

MEETING AGENDA

WATER & WASTEWATER ADVISORY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

October 14, 2026

LOCATION MSB Assembly Chambers
350 E. Dahlia Ave, Palmer, AK 99645

TIME 2:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS

Bob Walden, P.E. Chair	Danny Noland Vice Chair	Amanda Fleming	Terry Gorlick
Gina Jorgensen	Matthew Midgett	Dan Tucker	

AGENDA ITEMS

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

- June 17, 2026 (Regular Meeting)

VI. AGENCY STAFF REPORTS

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Discussion and possible adoption of RS26-01: A resolution of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Water and Wastewater Advisory Board requesting the Assembly's guidance in defining the board's goals and strategic plan.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

X. NEXT MEETING

- December 16, 2026, 2:30 p.m., Assembly Chambers, Palmer

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH WATER & WASTEWATER ADVISORY BOARD

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

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June 17, 2026

2:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

This regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB) Water and Wastewater Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at the DSJ Building at 350 East Dahlia Avenue in Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 2:28 p.m. by Mr. Bob Walden, P.E.

II. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Water and Wastewater Advisory Board members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Bob Walden, P.E. - present

Mr. Danny Noland - excused

Ms. Amanda Fleming - present

Mr. Terry Gorlick - present

Ms. Gina Jorgensen – present (through TEAMS)

Mr. Matthew Midgett - present

Mr. Dan Tucker - present

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda by Mr. Dan Tucker.

VOTE: No objections. The agenda was approved without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Bob Walden.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

A. May 6, 2026 (special meeting)

Minutes for the May 6, 2026, special meeting were reviewed by the Board.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Mr. Dan Tucker.

VOTE: The minutes were approved without objection.

VII. AGENCY AND STAFF REPORTS

A. City of Wasilla – Mr. Bob Walden, P.E., Public Works Deputy Director

The City of Wasilla reported that plans for the Hermon water tower within Pressure Zone 4 are approximately 65% complete. Construction is expected to begin in July on the water extension to this area, using a portion of the grant funds provided by the Borough. This work is intended to advance the project ahead of the State's Hermon project. The City is also working to bring an older well, located at the Iditarod Elementary School, back online. The well has not been used for some time, and HDL is assisting with ADEC repermitting. The City anticipates the well may be operational within the next month, providing approximately 300 gallons per minute of much-needed capacity for the system.

On the sewer side, the City continues to move forward at full speed with the discharge system and digester projects. The City has received its core permit to designate the wetlands and continues to coordinate with ADEC.

The City is also at approximately 95% design completion with Stantec for the two additional digesters, which will support improved batching of sludge.

B. City of Palmer – Mr. Matthew Midgett

The City of Palmer had nothing to report.

C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough – Ms. Amanda Fleming

Ms. Amanda reported that discharge operations have been ongoing since May 1. Water quality results have been favorable. She noted that there have been several freeze-up issues, as well as challenges on both the customer and utility sides.

The new storage tank and treatment plant project remains in the land acquisition phase.

VIII. PRESENTATION

Mr. Lyon Kopsack from HDL provided a presentation on the Wasilla-Palmer Water Interconnect. He provided an overview of the current system, outlined the associated challenges, and updated the Board on the project's current status. HDL is expected to have cost estimates for the two proposed routes available this fall. Please see attached presentation slides for additional information.

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*Three minutes per person*)

None.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible adoption of RS 26-01: A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH WATER AND WASTEWATER ADVISORY BOARD REQUESTING ASSEMBLY'S GUIDANCE IN DEFINING THE BOARD'S GOALS AND STRATEGIC PLAN

Mr. Terry Gorlick moved to adopt RS 26-01.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Terry Gorlick moved to postpone RS 26-01 to the Board's next meeting on September 16, 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Bob Walden, P.E.: Made some good headway.

Mr. Terry Gorlick: Pike fishing is great at the moment.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

A. September 16, 2026, 2:30 p.m., MSB Assembly Chambers

XV. ADJOURNMENT

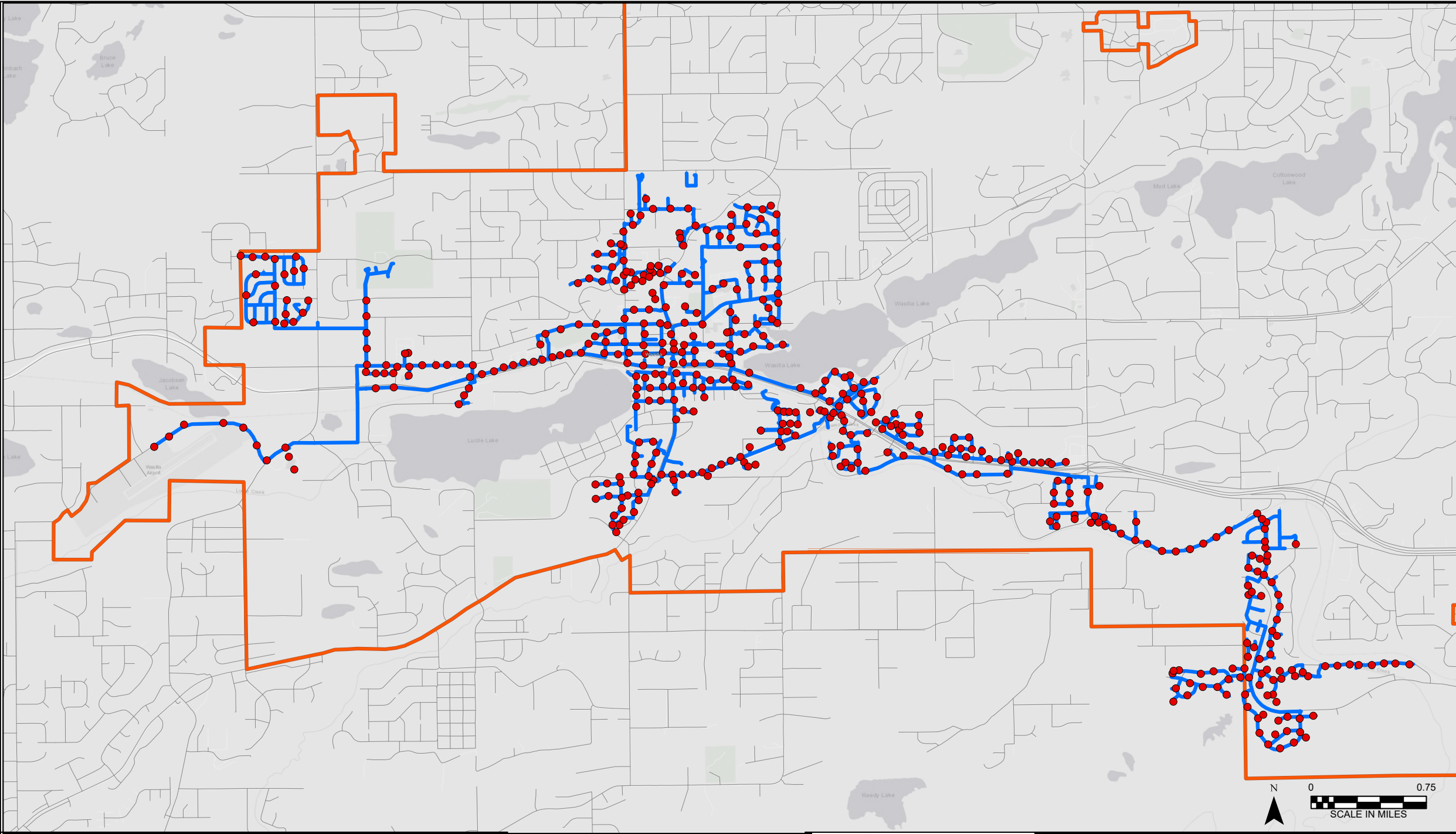
Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Terry Gorlick.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Mr. Bob Walden, P.E. Chair

ATTESTED:

