

MAT-SU: FORWARD

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AGENDA

- Introduction, Mayor Edna DeVries
- Port MacKenzie, Dave Griffin
- Information Technology, Leah Jones
- Emergency Services, Tracey Loscar
- Community Development, Jillian Morrissey
- Finance, Cheyenne Heindel
- Animal Care, Vanessa Forbes
- Public Works, Tom Adams PE
- Planning & Land Use, Alex Strawn
- Closing, Mike Brown

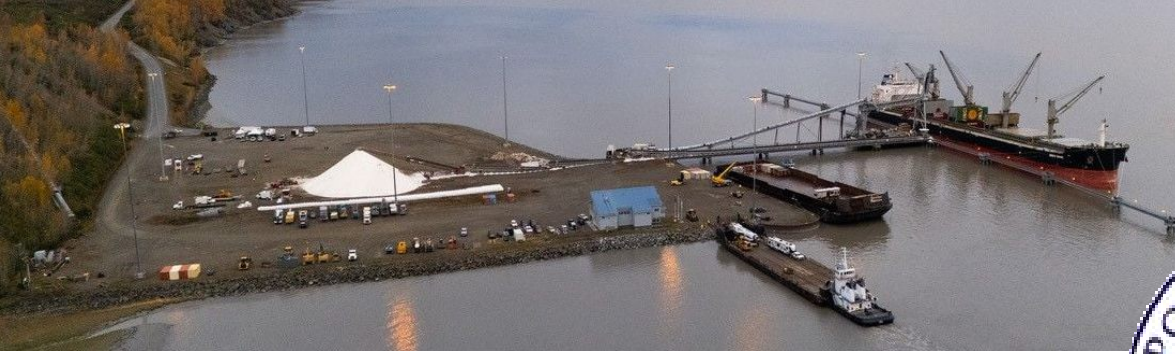


INTRODUCTION: MAYOR EDNA DEVRIES



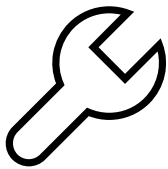
- Resilient infrastructure
- Sustainable public services
- Excellent schools
- More diverse economy
- Vast recreational opportunities
- Preserve qualities that attract people to live, work and play in Mat-Su





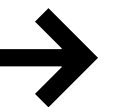
Business Development

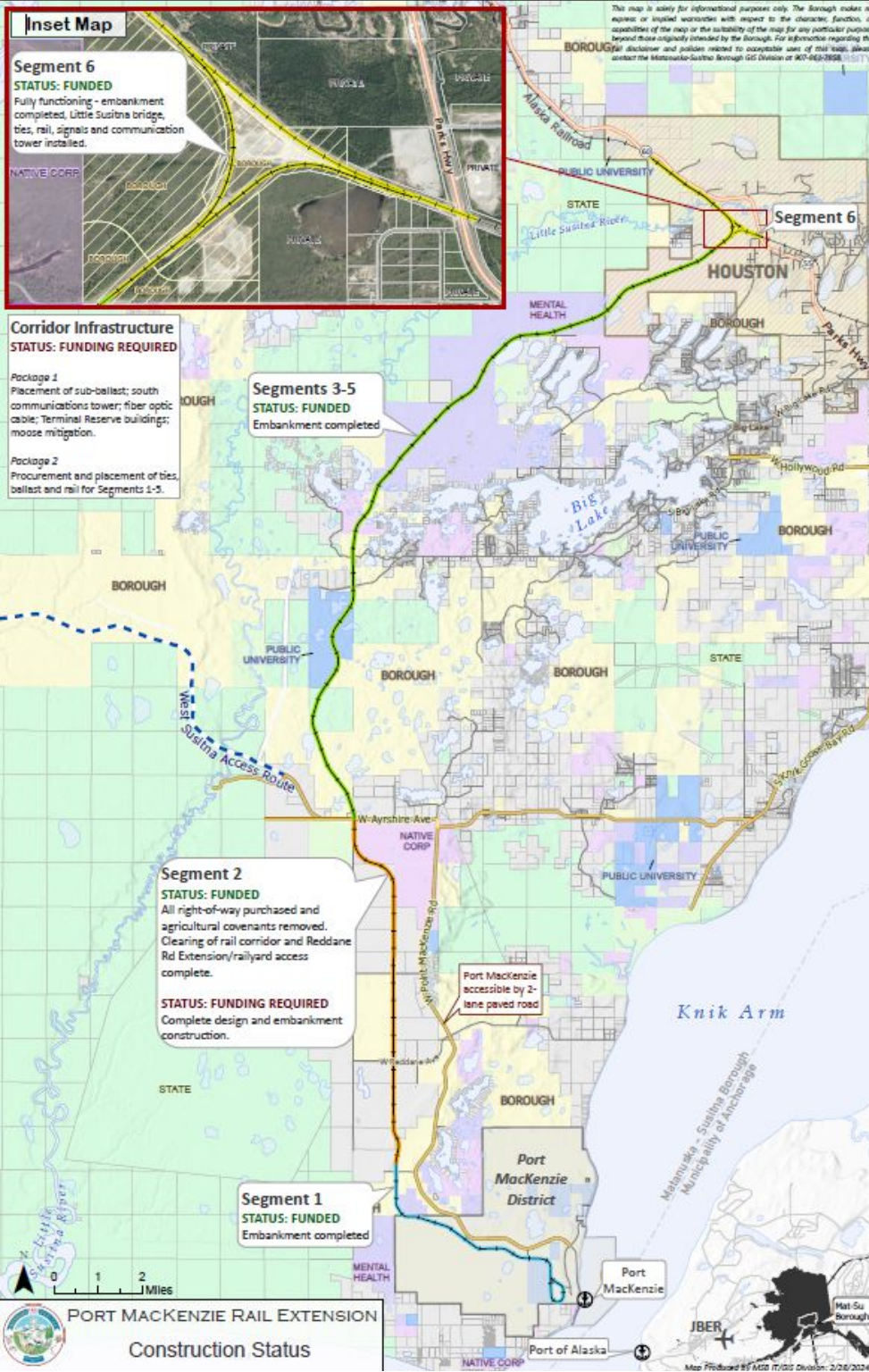
- Seasonal barging activity
- Deep draft vessel
- Military exercise



