

Notes from Committee 2

Brush Cutting

For years our roads have been maintained by clearing 8 FT of road way from the driving surface. In RSA 17 MSB has one road that is a 55 MPH road it to was only cleared at 8 FT. Allowing trees to grow up beside the road is not only hazardous it's expensive. It allows roots to grow under the road causing the roads to heave; it hides moose from drivers and that is deadly. MSB contracts say that the snow in the winter will be pushed off the driving road surface and into the ditch, rather hard to do with only 8 FT to do it in. The point Makenzie Community Council provided a contractor that was clearing the 8 FT and additional 20 foot of clearing the cost was minimal for the amount of safety it provided. They only cleared the first 7 miles of a road 21 mile road and no moose were hit last year in the first 7 miles in that section however the last 4 miles have had 5 moose hit in the last year since the clearing. In addition it was noticed at break up the snow had been pushed off the road way causing less damage to the road. There were only a few spots that needed repair due to some run off.

It is suggested that MSB clear the brush for each road back to the easement or wright away for visibility and road maintenance saving. Removing the brush will be cost effective for MSB on road maintenance

**Task Force RSA-21
Committee - Borough Substandard Road Process
Recommendation Development Plan
Committee Members (Darren Zimmer)**

1. Assess the Task - Consider processes to address substandard roads Borough wide.

Task Amplification: Review the formal and informal Borough process to identify RSA roads that fail to meet the Borough published standards. Further identify Borough processes (means and ways) to improve substandard roads. Attempt to identify shortcomings with adherence to the processes, or within the process itself. Develop and make recommendations for better adherence or improvements to the process.

2. Gather information about the Borough's Substandard Roads Process
 - A. SME Interviews
 - I. MSB Public Works Department (Mr Dolan 3 Jun, Mr Adams 22 Jun ?)
 - II. Road Superintendent (Mr Barickman 22 Jun?)
 - III. RSA Board Members (Mr Haller, 22 Jun?)
 - IV. Residents (TBD)
 - V. MSB CIP Office (need to find correct office name)
 - VI. Assembly Members (Mr Tew 13 June)
 - VII. Road Maintenance Contractor (TBD)
 - B. Documentation
 - A. Road Service Area Operating Manual, MSB Dept of Public Works
 - B. Subdivision Construction Manual, MSB Dept of Public Works
 - C. MSB RSA Maintenance Contract
 - D. Others????
3. Dis-aggregate the known elements of the process
4. Review each element for thoroughness and necessity
5. Re-aggregate the elements of the process
6. Compare 'formal MSB' process with re-constructed process and identify differences.
7. Identify where process fails to achieve desired outcome
8. Identify where process is not followed.
9. Develop recommendations to improve process or build in improved oversight and corrective actions to ensure process is adhered.
10. Finalize draft report of committee recommendations
11. Submit report of recommendations to the TF for acceptance or amendment.
12. Redraft report with amendments and submit to TF for inclusion in overall TF report of recommendations.