Christina Sands, Board Administrative Support



LEGEND

WASILLA SERVICE BOUNDARY

WASILLA WATER MAIN

FIRE HYDRANT

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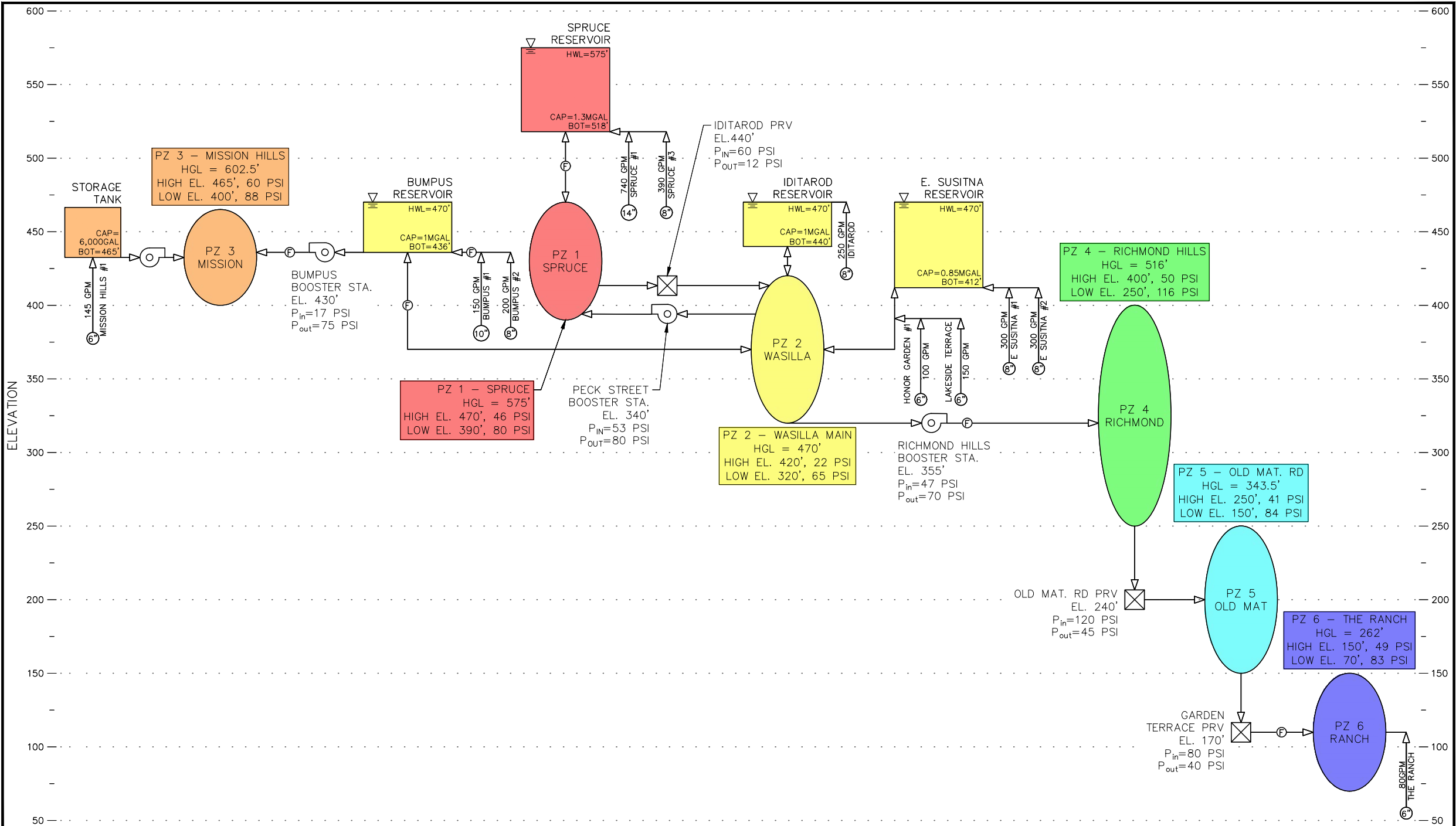
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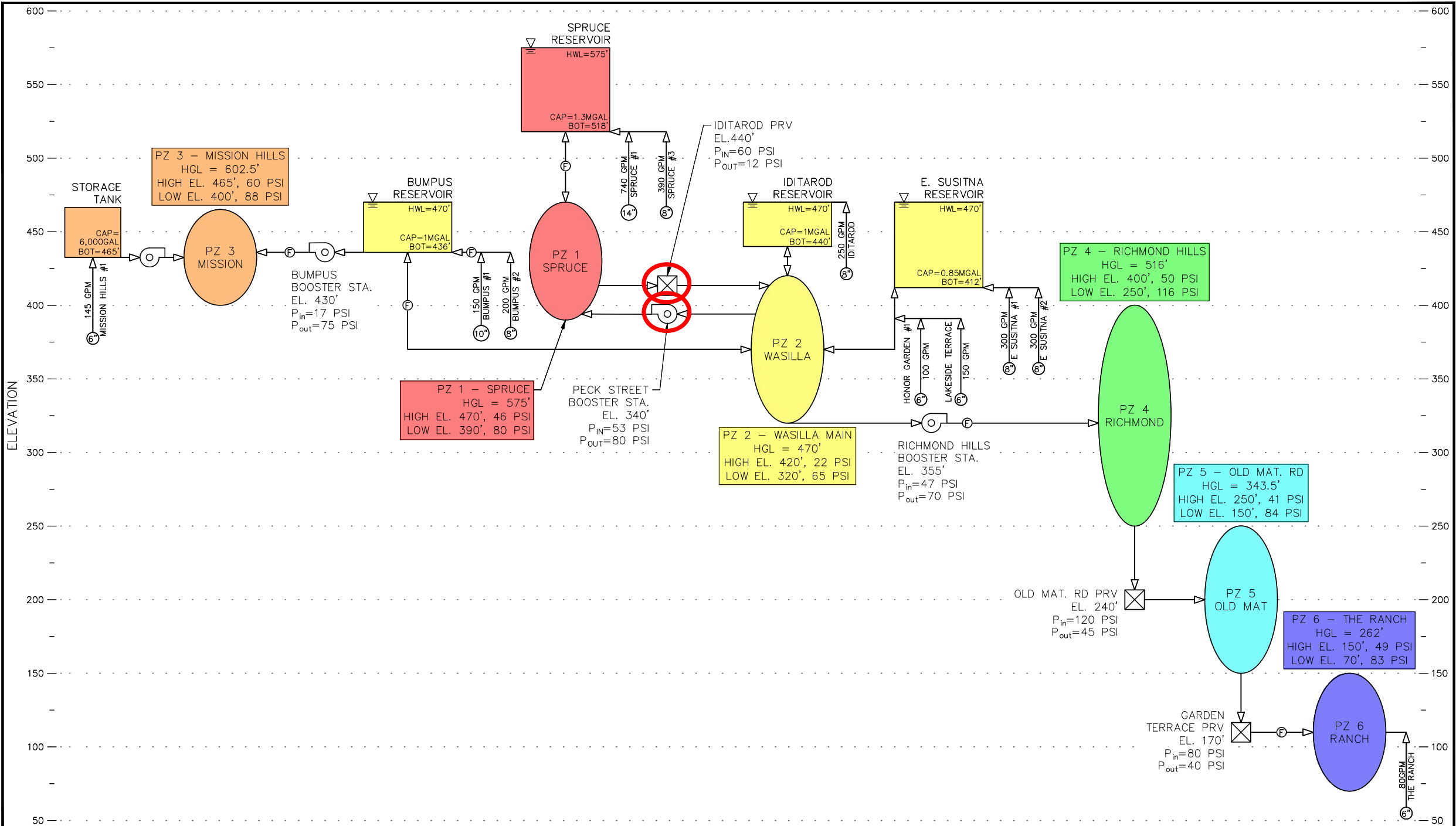
WASILLA-PALMER WATER MAIN INTERCONNECT

