

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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Transportation Advisory Board Special Meeting

AGENDA

Call-in Number +1 907-290-7880

Conference ID: 538 041 5#

REGULAR MEETING

10:30 am

January 29th, 2021

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- I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
October 30, 2020
- IV. AUDIENCE INTRODUCTION/PARTICIPATION
- V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS
 - a. New TAB Board Member Welcome - DJ McBride (RSA Rep District 7)
Board introductions and TAB overview
 - b. Board Officer Elections
 - c. MPO Update-Laquita Chmielowski / Josh Cross
 - d. OSHP Update-Tony Weese
 - d. Quarterly Meeting Schedule for 2021
April
July
October
- VI. STAFF REPORT

Resolution 04-20 Update
- VII. MEMBER COMMENTS
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Transportation Advisory Board Special Meeting Minutes

REGULAR MEETING

9:00 am

October 30th, 2020

- I. **CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL** Josh Cross, Dan Elliott, Tony Weese, LaQuita Chmielowski, Cindy Bettine arrived at 9:31am
MSB staff: Kim Sollien and Leda Borys
Absent Jennifer Busch and Scott Adams
Motion to approve - LaQuita Chmielowski, second by Dan Eillott
Vote- Passed unopposed
- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- III. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
August 28th, 2020
Motion to Approve- Dan Elliott, Second Laquita Chmielowski
Vote- Passed as Presented
- IV. **AUDIENCE INTRODUCTION/PARTICIPATION**
none
- V. **STAFF REPORT**
Kim Sollien presented a draft Resolution to the Assembly requesting a working group be formed to address prioritizing bike and pedestrian facilities in planning documents and in MSB code.
Discussion does TAB think the MSB need a bike and ped plan? Do we want to discuss the draft resolution under new business or do we want to continue discuss it under staff reports.
Motion to add 20-04 to the Agenda for Oct 30th Cindy Bettine seconded by Dan Elliott
Action- Passed unopposed
- VI. **ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

a. MPO TAB Committee Member Selection

Discussion- two members from TAB have been requested to sit on the pre-MPO steering committee to represent our interests and to be thinking about what will happen to TAB moving forward.

Action-Volunteers nominated LaQuita Chmielowski and Josh Cross

b. OSHP TAB Committee Member Selection

Joshua Cross recused himself for the discussion.

Discussion- Cindy requested that we advertise that the TAB may be interested in attending so should we advertise that there might be a quorum? Kim will investigate advertising there might be a quorum.

Action-Volunteer nominated- Tony Weese

c. Board Member Terms- Dan Elliot was invited to say for another term but is stepping down so that the Chair of the RSA board can be the Representative for TAB.

Action- discussion tabled until we know who the Chair is from the RSA board

d. Resolution 20-04 discussion

Motion to Approve - Cindy moved to adopt RESO 2020-04 as amended. Tony Seconded

Vote- Passed unopposed

Discussion Dan suggested grammar and format edits to resolution 2020-04

Vote – Passed unopposed

Amendment to the Motion correct all typos as identified by Dan Elliott, Cindy Seconded

Vote Passed unopposed

Motion to extend for 10mins Dan Elliott, Seconded by Cindy Bettine

Vote- Passed unopposed

VII. **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Tony Weese– thank you Dan it was a pleasure working with you.

Cindy Bettine- Thank you for serving and what will we do without your grammar report. Maybe we need to present to the Assembly about all this grant transportation work that is happening. Do we need to revisit the RSA consolidation and match funding for road bond?

Dan Elliott- Parks Highway needs a bypass and I wish we could have one like Eagle River.

Josh Cross - I have really appreciated working with you Dan and I will miss having you on the board.

VIII. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

January 22nd 2021

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn- Cindy Bettine, second by LaQinta Chmelowski

Vote- Passed unopposed

Antonio Weese, Vice Chair

Date

ATTEST:

Kim Sollien, Planning Services Manager

Date

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY
BOARD RESOLUTION SERIAL
NO. TAB 20-04**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDING THE ASSEMBLY DIRECT PLANNING STAFF TO IDENTIFY WAYS TO ACCOMMODATE NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Transportation Advisory Board advises the Assembly on transportation-related issues; and

WHEREAS, the board recognizes the need for safe non-motorized transportation accommodations in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, non-motorized modes of transportation are becoming more widely used for commuting and recreation; and

WHEREAS, non-motorized infrastructure such as sidewalks, pathways, and trails provide numerous economic, health, and social benefits to our community; and

WHEREAS, walking and biking are the easiest and most accessible forms of physical activity; and

WHEREAS, walking and biking cannot be safely accomplished on many roadways without dedicated space; and

WHEREAS, many of our regional primitive non-urban trails do not have legal protection via a dedicated trail easement; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB) is the fastest growing area in the State, expected to undergo a 50% increase in

population over the next 25 years; and

WHEREAS, The 2016 Mat-Su Community Health Needs Assessment found that Borough residents are demanding more open spaces and exercise opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough-Wide Comprehensive Plan states "Goal (PO-1): To acquire, develop, and redevelop a system of parks, recreation facilities, community centers, and open spaces that is safe, functional, and accessible to all segments of the population."; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's 2017 Long Range Transportation Plan recommends the Borough develop an Active Transportation Master plan for non-motorized travel; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's 2016 Recreational Trails Plan update recommends the Borough identify, map, and develop a recreational/backcountry trails network as a complement to the separated paved pathways and other urban non-motorized trail facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's 2020 Subdivision Construction Manual states the #1 Goal is to promote the safety and convenience of motorized and non-motorized traffic; and

WHEREAS, accommodations for non-motorized transportation infrastructure have not been made along much of the Borough's roadway network or on our public lands on the identified backcountry trail system; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Board passed Resolution 19-03 recommending the Assembly develop a policy requiring consideration for non-motorized transportation within borough maintained rights of way. Further, that borough-bonded road project budgets include the necessary funding to construct non-motorized transportation facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Transportation Advisory Board requests the Assembly direct Planning staff to develop a Non-motorized Transportation Plan for the MSB to identify, prioritize, and protect urban, backcountry, and recreation area trail networks and to investigate policy and code changes that will enable:

- 1) The consideration of non-motorized transportation needs during the planning, design, and development of the transportation network and subdivision development requests within the Borough, including urban, backcountry and non-roadway trail networks (reference* TAB RESO 2019-03).
- 2) The use of Transportation Planning funding to draft an Non-Motorized Transportation Plan to identify, prioritize and protect, as part of our Long Range Transportation Plan, a non-motorized transportation plan that includes urban and backcountry trails and their connections.
- 3) The revision of MSB code 43.20.281 to include incentives


for dedication of trails such as separated pathways, sidewalks, widened shoulders, shared use lanes, and alternative routes, that connect to current and proposed adjoining parks and trail networks.

- 4) The establishment of the type and function of non-motorized transportation treatments to be considered when planning, designing, and developing subdivision roads within the Borough. Special considerations should be made when planning within one-mile of a school, around town centers, near transit nodes at key intersections; and
- 5) The requirement that Borough-bonded funded road project budgets include the necessary funding to construct the non-motorized accommodations; and
- 6) The access to funding to purchase additional ROW or trail easements will be considered on an annual basis to make progress on the implementation of the Non-Motorized Transportation plan.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Transportation Advisory Board on the 30th day of OCTOBER, 2020


Antonio Weese, Vice Chair 11/20/2020

ATTEST:


Kim Sollien, Planning Services Manager 11/20/2020

Staff Support