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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 1, 2024
TO: Mayor and Assembly
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

RSA Contract Approvals:

Previously approved at the April 16 Regular Assembly Meeting:

- AM 24-040 Greater Willow (20): D&S Road Service for \$8,254 per mile (no berm).
- AM 24-041 Meadow Lakes (27): Northern Asphalt for \$12,800 per mile (12-inch berm).
- AM 24-042 Gold Trail (28): Northern Asphalt for \$14,800 per mile (12-inch berm).
- AM 24-043 Talkeetna (29): D&S Road Service for \$8,565 per mile (no berm).

Coming before the Assembly for approval on May 7:

- AM 24-051 Big Lake (21): One responsive bid was received with a cost per mile of \$15,990. Negotiations were completed with McKenna Brothers with a final per mile cost of \$12,800 (12-inch berm).
- AM 24-052 Bogard (25): Two bids were received. McKenna Brothers Paving submitted the low bid at \$12,874 (no berm).
- AM 24-053 Midway (9): Three bids were received. Battleground Excavation submitted the low bid at \$11,500. Final per mile cost may be reduced to \$9,999 pending RSA Board input on no berm vs. 12-inch berm.

Anticipated to be presented at the May 21 Meeting:

- Fairview (14): Four bids were received ranging from \$11,500 to \$21,000. Battleground Excavation submitted the apparent low bid at \$11,500.

Currently Out for Bid:

- Knik (17): The RSA was split into two parts, Zones 1 & 3 and Zones 2 & 4. The bid is currently out, with responses due on 5/10. It is anticipated awards for these two areas will be presented to the Assembly at the 6/4 meeting.

Grant Support: With the elimination of the Business License Fee, the Finance Department is in the process of re-organizing staff duties to align with the Assembly's desire to optimize grant opportunities. After moving all self-reported taxes (Marijuana Sale Tax, Cigarette/Tobacco Excise, and Area 36 Sales Tax) to the Collections or Bed Tax area staff, the employee previously responsible for administering and processing these taxes is now available to assist the Borough's Grant Coordinator. Specifically, they will spend time daily and weekly searching for grants in targeted areas. The targeted areas will be determined by the Assembly priorities in conjunction with guidance from the Borough Manager. They will also search for grants as other Borough departments, non-profits, and municipalities request. In addition to searching for and referring grant opportunities, they will assist the Grant Coordinator in the tracking and processing of applications, awards, legislation, and administration and will also fill in as backup and support for the Grants Coordinator.

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Rail

- [Alaska Railroad's 2024 rehab, rebuilding program has Mat-Su projects planned](#)
Frontiersman

Assembly

- [Mat-Su Borough now requires all "found animals get turned over to shelter](#)
ADN
- [Mat-Su Borough offers online landfill coupons for first time](#)
ADN

Fisheries

- [\\$7.5M More in Bipartisan Infrastructure](#)
Frontiersman
- [NOAA Fisheries issues the final rule implementing Federal management of Salmon in the Cook inlet EEZ](#)
NOAA

Economy

- [West Susitna Access Road touted at Mat-Su Economic Summit](#)
ADN

Feds

- [U.S. bans noncompete agreements for nearly all jobs](#)
Alaska Public Media

Animal Shelter

- [A new Mat-Su Borough program loans out four-legged trail friends](#)
ADN

Community

- [Alaskan who kept Glenn Highway Christmas tree lit for almost 20 years dies in dirt bike accident](#)
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MSB Facebook

- [Mat-Su Regional Economic Summit Tour to Port](#)
Reach: 14,820
- [MSB Wildland Fire Preparedness reminder and upcoming events](#)
Reach: 6k