CONCEPTUAL NORTHERN ROUTE LAYOUT

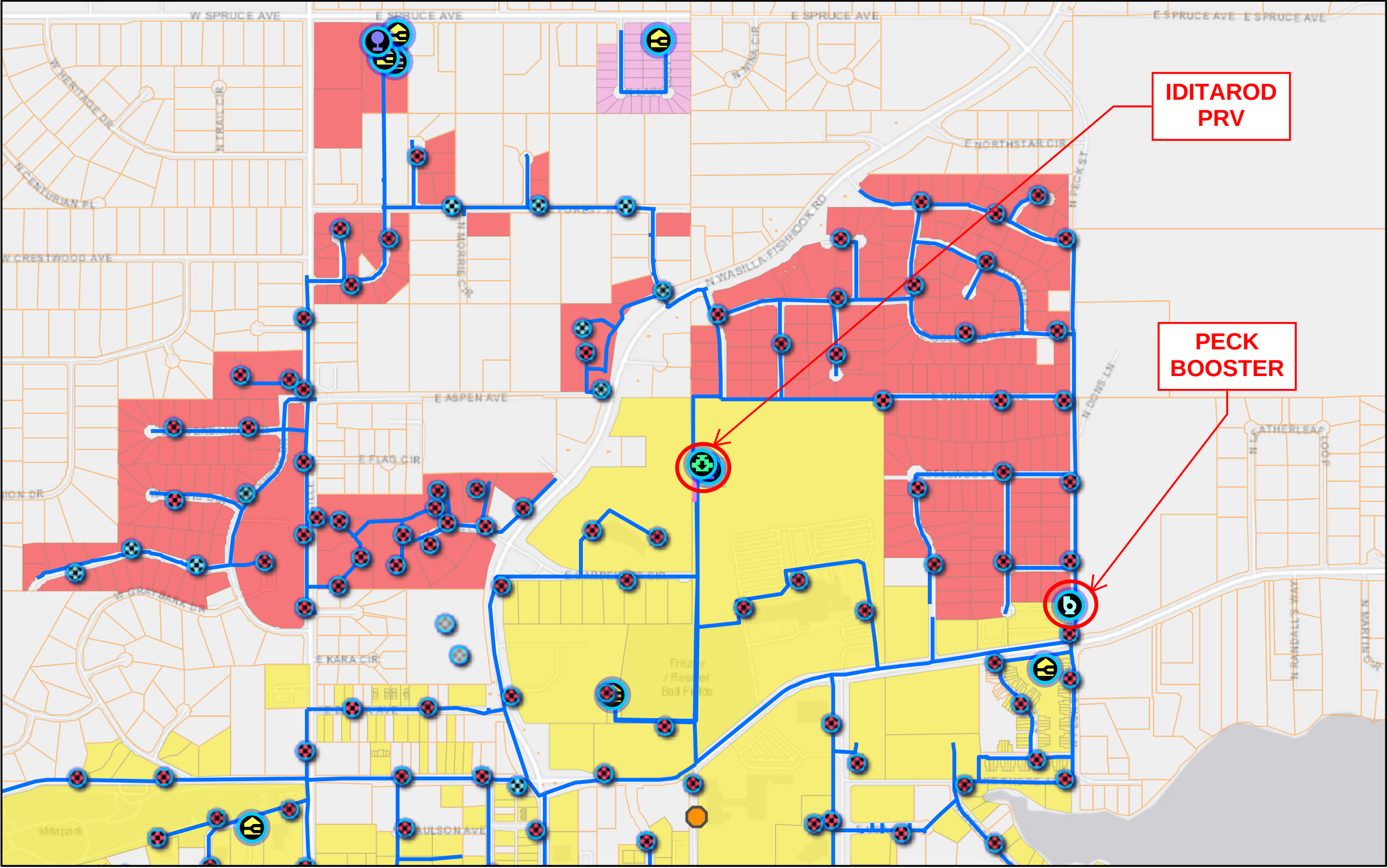
CITY OF WASILLA

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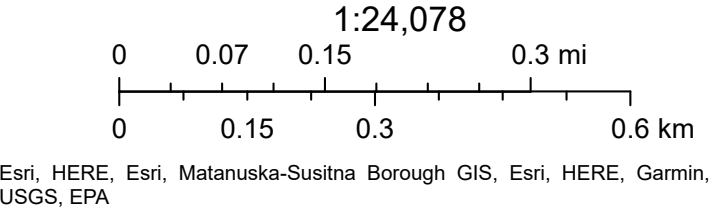




