

Planning Commission Handouts

HANDOUT

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 24-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION OPPOSING THE PROPOSALS TO RENAME ARKOSE PEAK AS SOUVENIR PEAK AND TO NAME AN UNAMED PEAK, ARKOSE PEAK AND SUPPORTING THE PROPOSAL TO COMMEMORATIVELY NAME MOUNT CAROLA.

WHEREAS, the Historical Preservation Commission (HPC) is uniquely equipped to understand and give comment on the naming or renaming of geographic features; and

WHEREAS, the current name of Arkose Peak is being requested to be changed to Souvenir Peak; and

WHEREAS, the HPC recommends that the currently named Arkose Peak be changed instead to its traditional name, Tside K'ae Dghilaaye; and

WHEREAS, the HPC generally recommends using the traditional names of geographic features when possible; and

WHEREAS, the currently unnamed peak on Arkose Ridge is being requested to be changed to Arkose Peak; and

WHEREAS, the HPC recommends that the currently unnamed peak on Arkose Ridge remain unnamed; and

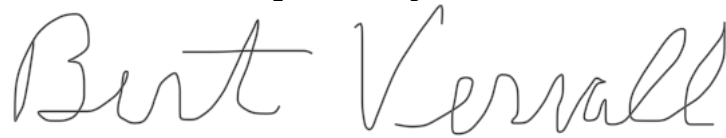
WHEREAS, the currently unnamed peak is being requested to change to Mount Carola; and

WHEREAS, the HPC recommends the currently unnamed peak be named commemoratively, Mount Carola; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matanuska-Susitna

Borough Historical Preservation Commission has provided its comments on the naming and renaming of these three geographic features.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Historical Preservation Commission this 15th day of August 15, 2024.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bert Verall".

Bert Verall, Chair

ATTEST:

Leda Borys, Long Range Planner

Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

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Safety Starts at Our Core

Comprehensive Safety Action Plan



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Introductions



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What is Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)?



Grant program from the U.S. Department of Transportation



Supports Vision Zero: even one death is unacceptable



A systemic approach to prevent death and serious injuries on the nation's roadways

Comprehensive Safety Action Plan & Types of SS4A Grants



COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLANS:
data-driven,
identify projects & strategies

DURING PLAN DEVELOPMENT:
supplemental planning & demonstration activities

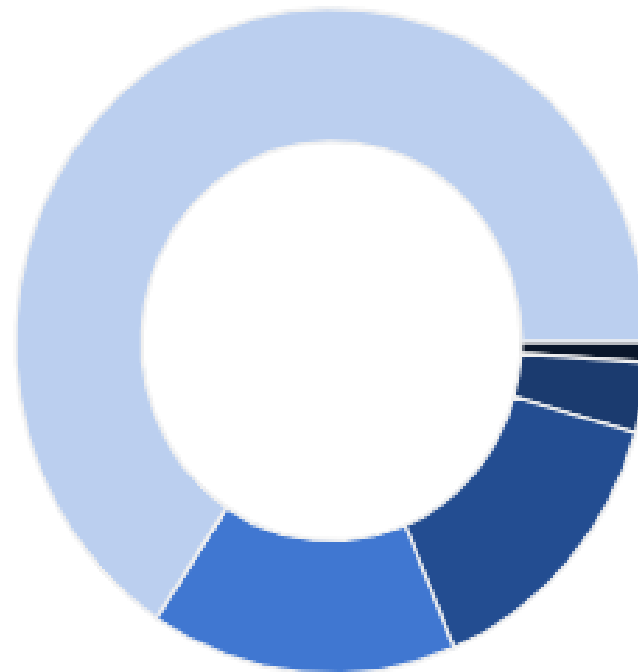
AFTER PLAN COMPLETION:
project implementation



Why do we need a Safety Action Plan?