Infrastructure

- Completed pile sleeve project
- Barge ramp bid ready (awarded \$7.9M federal grant)
- Barge dock assessment





Port MacKenzie Rail Extension (PMRE)

- Seeking CRISI (federal) rail grant; would require State support for non-federal match
- Project is 50% complete with \$184M in State funding already invested

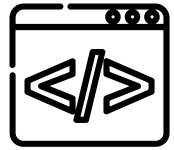


Opportunities

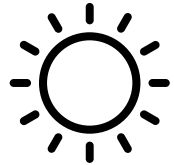
- Synthetic fuels, ore smelting, tech hub, military support, fuel storage, cement, salt, sand, minerals, project support, gravel, etc.

PORT MACKENZIE





Website improvements



Summer weather
operation awareness



Online permits and
fire plan review

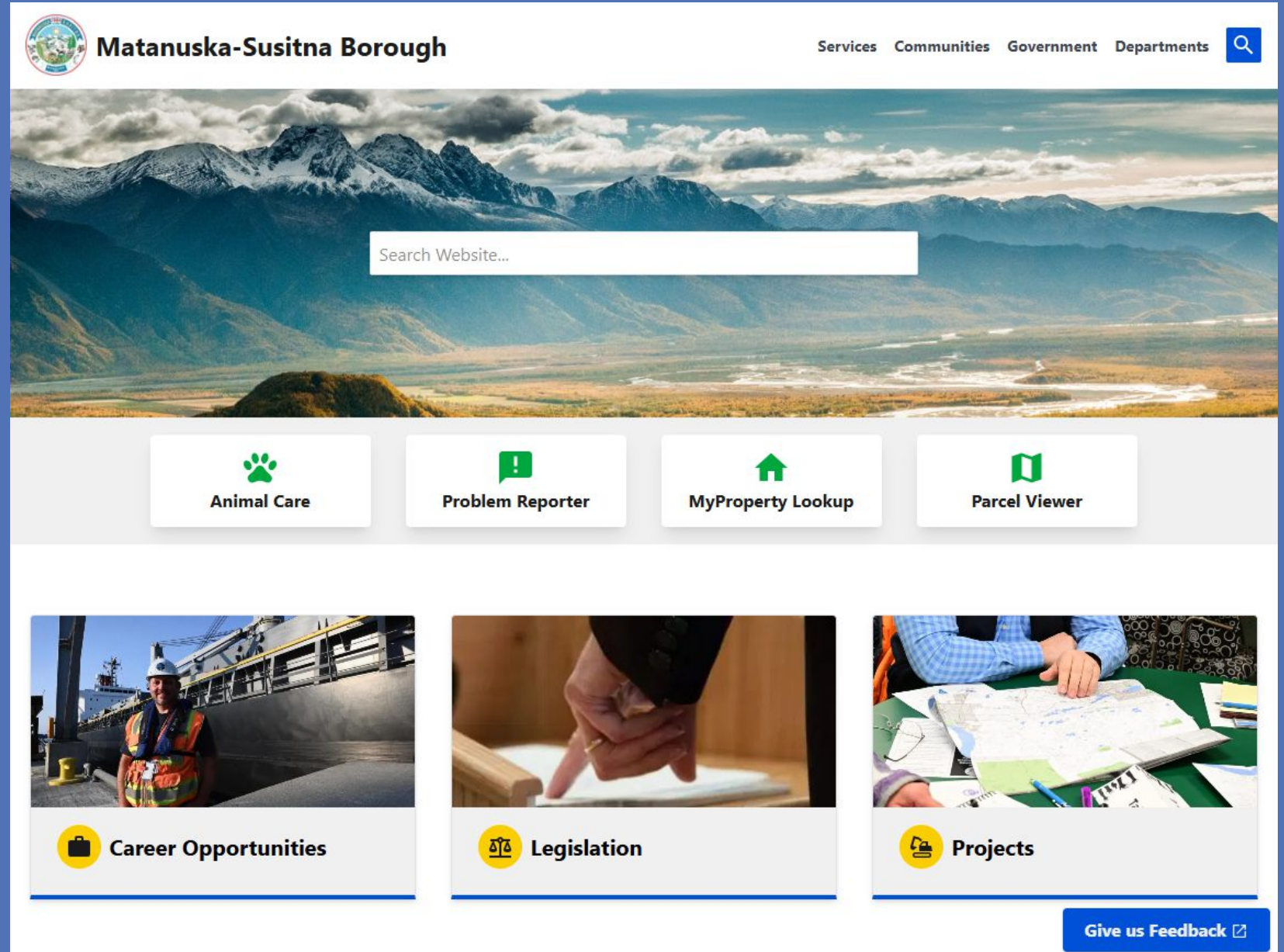


Assessment and taxation
software modernization



Landfill software

External and Internal efficiencies





What does emergency services encompass?



All hazards approach



Adapt services in advance

Annually

EMS
responses

11,102

Fire/rescue
responses

4,292

Work hours by on-
call responders

93,000



Forward is innovation...

- UAS (drone)
- EMS & fire records management
- Durable medical equipment
- Update rescues to squads
- Upgrade radio communications
- Tsunami alert and warning



Forward is self-sufficiency...

- Pursue an increased level of self-reliance and internal expertise
- Resilience
- Facility improvements
- Training
- Encourage preparedness

Questions?
(907) 861-8000

Director: Ken Barkley
Deputy Director – Fire/Rescue: Brian Davis
Deputy Director – EMS: Tracey Loscar
Emergency Manager: Casey Cook





Community Development

Support business-ready communities



Community Development

Investment in Economic Growth



Community Development

Delivering solutions with strategy and innovation



Community Development
Public purpose. Private power. Shared success.



Government Finance Officers Association awards

Audit for 35 consecutive years

Budget for 11 consecutive years

Citizens report for 7 consecutive years

Triple Crown for 5 consecutive years

