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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 19, 2021
TO: Mayor and Assembly
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

Road Service Areas and a Recovering Economy: As the US economy continues to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, the negative effects of supply chain interruptions and manufacturing are being felt throughout the entire economy. One affected area will be road service. Looking back over the past 12 months, the rate of inflation (4.8%) along with the spike in fuel prices (23.3%) would result in a 7.57% increase to the RSA contracts. While there are still a couple months left to be calculated, it is unlikely this rate will come down, meaning the FY2022 contracts will rise significantly.

Using the current estimated increase, the individual impacts are as follows:

| <u>RSA</u> | <u>Current Annual Rate</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>New Annual Rate</u> |
|------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 09-Midway | \$209,921.66 | \$15,891.07 | \$225,812.73 |
| 14-Fairview | \$294,197.69 | \$22,270.77 | \$316,468.46 |
| 15-Caswell lakes | \$456,466.20 | \$34,554.49 | \$491,020.69 |
| 16-South Colony | \$402,230.00 | \$30,448.81 | \$432,678.81 |
| 17-Knik | \$885,757.09 | \$67,051.81 | \$952,808.90 |
| 19-Lazy Mtn | \$72,748.00 | \$5,507.02 | \$78,255.02 |
| 20-Willow | \$325,230.08 | \$24,619.92 | \$349,850.00 |
| 21-Big Lake | \$563,448.39 | \$42,653.04 | \$606,101.43 |
| 23-North Colony | \$101,238.00 | \$7,663.72 | \$108,901.72 |
| 25-Bogard | \$367,082.34 | \$27,788.13 | \$394,870.47 |
| 26-Greater Butte | \$173,817.00 | \$13,157.95 | \$186,974.95 |

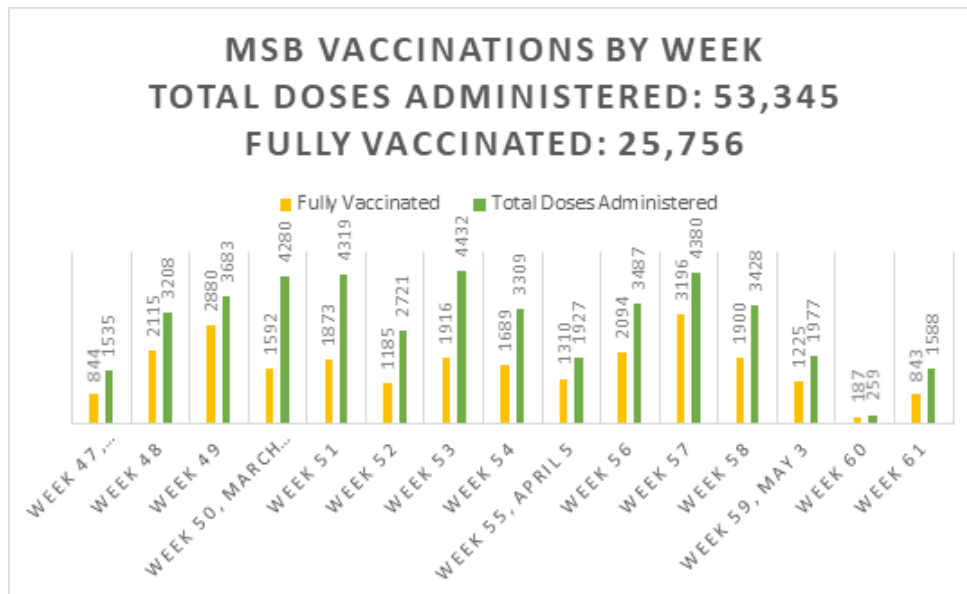
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| 27-Meadow Lakes | \$500,875.44 | \$37,916.27 | \$538,791.71 |
| 28-Gold Trails | \$561,612.00 | \$42,514.03 | \$604,126.03 |
| 29-Talkeetna | \$377,045.84 | \$28,542.37 | \$405,588.21 |
| 30-Trapper Creek | \$153,770.64 | \$11,640.44 | \$165,411.08 |
| 31-Alpine | \$104,446.50 | \$7,906.60 | \$112,353.10 |

These numbers are currently **estimates**; the final numbers will be calculated in October 2021 with the release of the Consumer Price for the quarter ending September 30, 2021.

Port MacKenzie Tour for U.S. Senate Candidate Kelly Tshibaka: On Thursday, May 20, 2021 U.S. Senate Candidate Kelly Tshibaka will tour the facilities at Port MacKenzie with Borough staff, and Assemblymembers Sumner, Tew and Yundt.

Community Health Workers for COVID Response and Resilient Communities (CCR) Program: Attached is a copy of my letter of support dated May 17, 2021 for the Application to the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion for the Community Health Workers for COVID Response and Resilient Communities (CCR) Program. This letter was requested by the State Department of Labor and does not obligate or commit the Borough in any way.