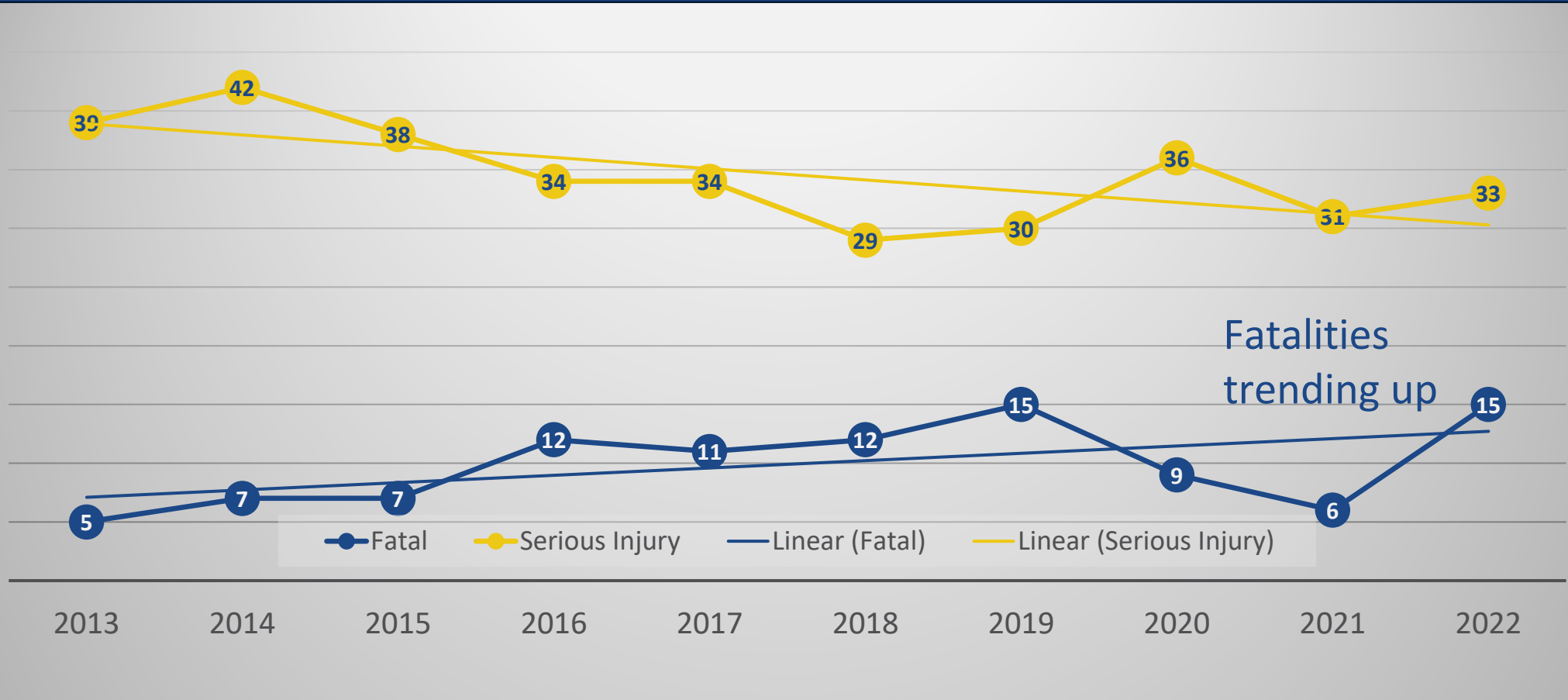


10,332 total crashes between 2013 and 2022



Fatal	(99, 1%)
Suspected Serious Injury	(346, 4%)
Suspected Minor Injury	(14%)
Possible Injury	(16%)
No Injury Reported	(65%)

