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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 26, 2024
TO: Mayor and Assembly
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

Commercial Insurance Renewals: Even in a hardened insurance market, Borough staff were able to market our insurance portfolio and achieve an overall decrease in premiums of 1.7% over FY24. The biggest savings were in the cyber insurance space. This is largely due to the Information Technology Department's efforts to strengthen infrastructure, employee cyber awareness, and training success. Employee efforts in reporting incidents and near misses are also helping mitigate risk exposure.

Talkeetna Sewer & Water: Talkeetna Sewer & Water (TSW) customers now have the ability to report problems, track their water consumption, and set up leak alerts online. A direct link to the [TSW Problem Reporter](https://matsugov.us/tsw) can be found at matsugov.us/tsw. Issues will be sent to all TSW operators. Customers can also receive leak alerts via email or text message at eyeonwater.com. An account will need to be created using their TSW account number. Customers will also have access to their historical consumption, which can help identify water conservation trends.

Mat-Su Urban Transit Funding Update: State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (AKDOPT&PF) staff have indicated their intent to continue to fund transit operations in the new urbanized area of the Mat-Su through June 2025. This will likely entail amending Valley Transit's current operating agreement to extend it through June 2025 and awarding an ARPA 5311 operating grant agreement, which is match-free. Additionally, AKDOT&PF has capital funding for Valley Transit to replace ADA vans. This creates time for the Borough and cities to consider non-Federal match funding under the new urban funding model as part of their normal budget process leading up to FY 2026.

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Fisheries

- **Proposals sought for the 2025 Mat-Su Valley habitat rehabilitation**
Frontiersman

Wildland Fires

- [Thousands of lightning strikes around Alaska](#)
ADN
- [Burn Permits suspended in Fairbanks and Mat-Su](#)
Alaska News Source

Assembly

- [Firearms Grant Takes Shape](#)
KTNA
- [Hometown Hero: Mitchell Brown](#)
Your Alaska Link
- [Routine actions taken in latest assembly meeting, discussion on unmaintained roads](#)
Frontiersman

Roads

- [Road Work Coming to Trapper Creek](#)
KTNA

Trails

- [Rerouted trail ready for use](#)
Mat-Su Sentinal

Future Events:

June 28, 1 p.m., West Susitna Access Road BBQ hosted by Friends of the West Susitna, Willow Community Center.