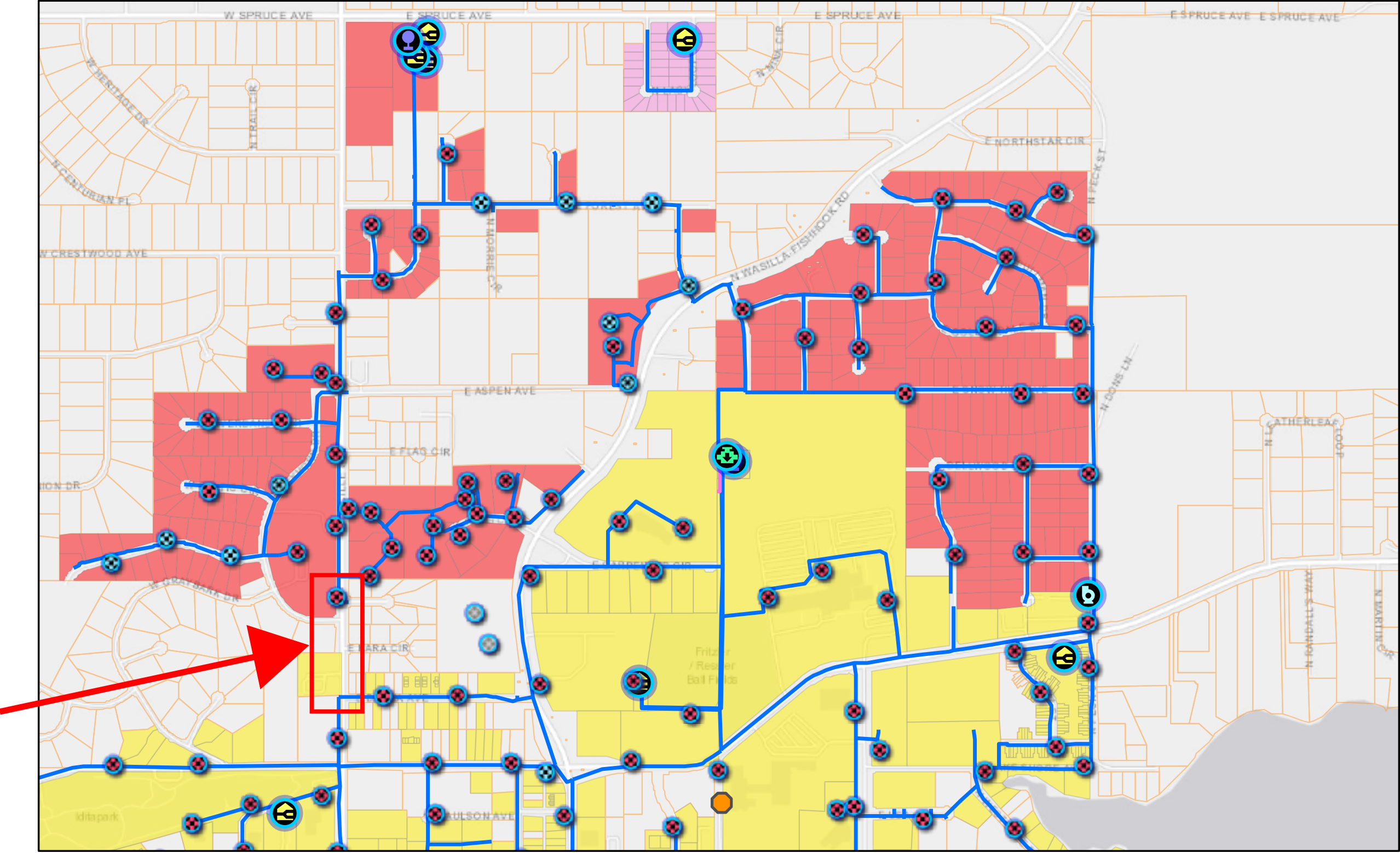
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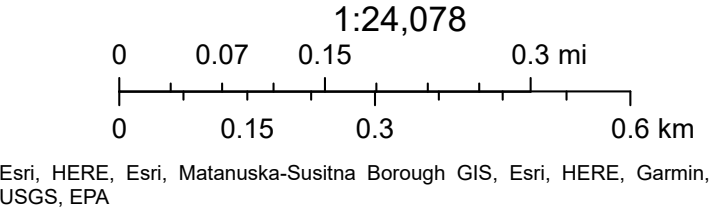
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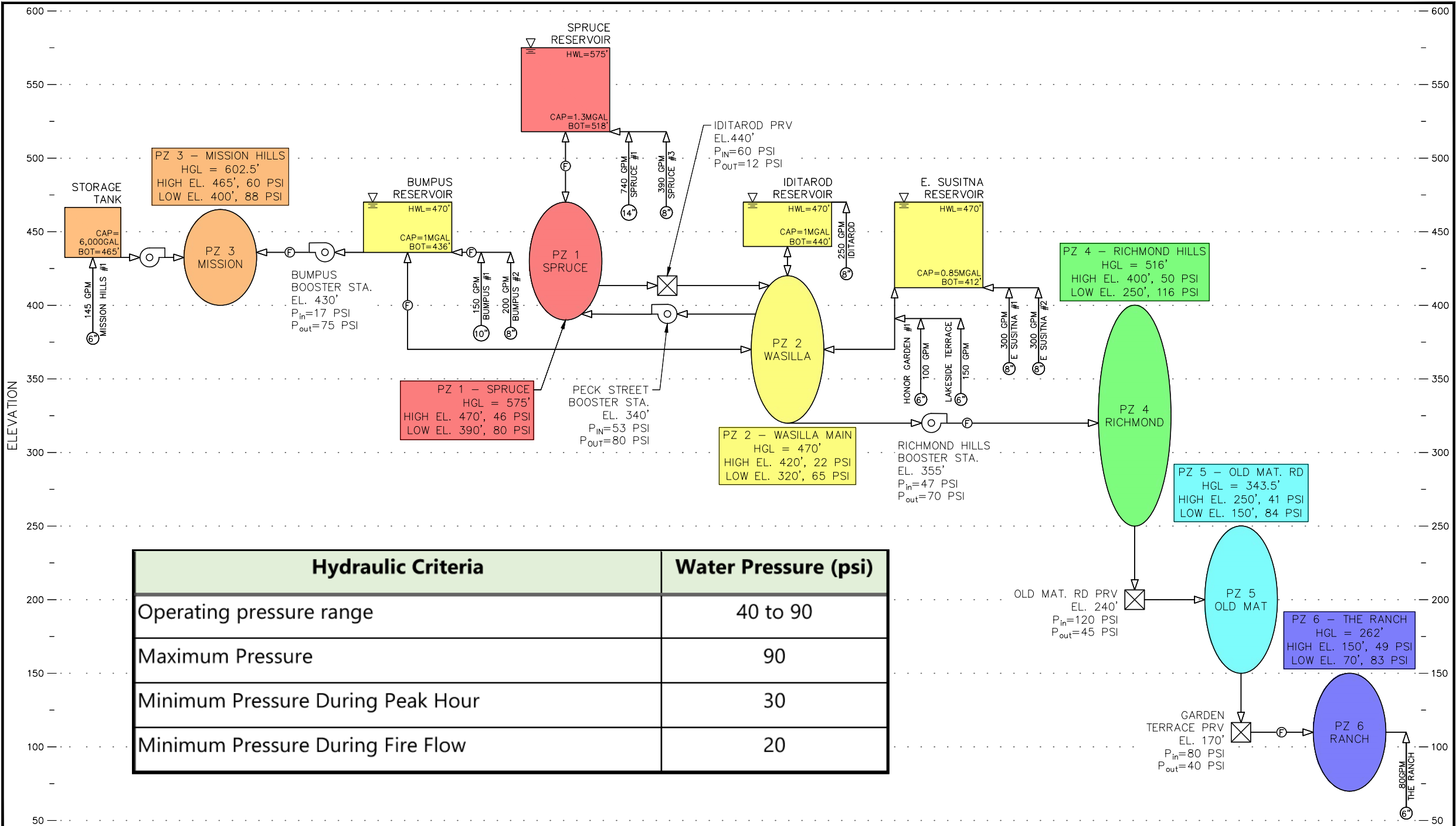