Mat-Su Expanded Core Area (2013-2022) Serious Crashes

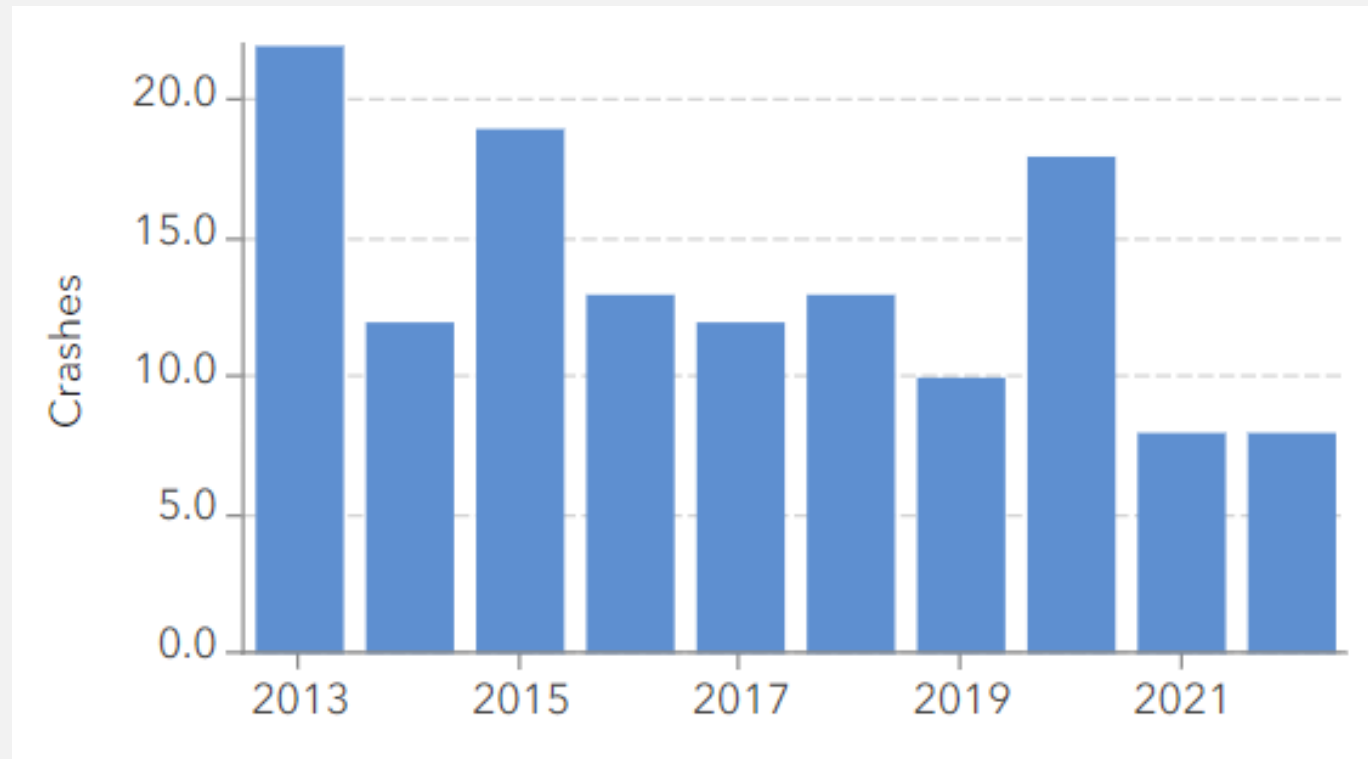


Why do we need a Safety Action Plan?



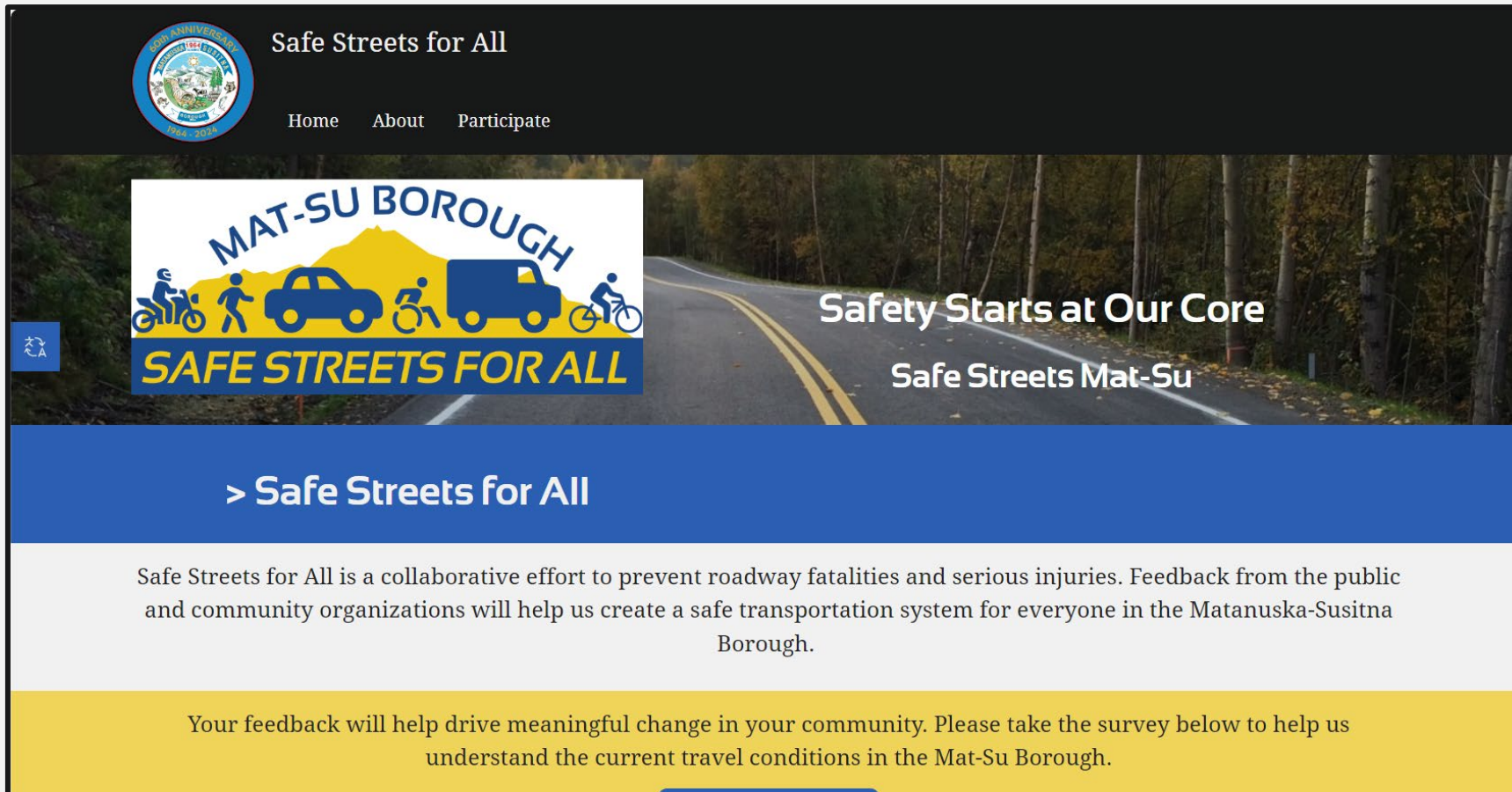
135 crashes involving bicycles and pedestrians (2013-2022)