Committee Timeline

7 June - Committee Established

June - July - Conduct Interviews, gather documentation

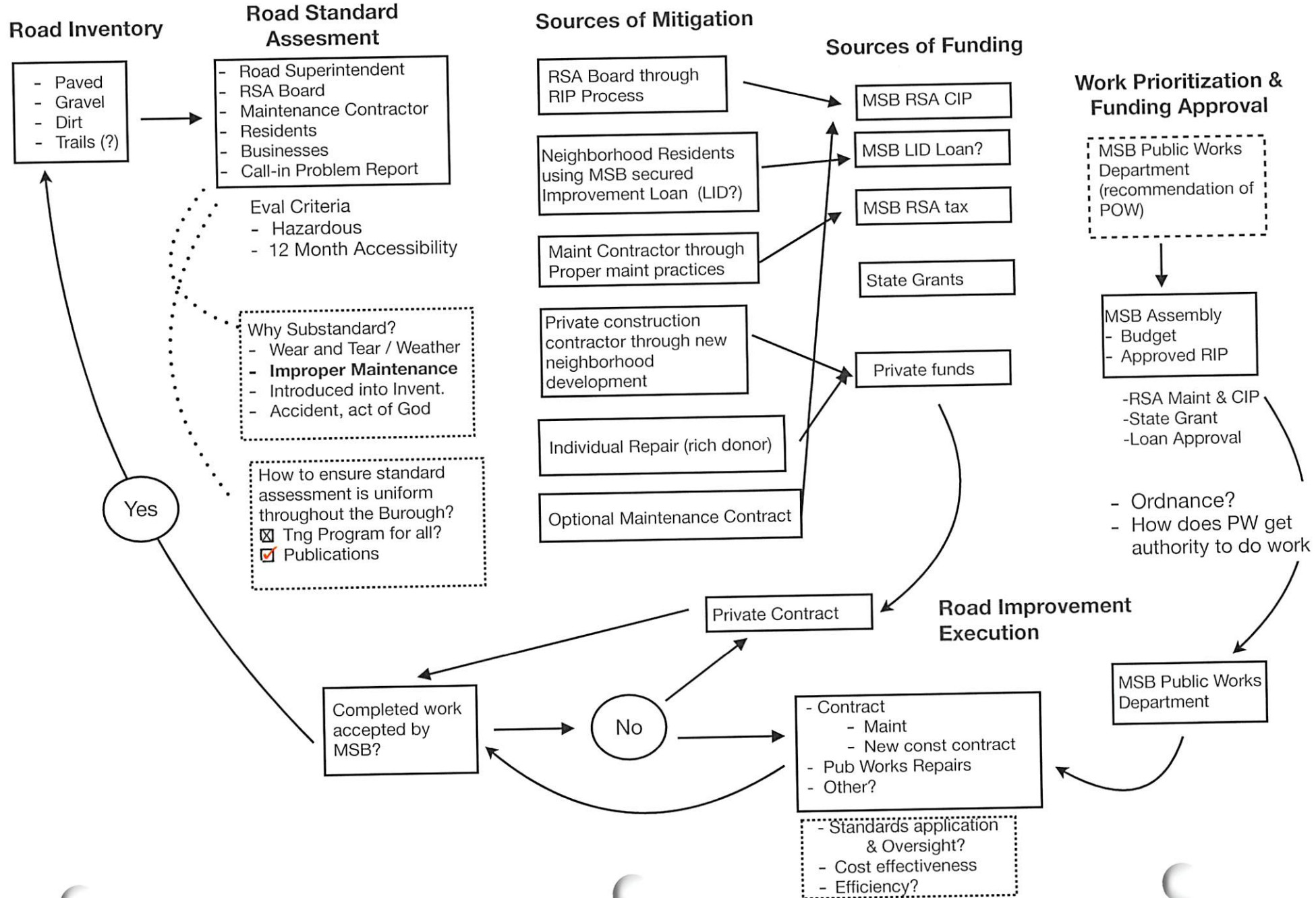
Aug - Begin Draft of Committee Report of recommendations

Mid Aug - Committee member out for surgery

End of Aug - Submit draft report of recommendation to TF at large for approval

Sept - Oct - Finalize Committee report with amendments

First of Nov - Submit finalized Committee report to Task Force Chairman.



A Report to Review

**Current Practices and Provide Recommendations for
Improved Management and Operations of the:**

MAT-SU BOROUGH PUBLIC ROADS SYSTEM

Prepared by the RSA Task Force

Date: xx/xx/xxx

This report was authorized by Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Ordinance Serial No. 220-2. This is very much a work in process and should be reviewed periodically for updating. A variety of issues are addressed that span a wide breath of subject matter. The process for assuring well maintained roads involves much more than issues covered by the road maintenance agreement. This report will try to address as many of those issues as possible.

Annual Road Maintenance Agreement, Bid #19-093B

Section 4- states that the Borough shall make payments to the Contractor out of a "pot of money" specified not to exceed a fixed amount" *WHY IS THIS A PROBLEM?*

Section 5 Describes how payments are to be made which basically comes down to the work paid for under this contract is calculated as a cost and materials agreement.

Organization of Departments and entities involved in the road system: