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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 25-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY ADOPTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH SAFE STREETS FOR ALL COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN.

WHEREAS, from 2018 through 2022, 4802 crashes were recorded in the expanded core area of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, 216 (4.5%) of which resulted in one or more fatality or serious injury; and

WHEREAS, of those crashes, a disproportionate percentage of motor vehicle crashes involving pedestrians (30%), bicyclists (27%), and motorcyclists (39%) resulted in a fatality or serious injury; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) have adopted the Safe System Approach as the guiding paradigm to address roadway safety; and

WHEREAS, the Safe System Approach recognizes that death and serious injuries on our roads are unacceptable, people will make mistakes, people are vulnerable, redundancy is crucial, safety is proactive, and responsibility is shared; and

WHEREAS, a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, utilizing the

Safe System Approach, provides a framework of innovative strategies and implementation actions intended to reduce transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Safe Streets for All Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) presents a list of recommended policies and practices, to be implemented by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and other transportation safety stakeholders, to eliminate barriers to safer streets and help foster a culture of roadway safety; and

WHEREAS, an analysis of five years of crash data was utilized to identify high-injury segments and systemic serious crash risk factors on roadways within the expanded core area of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, based on which, the CSAP presents a prioritized list of projects which utilize proven countermeasures and strategies to improve safety for all road users; and

WHEREAS, development of the CSAP was guided by a Safety Action Plan Team, which consists of representatives from Alaska DOT&PF, Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning, Public Works, and Emergency Services departments, Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District, Mat-Su Valley Planning for Transportation, and Alaska State Troopers; and

WHEREAS, a robust public outreach and engagement program was utilized to encourage public participation in the CSAP, including a project website, a public-facing crash data dashboard, a safety

survey, focus group meetings, virtual public workshops, in-person open house events, pop-up events, a Mat-Su Transportation Fair booth, agency meeting presentations, social media posts, and radio and news advertisements; and

WHEREAS, the draft CSAP was open for public review from December 20, 2024, through January 19, 2025, during which 74 written comments were received; and

WHEREAS, Alaska DOT&PF has adopted the Toward Zero Deaths initiative with the goal of reaching zero fatalities on Alaska's roadways by 2050; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the CSAP by the Assembly will allow the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and other local road authorities to apply for implementation grant funds through the Safe Streets and Roads for All discretionary program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Planning Commission recommends the Assembly commit to a goal of reducing the five-year rolling average of fatal and serious injury crashes by 3.5% annually, with an eventual goal of eliminating all fatal and serious injury crashes, and to adopt the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Safe Streets for All Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Planning Commission encourages continued collaboration among government entities, planning agencies, community stakeholders, and the public to ensure the successful implementation of the CSAP.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission,
this 17th day of March, 2025.



CJ Koan, Chair

ATTEST:



Lacie Olivieri, Planning Clerk



Yes: Koan, Glenn, Allen, Collins, McCabe, Fernandez, Scoggin
NO: