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Action: Approved

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH**
**PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 26-21**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2028 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP).

WHEREAS, the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a program managed by the Planning and Land Use Department designed to solicit, prioritize, and recommend public infrastructure project nominations from the community and Borough departments on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the CIP provides the Assembly with a prioritized list of community-supported infrastructure projects for consideration during annual Borough budget deliberations; and

WHEREAS, the CIP provides the Assembly with a vetted list of community infrastructure and public facility projects to be included in the annual state and federal legislative priorities list; and

WHEREAS, the CIP is a budget planning tool used by governments to plan for annual investments necessary to build important public infrastructure over a six-year budget period; and

WHEREAS, in the 2023 Strategic Plan, the Assembly identified three Focus Areas: Economic Growth and Diversification, Delivering High Quality Services, and Managing Growth; and

WHEREAS, under the Managing Growth focus area, identifying and documenting needed public infrastructure and supporting its development was called out as a strategy under Economic Growth and Diversification focus area, the CIP is a tool that assists with the implementation of the MSB 2023-2028 Strategic Plan focus area goals; and

WHEREAS, investment in community infrastructure is a function of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough government and supports residents' quality of life, recreation opportunities, tourism, and the economy; and

WHEREAS, the FY28 CIP valid nominations included nine (9) projects; and

WHEREAS, the nine (9) top-ranked projects being presented for FY28 CIP include:

1) Skeetawk Mid Mountain Gondola

2) Talkeetna Lakes Park Wolverine Loop (G-Loop) Expansion

3) South Knik River Community Emergency Storage Addition

4) Matanuska Peak Trailhead Vault Toilet

5) Chulitna River Bluff Trail Re-Route

6) Wildwoods Skatepark Redevelopment

7) Jordan Lake Park Vault Toilet

8) Beaver Lake Road Pedestrian & Bike Path

9) Meadow Lakes Community Park Garage Storage Building

These nine projects, if approved, will make up the FY28 CIP project list; and

WHEREAS, MSB code 03.04.060 requires that the Borough Manager submit a Capital Improvement Program to the Planning Commission for review and comment annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission hereby recommends to the Assembly the adoption of the FY28 Capital Improvement Program project list.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MSB Planning Commission hereby recommends that the MSB Assembly allocate or seek funding to support the construction or advancement of projects identified in the FY28 Capital Improvement Program.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission this 19 day of October, 2026.

RICHARD ALLEN, CHAIR

ATTEST:

KAYLA SMITH, Planning Clerk

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