-077**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION, ADDITIONS, IMPROVEMENTS, BETTERMENTS, REPAIR, RECONSTRUCTION, OR ACQUISITION OF PUBLIC ROADS AND PATHWAYS AND FACILITIES RELATED THERETO IN THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES INCLUDING IMPROVING SCHOOL ACCESS, AND THE ACQUISITION OF LANDS OR RIGHTS IN LANDS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND A DEBT OF THE BOROUGH, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AREAWIDE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE BOROUGH IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$38,168,210 TO FINANCE THE COST, IN PART, OF SUCH PUBLIC ROADS, FACILITIES, AND LANDS, AND SUBMITTING THE PROPOSITION TO THE VOTERS AT THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023, REGULAR BOROUGH ELECTION.

WHEREAS, the intent, rationale, and supporting information for this ordinance is found in Informational Memorandum No. 23-163 and the discussions of the Borough Assembly during meetings at which the ordinance was considered.

BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1. Classification. This Ordinance is a noncode ordinance.

Section 2. Authorization. There is hereby authorized to be issued areawide general obligation bonds of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough in an amount not to exceed the sum of Thirty-Eight Million One Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$38,168,210) (the "Bonds") for the purpose of paying the cost, in part, of the construction, additions, improvements, betterments, repair, reconstruction, or acquisition of the public roads and

pathways set forth in Section 3 of this ordinance (the "Projects") and facilities related thereto in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, together with all necessary equipment and transportation facilities, including improving school access, and the acquisition of lands or rights in lands in connection therewith. The full faith and credit of the Borough shall be pledged for the payment of principal and interest on the bonds when issued and ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property in the Borough shall be levied without limitation of rate or amount to pay the principal and interest on the bonds.

Section 3. Purpose. The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly (the "Assembly") hereby determines that the transportation systems of the Borough, in particular the arterial and collector roads, pathways, pedestrian, and school access projects are in need of construction, additions, improvements, betterments, repair, reconstruction, or acquisition and deems the Projects to be public facilities of the Borough's transportation systems under Matanuska-Susitna Borough Code 1.10.135. Such activities also contribute to the Borough's powers to provide education, recreation, and economic development. The Assembly hereby determines that the best interest of the residents and property owners in the Borough require the Borough to undertake the Projects at the time and in the order and manner deemed most necessary and advisable by the Borough. The estimated cost to the Borough of the Projects, including incidental costs and costs related to issuing

and selling the Bonds as provided in this ordinance, is estimated to be \$38,168,210.

The projects consist of the following:

PROJECTS	AMOUNT (50% Project Cost)
Edgerton Parks Road - Mtn. Trails Drive Upgrade and Pathway Phase II	\$1,087,000
Hemmer Road Extension South	\$2,945,000
School Site Traffic and Safety Improvements: Pioneer Peak Elementary	\$1,128,000
Green Forest Drive Reconstruction	\$3,110,500
Museum Drive Extension	\$3,068,500
Burma Road Upgrades and Improvements	\$5,792,500
School Site Traffic and Safety Improvements: Shaw Elementary School	\$9,190,000
King Arthur Drive Reconstruction: Parks Highway to No Name Hill Drive	\$3,267,500
Yoder Road Reconstruction: Talkeetna Spur to Southfork Road	\$2,619,500
Jolly Creek Drainage Improvement	\$976,500
West Lakes Boulevard Big Lake Trail No. 1 - Separated Crossing	\$1,375,000
Inner-Outer Springer Loop Pathway	\$1,192,500
Tait Drive Pavement Rehabilitation: Bogard to Seldon	\$274,000
Earl Drive, Eek Street Pavement Rehabilitation: Bogard to Finger Lake Elementary School	\$246,500
Gershmel Loop Pavement Rehabilitation: Fireweed Road to Fireweed Road	\$323,500

School Site Traffic and Safety Improvements: Finger Lake Elementary School	\$742,000
Big Lake Boat Launch Access and Parking Reconstruction	\$161,000
Estimated Bond Issuance Costs	\$668,710
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$38,168,210</u>

The cost of all necessary planning, acquisition of property for, site preparation, construction, installing, and equipping of the Projects, architectural, engineering, design, and other consulting services, inspection and testing, administrative and legal expenses, costs of issuance of the Bonds and other costs incurred in connection with the Projects shall be deemed to be costs of the approved Projects. The Borough is hereby authorized to undertake the Projects at the time and in the order and manner deemed most necessary and advisable by the Borough. The approved Projects maybe completed with all necessary equipment and appurtenances and shall include non-motorized pathways when practicable.

The Borough shall determine the application of available money as between the various Projects so as to accomplish, as nearly as may be, all of the Projects described or provided for in this section.

If the Borough shall determine that it has become impractical to accomplish any portion of the approved Projects by reason of changed conditions or needs, incompatible development or costs substantially in excess of those estimated, the Borough shall not

be required to accomplish such portions and shall apply Bond proceeds as set forth in this section.

If the approved Projects have been completed in whole or in part, or their completion duly provided for, or their completion found to be impractical, the Borough shall apply such remaining proceeds solely to payment of principal or interest on the Bonds. In the event that the proceeds of sale of the Bonds, plus any other money of the Borough legally available, are insufficient to accomplish the approved Projects, the Borough shall use the available funds for paying the cost of those portions of the approved Projects deemed by the Borough most necessary and in the best interest of the Borough. No Bond proceeds shall be used for any purpose other than a capital improvement.

Section 4. Details of Bonds. The Bonds shall be issued upon such terms and conditions and in such form as the Borough Manager or the Borough Finance Director finds to be in the best interest of the Borough.

Section 5. Submission to the voters. A proposition ratifying the authorization to engage in the projects and of the Bonds shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the Borough at the regular Borough election to be held on November 7, 2023 in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

50 PERCENT MATCH BOROUGH TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS PROJECTS BONDS

This proposition authorizes the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to build the transportation systems projects listed below and issue bonds in the amount of \$38,168,210, which is fifty percent (50%) of the cost of the projects.

Shall the Matanuska-Susitna Borough engage in the construction, additions, improvements, betterments, repair, reconstruction, and acquisition of public roads and pathways, and facilities related thereto, in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough of the following Projects, together with all necessary equipment and transportation facilities, including improving school access, and the acquisition of lands or rights in lands in connection therewith, and issue its areawide general obligation bonds, in an amount not to exceed the sum of Thirty-Eight Million One Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$38,168,210) for the purpose of financing the cost, in part, of the following Projects in accordance with and ratifying and approving the provisions of Ordinance Serial No. 23-077?

PROJECTS	ESTIMATED COST (50 percent of project cost)	ANNUAL COST TO TAXPAYER PER \$100,000 ASSESSED VALUE
Edgerton Parks Road - Mtn. Trails Drive Upgrade and Pathway Phase II	\$1,087,000	.65
Hemmer Road Extension South	\$2,945,000	1.76
School Site Traffic and Safety Improvements: Pioneer Peak Elementary	\$1,128,000	.67
Green Forest Drive Reconstruction	\$3,110,500	1.86
Museum Drive Extension	\$3,068,500	1.83
Burma Road Upgrades and Improvements	\$5,792,500	3.45
School Site Traffic and Safety Improvements: Shaw Elementary School	\$9,190,000	5.48
King Arthur Drive Reconstruction: Parks Highway to No Name Hill Drive	\$3,267,500	1.95
Yoder Road Reconstruction: Talkeetna Spur to Southfork Road	\$2,619,500	1.56
Jolly Creek Drainage Improvement	\$976,500	.58

West Lakes Boulevard Big Lake Trail No. 1 - Separated Crossing	\$1,375,000	.82
Inner-Outer Springer Loop Pathway	\$1,192,500	.71
Tait Drive Pavement Rehabilitation: Bogard to Seldon	\$274,000	.16
Earl Drive, Eek Street Pavement Rehabilitation: Bogard to Finger Lake Elementary School	\$246,500	.15
Gershmel Loop Pavement Rehabilitation: Fireweed Road to Fireweed Road	\$323,500	.19
School Site Traffic and Safety Improvements: Finger Lake Elementary School	\$742,000	.44
Big Lake Boat Launch Access and Parking Reconstruction	\$161,000	.10
Estimated Bond Issuance Costs	\$668,710	.40
TOTAL	\$38,168,210	\$22.76

The bonds shall be secured by a pledge of the full faith and credit of the Borough pursuant to Ordinance Serial No. 23-077 of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough adopted by the Borough Assembly on August 1, 2023.

This is the amount of the Borough's bond contribution for the above projects. Bonds may not be issued to pay costs of a project unless matching funds of fifty percent (50%) for that project are received from sources other than the bonds.

YES NO

Section 6. Bond anticipation notes. In the event the issuance of the Bonds is ratified at such election, the Assembly is hereby authorized to borrow money in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds and to issue bond anticipation notes in accordance with the provisions of the Alaska Statutes. The amount of such notes to be

issued from time to time and the time of their issuance, the form and details of the notes and provisions for the sale thereof shall be fixed by the Assembly by resolution.

Section 7. Effective Date. Sections 2, 3, 4, and 6 of this ordinance shall take effect upon certification of election only if the ballot proposition contained in Section 5 of this ordinance is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the proposition at the regular Borough election on November 7, 2023. The remaining sections of this ordinance take effect upon adoption by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this day 1 of August, 2023.


EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Nowers, McKee, Yundt, Tew, Fonov, and Bernier