



## MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 20, 2023  
TO: Mayor and Assembly  
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager  
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

**Talkeetna Flooding Update:** The Borough recently issued two separate Request for Quotes (RFQs) associated with the emergency repair of the Talkeetna revetment. Purchasing publicly advertised both RFQs and open to all qualified contractors.

On Tuesday, September 19, the Borough received two quotes for roughly 3,000 tons of rip rap. The lowest quote of \$320,000 (Western Construction) will supply and deliver materials to Talkeetna. Western will commence hauling operations on Friday, September 22; they anticipate delivering eight (8) truckloads per day until complete (~10 days). Materials will be stockpiled near the end of Main Street in anticipation of repair activities.

On Wednesday, September 20, Purchasing received six quotes to conduct revetment repair using owner-supplied rip rap. The lowest quote was \$93,750 (Western Construction). This work is scheduled to commence no later than October 3, 2023. Public Works anticipates the emergency repairs to be complete by mid-October. An updated press release will go out on the evening of September 20.

**Junk and Trash Free Drop-off Program:** The overall program is moving well. Central Landfill has been averaging 682 customers daily since Saturday, September 16. Typically, this time of year, the average is 350 to 400. Big Lake transfer site has received 268 customers, and Talkeetna has received 175 customers. Both transfer sites are exceeding their summertime peak volume of customers per day. We have collected approximately 795 tons of trash, junk, metal, refrigerators, and appliances. We have provided service to over 4,700 customers from all sites.

**US Marine Highway Program Grant Award:** Senator Murkowski's office informed us the Borough has been selected to receive a grant in the amount of \$944,804 for the Port MacKenzie Rough Terrain Cargo Crane. The total project cost is \$1,181,005, with a 20% match in the amount of \$236,201. This grant is to acquire a 75-ton rough terrain crane for use in loading/unloading cargo, freight, fuel, equipment, and other goods at Port MacKenzie. The crane's versatility will provide needed accommodations for handling heavy freight and cargo at the deep-draft dock, the barge dock, and the bow ramp.

**Junk Vehicle Removal Program:** Follow this link to learn more about the opportunity to dispose of junk vehicles: <https://planning.matsugov.us/pages/junk-car-removal-program>

### **Public Affairs Media Flyover:**

#### **Talkeetna**

- Mat-Su Borough puts plan in place to address Talkeetna erosion  
Alaska's News Source
- MSB declares disaster emergency for Talkeetna flooding, erosion  
Frontiersman

#### **MSB School District**

- WHS cuts ribbon for Kubota Diesel Tech Cert program  
Frontiersman
- Students continue to address BP 9110 during joint MSB/school board meeting  
Frontiersman
- A spate of shoplifting has shut down off-campus meals at Mat-Su's Colony High School  
ADN

#### **US Representative Peltola**

- Alaska's US Representative is thankful for the overwhelming support she received  
KDLG
- Husband of Rep. Peltola dies in plane accident  
Frontiersman
- Hundreds of Mourners gather in Bethel for Buzzy  
ADN

#### **Palmer Library**

- Designers want to know what Palmer wants in its rebuilt public library  
Frontiersman

#### **Port MacKenzie Rail to Road**

- A long-shelved railroad to the Mat-Su's Port MacKenzie could instead become a road  
ADN

#### **Facebook Posts**

- Free junk and trash drop off  
Reach: 33,583 / Reactions: 790 positive, 1 negative / Shares: 529
- Government Peak Ribbon Cutting Invite  
Reach: 18,1742 / Reactions: 226 positive, 0 negative / Shares: 45

#### **Future Events:**

- Ribbon Cutting - Government Peak Recreational Area (GPRA), N. Mountain Trails Drive, Palmer, Fri., Sept. 29 at 1pm,
- 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Mat-Su Emergency Preparedness Expo, Menard Memorial Sports Center, Sat., Sept. 30 from 10am to 3pm
- Groundbreaking - Mat-Su Central School, N. of Pioneer Peak Elementary School Entrance, Tues., Oct. 3 @11am