93% of these resulted in some type of injury or death



Visit the Website

ss4a.matsugov.us



The screenshot shows the homepage of the 'Safe Streets for All' website. At the top left is the Matanuska-Susitna Borough 60th Anniversary logo (1954-2014). The main header reads 'Safe Streets for All' with navigation links for 'Home', 'About', and 'Participate'. Below the header is a large banner image of a road with trees. On the left of the banner is a logo for 'MAT-SU BOROUGH SAFE STREETS FOR ALL' featuring icons for a motorcycle, pedestrian, car, wheelchair, truck, and bicycle. Text on the banner reads 'Safety Starts at Our Core' and 'Safe Streets Mat-Su'. Below the banner is a blue bar with the text '> Safe Streets for All'. The main content area contains a paragraph: 'Safe Streets for All is a collaborative effort to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries. Feedback from the public and community organizations will help us create a safe transportation system for everyone in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.' At the bottom is a yellow bar with the text: 'Your feedback will help drive meaningful change in your community. Please take the survey below to help us understand the current travel conditions in the Mat-Su Borough.'

- ✓ Learn about the project
- ✓ Find out how to get involved
- ✓ See the latest plan documents
- ✓ Contact the team



Take the Safety Survey!



Share the facebook reel!



Survey open
through
August 30th.



Thank you!

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*Parks Highway between Meadow Lakes and Houston
Photo credit: John Olsen*