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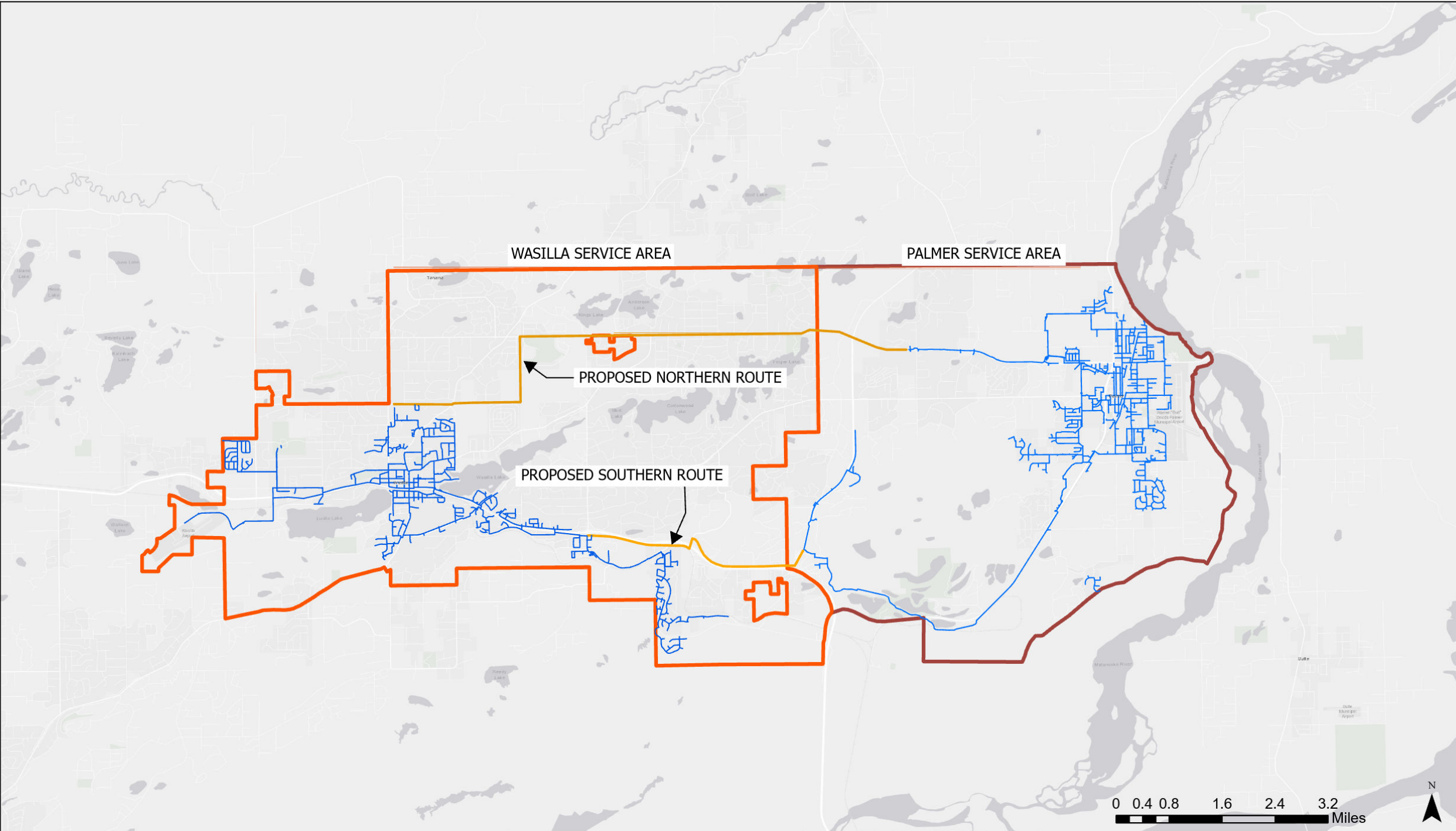


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Hydraulic Criteria	Water Pressure (psi)
Operating pressure range	40 to 90
Maximum Pressure	90
Minimum Pressure During Peak Hour	30
Minimum Pressure During Fire Flow	20