Bond rating: AA+

Significant activities

- Sold \$100 million in bonds
 - \$42 million in new school and transportation, and \$68 million refunded
 - Refunding generated a 7.8% savings to taxpayers
- FY2026 sell another \$42 million
- FY2027 sell the remaining \$20 million
- Between \$185 million and \$200 million in active grant projects





Community Service



Capacity for Care



Partnerships



Annual Statistics



Intakes: 2,611



Cases: 2,018



Adoptions: 1,209



Return to
Owner: 467



Transfers: 325





PUBLIC WORKS

Pre-design & Engineering • Project Management
Operations & Maintenance • Solid Waste

Facilities



- 3 new charter schools
- Fire/EMS (Central, Palmer, Lakes, and Willow)
- Gateway Visitor Center

Solid Waste



- Central Landfill entrance improvements
- Leachate evaporation system
- Compost program



Talkeetna Sewer & Water



- New water source and storage tank
- Pipe assessments and replacement

Transportation



- Pavement assessment / management plan
- Surface transportation grant awards
- Transportation Infrastructure Program:
2021, 2023, and 2024



Transportation

- Bogard/Seldon Corridor Access Management Plan
- Transit



Waterbody setbacks





Private Property Cleanup Program Highlights



Non-Profit Partner

- Adult & Teen Challenge completed 3 private properties

Diversion Program

- Enrolled 12 participants seeking a positive alternative to traditional prosecution
- Completed 3 successful cleanups
- Helps reduce court and incarceration costs, providing significant savings to the State of Alaska

Waste Removal Impact

- Disposed of a total of 24 tons of junk and trash so far

Season Progress & Planning

- Since the start of the season in June 2025, 6 properties have been fully completed
- 4 additional properties are currently scheduled for cleanup
- Actively vetting property owners with active code compliance cases to fill the calendar through the end of the season





THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