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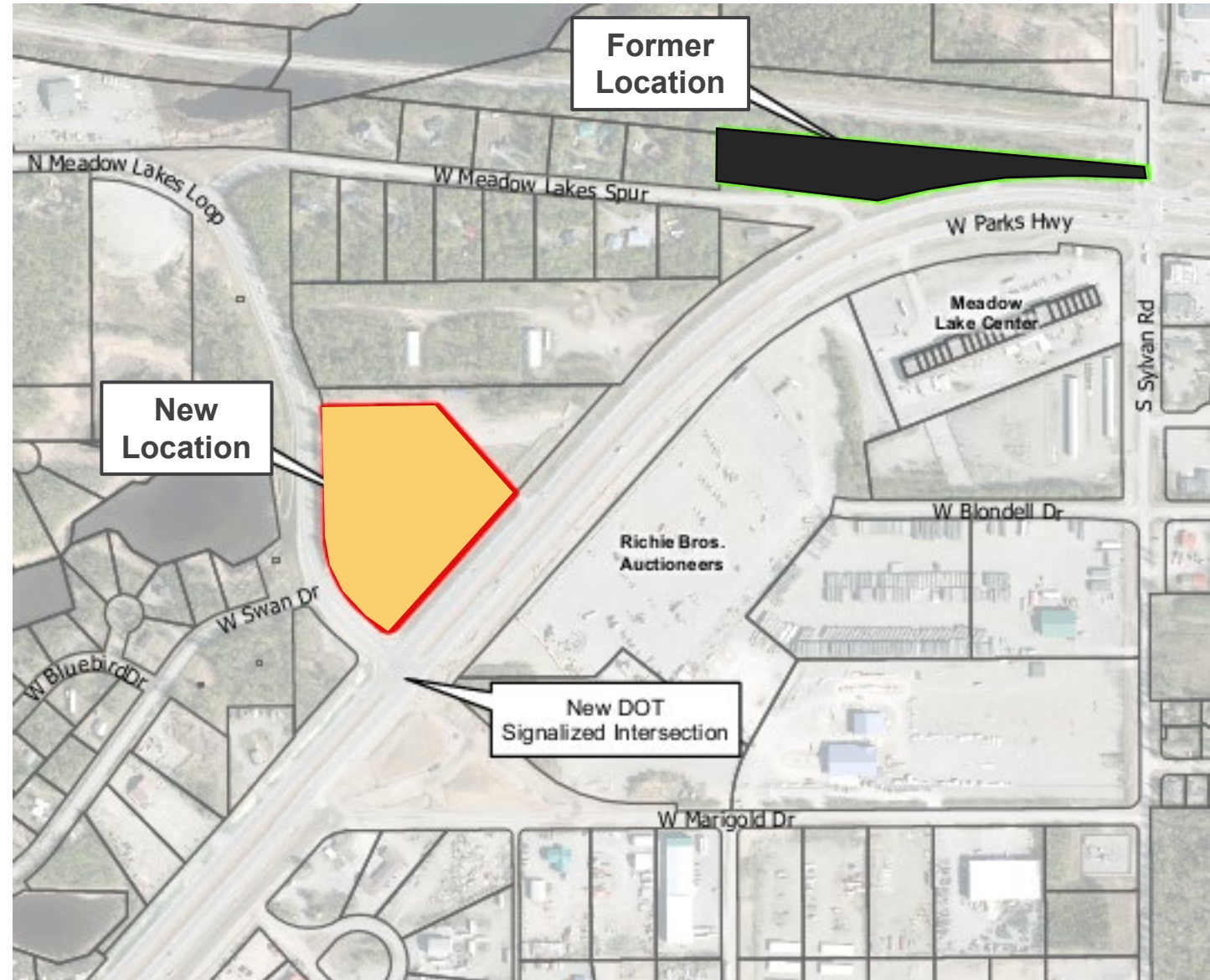
Conditional Use Permit

MEADOW LAKES CIRCLE K LIQUOR STORE

August 2024

PROJECT LOCATION

- ✔ 169 N. Meadow Lakes Loop
- ✔ At the new signaled intersection of Meadow Lakes Loop & Parks Highway
- ✔ Approximately 0.4 miles southwest of the old Holiday location at 7883 W. Parks Highway, north of W. Meadow Lakes Spur
 - *Operated for over 20 years*
 - *Closed August 2024*



