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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 25, 2022
 TO: Mayor and Assembly
 FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
 RE: Manager's Weekly Post

Legislative Update: The following is a summary of recently approved budget items specific to the Mat-Su. This includes line items to the State Department of Transportation (DOT&PF) and other entities within the Borough. Items highlighted in yellow are expected to come to the Borough as a grant recipient. An update will be communicated once the Governor signs the legislation and any items that may be affected by a veto. Additional detail will be provided in various grant agreements as those become available such as specifically what is expected for Alaska Long Trail funding.

Title	Funding Amount	Notes
Talkeetna Pavement Markings and Crack Seal	\$300,000	State of Alaska DOT&PF
Alaska Highway Passing Lanes (Tetlin-Delta Jct)	\$11,000,000	State of Alaska DOT&PF
Parks Highway Mile Point 63-128 (Milepost 99 to 163) Drainage and Culvert Improvements	\$7,823,420	State of Alaska DOT&PF
Parks Highway Mile Point 206-209 Reconstruction - Design	\$560,400	State of Alaska DOT&PF
Vine Road Improvements Knik-Goosebay Road to Hollywood Blvd	\$7,732,450	State of Alaska DOT&PF
Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation - Susitna Valley Winter-Only Motorized Multi-Use Trail - Alaska Long Trail	\$100,000	DCCED - From General Funds
City of Palmer Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements - Phase II	\$6,900,000	DCCED - From General Funds
Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Palmer Hay Flats Trail - Alaska Long Trail	\$100,000	DCCED - From General Funds

Matanuska-Susitna Borough -GPRA Traverse and Little Susitna Loop - Alaska Long Trail	\$1,900,000	DCCED - From General Funds
Mat-Su First Responder Training Facility	\$8,000,000	Coronavirus Capital Project Fund - Other Funds
Glenn Highway Arctic Avenue to Palmer-Fishhook Road Safety and Capacity Improvements	\$750,000	DOT&PF - Surface Transportation Program
Parks Highway Mile Point 63-128 (Milepost 99 to 163) Drainage and Culvert Improvements	\$11,007,370	DOT&PF - Surface Transportation Program
South Big Lake Rd Construction to MSB for maintenance of seasonally impassable roads in the Big Lake Area	\$180,844	Re-appropriation of sec. 34(c), ch. 17, SLA 2012, for payment as a grant under AS 37.05.315.
2024 Arctic Winter Games to MSB	\$1,000,000	General Fund to DCCED - Grant under AS 37.05.315
2021 Transportation Infrastructure Package (requires \$30 million local match)	\$30,000,000	General Fund to DCCED - Grant under AS 37.05.315; Contingency. Sec 46c is contingent on MSB contributing \$30,000 in matching funds
Grants to School Districts according to average daily membership for each district	\$7,694,898	Adjusted under AS 14.17.410(b)(1)(A) - (D); Funding amount is specific to MSBSD based on enrollment

Williwaw Cleanup Progress Update: The planned spring cleanup in the Williwaw subdivision was started on Saturday, May 21, 2022 with over 40 people participating. The energetic civic-minded residents had filled the initial two 40-Yard dumpsters full of trash within three hours and had an enjoyable picnic afterwards. After these dumpsters are picked up, one more dumpster will be delivered this week so the residents can complete this year’s cleanup initiative. Assemblymember Rob Yundt sponsored the legislation approved by the Assembly early this year which provides the three dumpsters for



cleaning up of the Williwaw subdivision. Ms. Rachel Sayen Lambert, who has been very involved in leading efforts to make her community better for over four years, was the primary organizer within Williwaw for this effort. One of their primary goals was to help out the older people do cleanup they couldn't do and to work on cleaning up problem properties. Their efforts are absolutely making Williwaw a better place to live for the residents.

Meadow Lakes Gravel Site: A quick update on the Borough's gravel site development in Meadow Lakes. Since permitting and approval of the land transfer to the Meadow Lakes Community Council, an appraisal was completed for the royalty rate and fair market value of the land at the new material site on Borough-owned parcel Tax ID 17N02W02C004. A lease was drafted with input from Legal and Finance. A competitive solicitation will be advertised shortly for contractors to bid on leasing the site for development of the sand and gravel resources. The solicitation will be advertised for 30 days.

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Renewable Energy

- [Another tidal energy project planned for Cook Inlet - KDLL](#)

Wildfire Response

- [Caswell Lakes Fire \(#110\) showcases coordination between local volunteer firefighters and ...AK Fire info](#)
- [Outreach to young Alaskans helps youth prepare for fast moving wildfires - AK Fire Info](#)
- [Local and State Firefighters contained fire in Caswell - KTNA](#)

Food Security

- [With food prices climbing, the U.N. is warning of crippling global shortages](#)

Fisheries

- [Copper River closed to fishing as sockeye returns underwhelm – Undercurrent News](#)

Port MacKenzie

- [Port MacKenzie docks first vessel of the year - Alaska's News Source](#)
- [Another tidal energy project planned for Cook Inlet - KDLL](#)

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- [Successful operation at Port MacKenzie as the Brunon Wisdom departs – 2.5k views – VIDEO](#)
- [Off-loading of Brunon Wisdom – 3.5k views - VIDEO](#)
- [Williwaw community kick of annual clean-up event using a Borough supplied dumpster – 8k reached](#)