Legend

Wasilla Water Main

Proposed Northern Route

Proposed Southern Route

Wasilla Service Boundary

Palmer Service Boundary

Palmer Water Main

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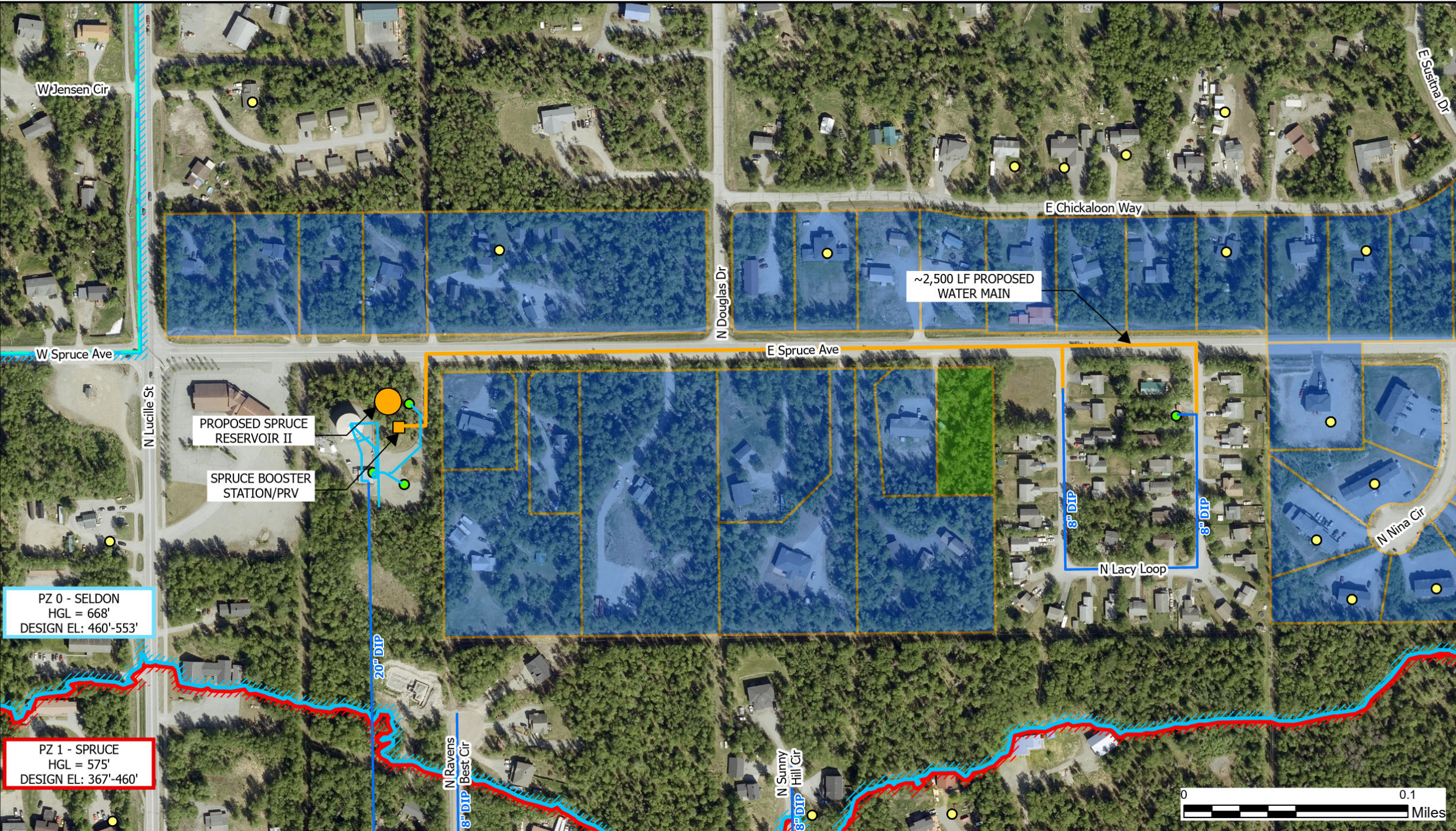
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	GOVERNMENT		WELL
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	VACANT		EXISTING WATER MAIN
			PROPOSED WATER MAIN
			PROPOSED ROUTE INFRASTRUCTURE

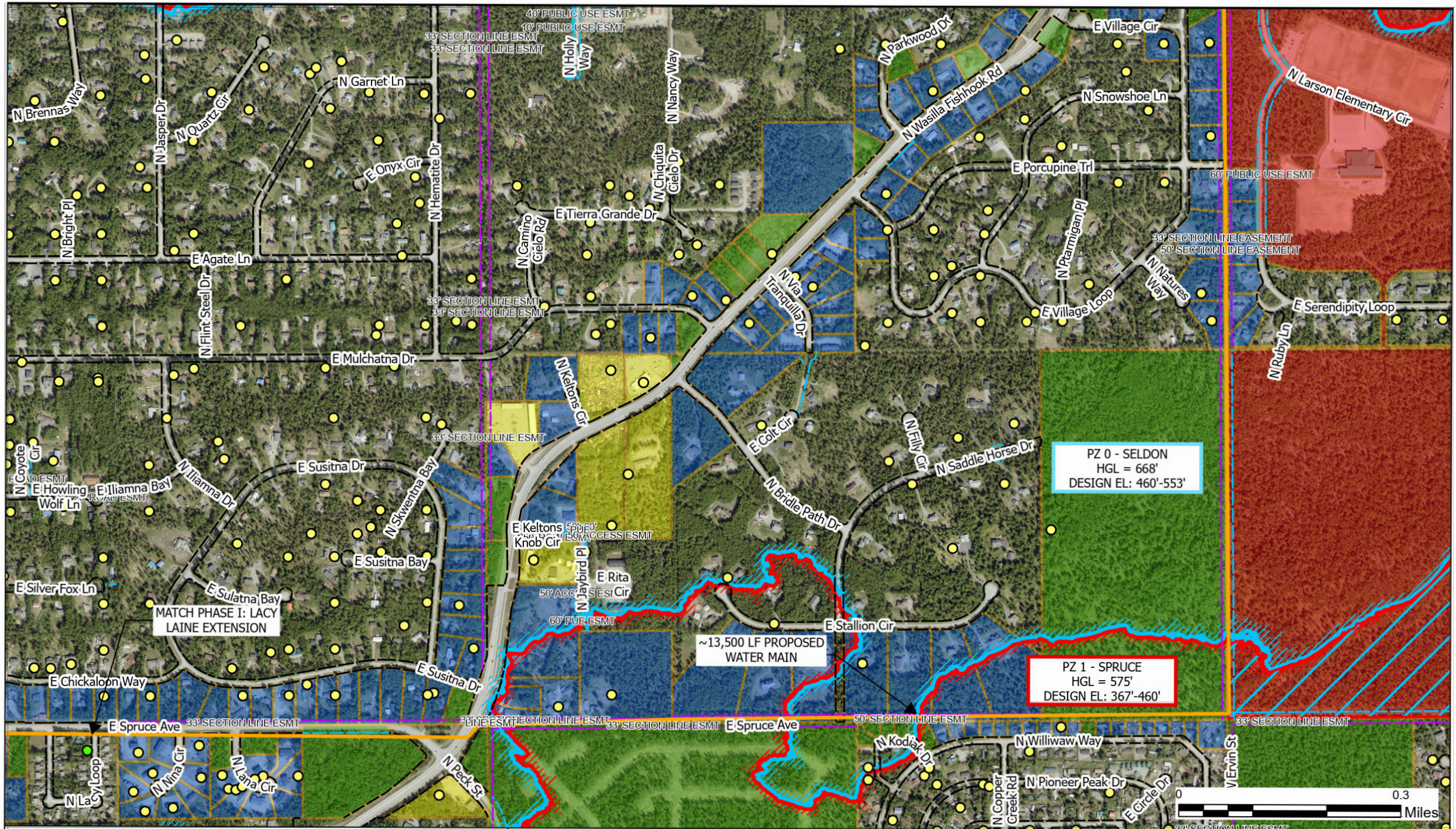
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Proposed Spruce Reservoir II not analyzed or required for interconnection