LIQUOR STORE LOCATION

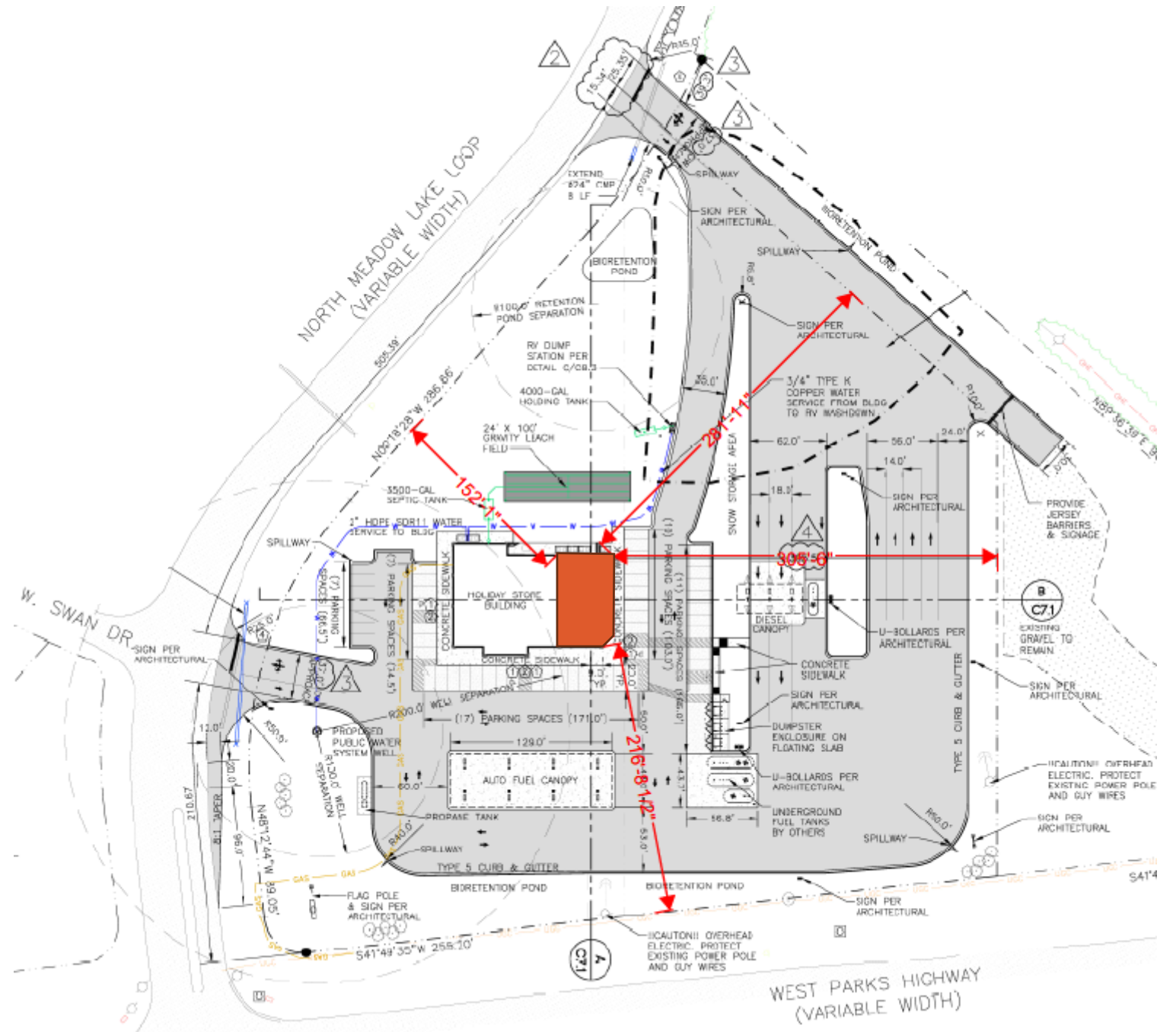
- CUP request is only for the liquor store portion – approximately 3,165 sf within overall 9,905 sf convenience store and fuel station development
- Development is consistent with surrounding commercial corridor
- Liquor store is screened from residential to the west by the rest of the building



SITE PLAN

Overall development:

- ✔ Completed Traffic Impact Analysis
- ✔ Construction for overall development is complete
- ✔ Convenience store and fuel station have approvals to operate





- ✓ Liquor store designed to blend into development with cohesive aesthetics – neutral brick and contemporary signage
- ✓ Downward-directed lighting to minimize glare
- ✓ Liquor store will be open:
 - Monday through Saturday: 10am – 1am
 - Sundays: 12pm – 1am





CONCLUSION

- ✔️ Liquor store is part of new and improved development, consistent with commercial corridor along the highway
- ✔️ Over 20 years of operations in the area
 - No complaints or violations at the previous location
 - Circle K is committed to continuing to be a good neighbor and responding to public concerns
- ✔️ Liquor license transfer has been approved by AMCO, pending approval of this CUP



Consistent with the staff recommendation, we are requesting approval of the CUP with the listed conditions

Thank you! Any questions or

Resolution 24-23
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 19, 2024

TO: Planning Commission Members

FROM: Peggy Horton

RE: Resolution 24-16 for Arkose Peak Geographic Naming Proposal

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Historical Preservation Commission met on August 15, 2024. The Historical Preservation Commission is an advisory group tasked by the assembly to identify, protect, preserve, and interpret cultural resources within the borough that are of archaeological, historical, cultural, scientific, or geographic importance. Their agenda included the geographic naming proposals for Arkose Peak, Souvenir Peak, and Mount Carola.

The commission recommended the subject mountain remain unnamed. Because of this recommendation, staff drafted the attached resolution (PC 24-23) for the Planning Commission to consider.

Thank you for your consideration.