Vaccination Weekly Update:



Statewide Percentage of Residents (All Ages) with 1+ doses: 41.1%, fully vaccinated 36.7%; 65+: 76.4% with 1+ dose, 72.7% fully vaccinated.

Mat-Su Percentage of Residents (All Ages) with 1+ doses: 27.2%, fully vaccinated 24%; 65+: 62.1% with 1+ dose, 58.2% fully vaccinated.

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

State

- [State Senate unanimously passes Sen. Hughes's industrial hemp bill](#)

Assembly

- [Frontiersman- Borough Passes Budget](#)
- [KTNA- Borough Assembly passes FY22 budget](#)
- [Recognition Award given to three firefighters during Assembly Special Meeting](#)

Fisheries

- [ADN- AK Legislature rejects Pebble employee for state Board of Fish](#)
- [AK Public Media – Gov. Dunleavy's nominee to Board of Fish rejected](#)
- [Rainbow Trout at Mat-Su Valley Lakes](#)
- [Craig Medred- Frankenfish arrive](#)

COVID-19

- [Health officials urging Alaskans to keep following local mask rules after CDC relaxes guidance](#)

Borough-notable notices

- [PUBLIC NOTICE- Four Mile Rd. Beetle Kill Firewood Harvet Area](#)
- [Public Notice- Classification and sale- Merrie Belle](#)

Agriculture

- [Dunleavy administration proposes millions for biggest Alaska farming project in decades](#)

Trails

- [Borough trailhead fines can become season passes if paid within five days](#)
- [Borough missing workers for its summer parks plan](#)

Tourism

- [Alaska lodge operators and tour companies pinning down pandemic protocols](#)

Future Events:

- Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 6pm or 6:30pm - Bogard at Engstrom-Green Forest Drive Virtual Open House (see attached flyer)
- Wednesday, May 26, 2021 - Mayor Halter and I will present a Borough update to the Greater Palmer Chamber of Commerce at Noon

ATTACHMENTS



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May 17, 2021

Louise Dean, Executive Director
Alaska Workforce Investment Board
550. W. 7th Ave. Ste. 1930
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Ms. Dean,

This letter is in support of the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development's (DOLWD) CDC-RFA-DP21-2109 application to the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion for the "Community Health Workers for COVID Response and Resilient Communities (CCR)" program.

We believe this project will significantly improve the public health infrastructure in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough by increasing the number of Community Health Workers in Alaska with the expertise to successfully engage with existing state and/or local public health-led actions to manage COVID-19.

We are fully confident that the Alaska DOLWD and their partners, specifically the Alaska Primary Care Association, are in a unique and advantageous position to succeed in this endeavor. These organizations have, in partnership, successfully started a Community Health Worker initiative in Alaska. With concerted funding to help launch this program to the next level, Alaska will be well positioned to strengthen community resilience to fight COVID-19 and address existing health disparities.

I extend my support for this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MB'.

Michael Brown
Borough Manager

HSIP: Bogard Rd at Engstrom Rd/Green Forest Dr Intersection Improvements
Project No: CFHWY00453



**Join us for a virtual Open House:
Tuesday, May 25th**

The closely spaced intersections of Bogard Road / Engstrom Road / Green Forest Drive, combined with high speeds, lack of sight distance, and increased traffic have contributed to a large number of crashes and congestion. The goal of this project is to reduce the number and severity of crashes and also to improve day-to-day traffic conditions by reducing congestion.

Join us for a Virtual Open House to hear a status update of the project and a presentation of the preliminary design. Questions and comments can be emailed to the project team prior to the meeting. The Open House will start with a presentation, followed by a review of the questions submitted in advance, and then a live Q&A and comment session. The presentation will be repeated at 6:30.

All meeting materials and a recording of the meeting, will be posted on the project website after the virtual Open House.



For more information about the project visit:
<http://dot.alaska.gov/creg/bogard/>

To contact the project team, email:
BogardEngstrom@Kinneyeng.com

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by DOT&PF pursuant to 23 U.S.C 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated November 3, 2017, and executed by FHWA and DOT&PF. The proposed project will comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act; Executive Orders: 11990 (Wetlands Protection), 11988 (Floodplain Protection), 12898 (Environmental Justice), 11593 (Historic Preservation), 13084 (Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments), the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and U.S. DOT Act Section 4(f).

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Green Forest Dr Intersection Improvements**

OPEN HOUSE ZOOM MEETING
Tuesday, May 25th | 6:00-7:00 pm
Presentations at 6:00 & 6:30



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Three ways to join:

1. Scan the QR code with your smart phone camera to directly access the Zoom meeting
2. Direct Link: <https://zoom.us> and use the Meeting ID and Passcode below to log in
3. Call In: (253) 215-8782 and use the Meeting ID and Passcode below to log in

Meeting ID: 970 1833 1772
Passcode: BogEng2021

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