

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)
MINUTES

Edna DeVries, Mayor

Jesse Peterson - Chair
Terry Gorlick – Vice Chair
Randy Durham
Kristina Whitman
Tim Alley
Pierce Schwalb

Julie Spackman – Staff Support



Michael Brown, Borough Manager

PLANNING & LAND USE DEPARTMENT
Alex Strawn, Planning & Land Use Director
Jason Ortiz, Planning & Land Use Deputy Director
Wade Long, Development Services Manager
Tyler Young, Platting Officer

Location:
MSB DSJ BLDG.
Lower Conference Room
350 E. Dahlia Ave. Palmer, AK

May 29, 2026
SPECIAL MEETING
10:00 a.m.

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I. CALL TO ORDER: 10:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM. Present: Peterson, Alley, Schwalb.
Online: Whitman and Gorlick arrived at 11:51 a.m. Quorum established.
Absent: Durham.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- A. Add Approval of Minutes after Approval of Agenda
- B. Add audience participation after NLCC presentation for testimony about Engstrom-Trunk Route Selection

Motion to approve agenda as amended: Schwalb.
Second: Alley. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 10, 2026.

Motion to approve minutes: Alley. Second: Schwalb. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*three minutes per person*) – None.

VI. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Engstrom/Trunk Connector – Rod Hanson, North Lakes Community Council. Opposed to Northern Routes for Engstrom to Trunk Connector.

i. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

1. Opposed to Northern Routes for Engstrom to Trunk Connector:

- a. Gregory Sindt
- b. Adam Jensi
- c. John Miller
- d. Mark Saddler
- e. Ty Havemeister
- f. Simon Gilliland
- g. Sharon Johnson

2. MSB Public Works Director, Tom Adams, addressed items raised in audience participation and the Route Selection Report.

ii. Discussion. No action taken at this time.

B. Metropolitan Planning Organization DRAFT Complete Streets Policy – Anjie Goulding and Carrie Cecil, MatSu Valley Planning for Transportation. Description of the proposed policy. Invitation to provide comment on the [Unified Planning Work Program](#) (Public Comment period closes June 28, 2026). High level overview of Metropolitan Planning Organization funding.

C. MSB Limited Road Powers – Alex Strawn, Planning & Land Use Director. Current limitations on MSB due to status as a Second Class Borough. If the MSB were to adopt Limited Road Powers and allocate annual funding there would be opportunities for advanced purchase of rights-of-way and pre-design engineering.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

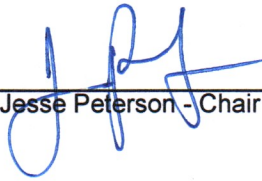
IX. MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. Alley – none
- B. Schwalb – none
- C. Whitman – none
- D. Gorlick – none
- E. Peterson – I expect that we'll have lots of these engaging conversations moving forward because the borough is growing and that's a good thing. This is a public process and giving the opportunity for you guys to speak and get in front of us. Like

I said before, we are just an advisory board. We advise the Assembly. There's another opportunity for you guys and they're the decision makers, not us. And so we're looking at, from an engineering and construction user standpoint for the entire borough, so that's our mission here.

X. NEXT MEETING DATE: 10:00 a.m., Friday, July 24, 2026

XI. ADJOURNMENT – 11:55 a.m.



Jesse Peterson - Chair

ATTEST:



Julie Spackman - Staff Support

Minutes approved: 7/24/26