By: Peggy Horton
Introduced: August 5, 2024
Public Hearing: August 19, 2024
Action:

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 24-23**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING DENIAL OF THE PROPOSAL TO NAME A GEOGRAPHIC FEATURE WITHIN THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH AS ARKOSE PEAK, LOCATED WITHIN TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, SECTION 3, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Department received a request for comments from the Alaska Historical Commission regarding a proposal to make official the name Arkose Peak for an unnamed geographic feature in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Historical Commission is designated by statute as the Geographic Names Board for the State of Alaska. The commission coordinates the program to name physical features in the State with the United States Board on Geographic Names; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission is tasked with acting for the assembly in matters of naming geographic features; and

WHEREAS, according to the proposal, in 1969, at the request of the Mountaineering Club of Alaska (MCA), the U.S. Board of Geographic Names (BGN) approved the name Arkose Peak for a 5,804-

foot peak located in Sections 26 and 35, Township 20 North, Range 2 East; and

WHEREAS, according to the proposal, the name Arkose Peak was proposed in 1969 due to the presence of a specific type of rock known as arkose; and

WHEREAS, according to the proposal, the name Arkose Peak was mistakenly applied to a peak in Section 3, Township 19 North, Range 2 East, approximately 1.3 miles southeast of its intended location, due to a mapping error in the 1985 USGS topographic maps; and

WHEREAS, according to the proposal, this mislabeling led to the 5,325-foot peak in Section 3 becoming known locally as Arkose Peak, while the 1969 named peak is now known locally as Souvenir Peak; and

WHEREAS, according to the proposal, the suggested change acknowledges a historical discrepancy and brings official records in line with current local usage; and

WHEREAS, according to the BGN Principles, Policies, and Procedures, the support for BGN's domestic names activities and the maintenance of names are provided by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), an agency of the Department of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, to support the BGN, USGS maintains the Federal authoritative source of official geographic feature names, the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS); and

WHEREAS, according to the proposal and the GNIS, Arkose Peak is named for a rock formation located at the northeast end of Arkose Ridge; and

WHEREAS, according to the proposal and the GNIS, the mountain summit in Section 3, for which the name Arkose Peak is proposed, is currently unnamed; and

WHEREAS, according to the proposal, naming the mountain Arkose Peak in Section 3 would lead to duplication if the summit's name in Sections 26 and 35 remains unchanged; and

WHEREAS, a GNIS search found that Arkose Peak is located within a mountain range named Arkose Ridge. No other instances of Arkose were found in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, according to the guidelines for name changes listed in the Alaska Historical Commission program, the commission is reluctant to change existing names but will consider doing so if the proposer demonstrates a compelling reason and if there is local support for the change; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Historical Preservation Commission (HPC) is tasked to advise the assembly in

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Adopted:

identifying, protecting, preserving, and interpreting cultural resources within the borough that are of archaeological, historical, cultural, scientific, or geographic importance; and

WHEREAS, the HPC held a public meeting on August 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the HPC adopted Resolution 24-01, recommending the subject mountain in Section 3 remain unnamed; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed this application with respect to the standards and procedures for the Borough to comment on such proposals set forth in MSB 15.04.025; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on August 19, 2024, on this matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission, acting for the Assembly, recommends denial of the proposal to name an unnamed geographic feature in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough as Arkose Peak.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission on this 19TH day of August 2024.

CJ KOAN, Chair

ATTEST

LACIE OLIVIERI, Planning Clerk

(SEAL)

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YES:

NO:

Resolution 24-25
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 19, 2024
TO: Planning Commission Members
FROM: Peggy Horton
RE: Resolution 24-17 for Souvenir Peak Geographic Naming Proposal

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Historical Preservation Commission met on August 15, 2024. The Historical Preservation Commission is an advisory group tasked by the assembly to identify, protect, preserve, and interpret cultural resources within the borough that are of archaeological, historical, cultural, scientific, or geographic importance. Their agenda included the geographic naming proposals for Arkose Peak, Souvenir Peak, and Mount Carola.

The commission chose not to support renaming Arkose Peak to Souvenir Peak and instead recommended the Ahtna traditional name of Tsida K'ae Dghilaaye, which means Grandmother's Place Mountain, for the subject mountain. Because of this recommendation, staff drafted the attached resolution (PC 24-25) for the Planning Commission to consider.

Thank you for your consideration.

