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MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 25-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY ADOPTION OF THE 2025 BOGARD/SELDON CORRIDOR ACCESS MANAGEMENT PLAN.

WHEREAS, the Bogard-Seldon road corridor, between the Glenn Highway and Church Road, is an important east-west connector in the Matanuska-Susita Borough and has experienced significant population growth and land use development over the past 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the road corridor is not consistently designed to arterial standards and therefore is no longer meeting the functional needs of the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, the road corridor ranks among those with the highest crash rates in the state, and the concentration of crashes are on segments of the corridor with more conflict points compared to road segments with fewer conflict points; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the State of Alaska both own portions of the road corridor, and have worked together to find solutions which improve safety and mobility along the corridor; and

WHEREAS, roads classified as arterials require access

management to reduce traffic crash rates, congestion, and decrease costs for construction improvements and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Bogard-Seldon Corridor Access Management Plan is to ensure the long term safety and mobility of the roadway, and to minimize the potential for future costs to upgrade the roadway infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, access management plans must be adopted into Borough code in order to effectively guide intersection locations during the platting process and driveway locations during the permitting process, thereby improving roadway safety and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, during the plan development, the design consultants reviewed multiple factors that impact road safety, including but not limited to: left- and right-turn lanes; right-in/right-out intersections; non-traversable medians; off-set intersections; intersection spacing; direct road corridor access points from driveways and street closures; impacts to private property and business owners, and road network connectivity; and

WHEREAS, the Borough conducted extensive public outreach for the Corridor Access Management Plan resulting in 280 written public comments. Comments included both support for the plan overall or for plan recommendations in specific locations, as well as opposition to some plan recommendations in specific locations on the road corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Meadow Lakes and North Lakes Community Councils

submitted written public comment in support of the Corridor Access Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Board adopted Resolution No. 25-01 in support of this Access Management Plan, on April 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this access management plan for the Bogard/Seldon road corridor will provide guidelines to ensure the safety and welfare of the community for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission advises the Assembly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Planning Commission recommends the Assembly adopt the 2025 Bogard-Seldon Corridor Access Management Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Planning Commission encourages continued collaboration among government entities, planning agencies, community stakeholders, and the public to ensure the successful implementation of the access management plan.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission this 21st day of April, 2025.

yes: mccabe, Fernandez, Collins, Scoggin