By: Peggy Horton
Introduced: August 5, 2024
Public Hearing: August 19, 2024
Action:

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PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 24-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING DENIAL OF THE PROPOSAL TO RENAME A GEOGRAPHIC FEATURE WITHIN THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH FROM ARKOSE PEAK TO SOUVENIR PEAK AND INSTEAD RENAME THE MOUNTAIN TSEDE K'AE DGHILAAYE, THE TRADITIONAL AHTNA NAME, MEANING GRANDMOTHER'S PLACE MOUNTAIN.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Department received a request for comments from the Alaska Historical Commission regarding a proposal to rename a mountain peak currently named Arkose Peak to Souvenir Peak in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Historical Commission is designated by statute as the Geographic Names Board for the State of Alaska. The commission coordinates the program to name physical features in the State with the United States Board on Geographic Names (BGN); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission is tasked with acting for the assembly in matters of naming geographic features; and

WHEREAS, the subject feature is a 5,804-foot summit at the northeast end of Arkose Ridge, straddling Sections 26 and 35,

Township 20 North, Range 2 East, within the Talkeetna Mountains;
and

WHEREAS, according to the proposal, in 1969, the BGN approved the name Arkose Peak for this feature following a proposal by the Mountaineering Club of Alaska (MCA) Geographic Names Committee;
and

WHEREAS, according to the BGN Principles, Policies, and Procedures, support for BGN's domestic names activities and the maintenance of names are provided by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), an agency of the Department of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, to support the BGN, USGS maintains the Federal authoritative source of official geographic feature names, the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS); and

WHEREAS, according to the proposal and the GNIS, the subject rock formation is currently named Arkose Peak. The proposal seeks to rename it to Souvenir Peak; and

WHEREAS, according to the proposal, the current name Arkose Peak (proposed Souvenir Peak) and the neighboring Arkose Ridge are reported as the Ahtna name "Tsida K'ae Dghilaaye" in Shem Pete's Alaska: The Territory of the Upper Cook Inlet Dena'ina, (Revised 2nd Edition, 2016, pg. 297) by James Kari and James A. Fall, with

principal contributor Shem Pete. Here, "Tsida K'ae Dghilaaye" means "Grandmother's Place Mountain" in Ahtna; and

WHEREAS, according to the guidelines for name changes listed in the Alaska Historical Commission program, the commission is reluctant to change existing names but will consider doing so if the proposer demonstrates a compelling reason and if there is local support for the change; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Historical Preservation Commission (HPC) is tasked to advise the assembly in identifying, protecting, preserving, and interpreting cultural resources within the borough that are of archaeological, historical, cultural, scientific, or geographic importance; and

WHEREAS, the HPC held a public meeting on August 15, 2024, and adopted Resolution 24-01; and

WHEREAS, the HPC generally recommends using the traditional names of geographic features when possible; and

WHEREAS, the HPC recommends that the currently named Arkose Peak be changed to its traditional name, Tside K'ae Dghilaaye, meaning Grandmother's Place Mountain; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed this application with respect to the standards and procedures for the Borough to comment on such proposals set forth in MSB 15.04.025; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on August 19, 2024, on this matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission, acting for the Assembly, recommends denial of the proposal to rename Arkose Peak to Souvenir Peak and instead recommends the peak be renamed to the traditional Ahtna name Tsida K'ae Dghilaaye, meaning Grandmother's Place Mountain.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission on this 19TH day of August 2024.

CJ KOAN, Chair

ATTEST

LACIE OLIVIERI, Planning Clerk

(SEAL)

YES:

NO:

Mount Carola
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 19, 2024
TO: Planning Commission Members
FROM: Peggy Horton
RE: Resolution 24-18 for Mount Carola Geographic Naming Proposal

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Historical Preservation Commission met on August 15, 2024. The Historical Preservation Commission is an advisory group tasked by the assembly to identify, protect, preserve, and interpret cultural resources within the borough that are of archaeological, historical, cultural, scientific, or geographic importance. Their agenda included the geographic naming proposals for Arkose Peak, Souvenir Peak, and Mount Carola.

The commission chose to support the commemorative name Mount Carola for the subject mountain. Consequently, staff recommends the following findings be added to PC 24-18 for the Planning Commission to consider:

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Historical Preservation Commission (HPC) is tasked to advise the assembly in identifying, protecting, preserving, and interpreting cultural resources within the borough that are of archaeological, historical, cultural, scientific, or geographic importance; and

WHEREAS, the HPC held a public meeting on August 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the HPC adopted Resolution 24-01, recommending the subject mountain be named Mount Carola, in commemoration of Carola “Carol” J. Young; and

Thank you for your consideration.