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CITY OF WASILLA		
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VACANT

PROPOSED ROUTE

INFRASTRUCTURE

WELL

PSWD WELL

TRANSMISSION MAIN

SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY

ROW ROAD

ROW EASEMENT

SECTION LINE EASEMENT

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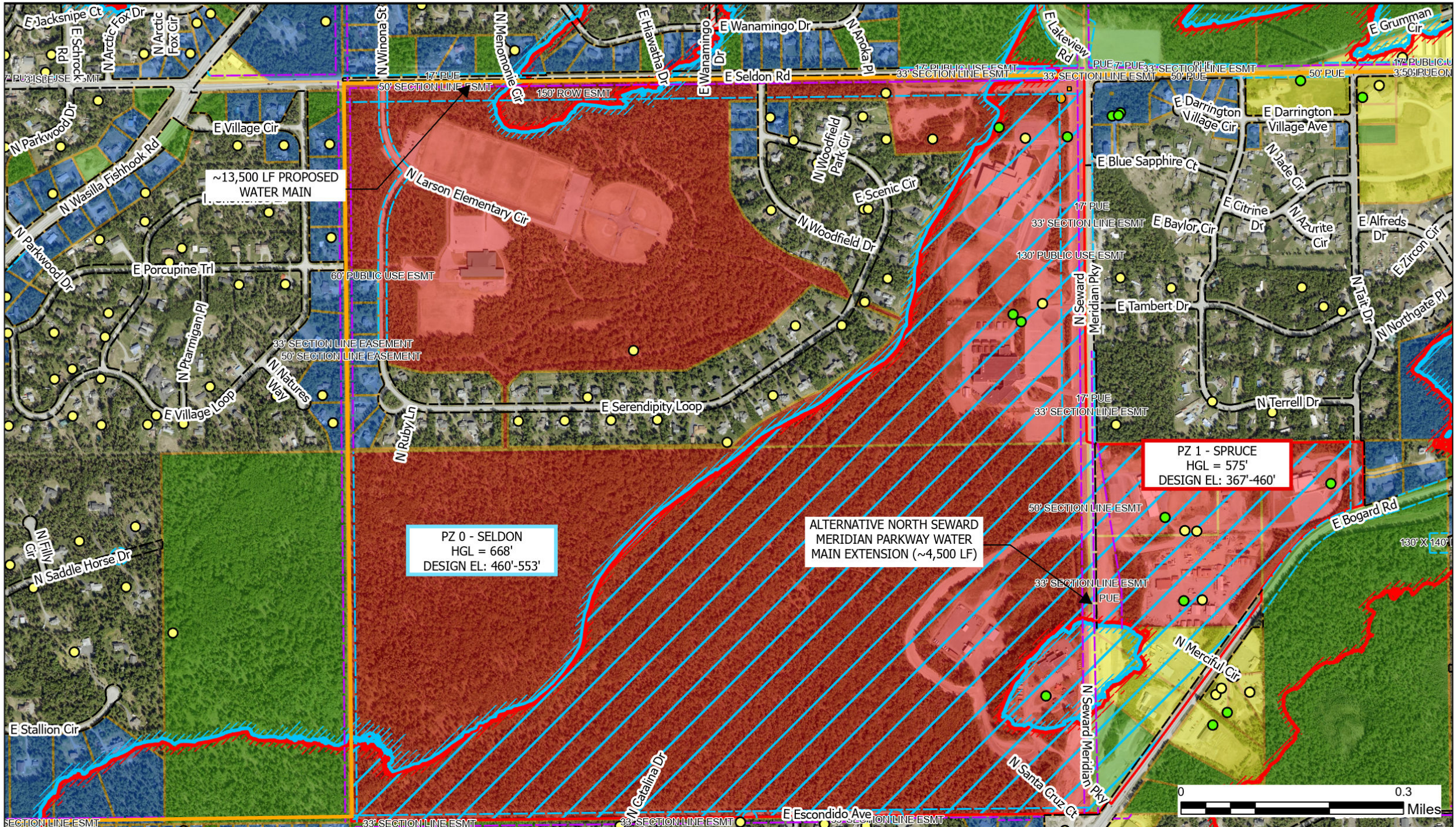
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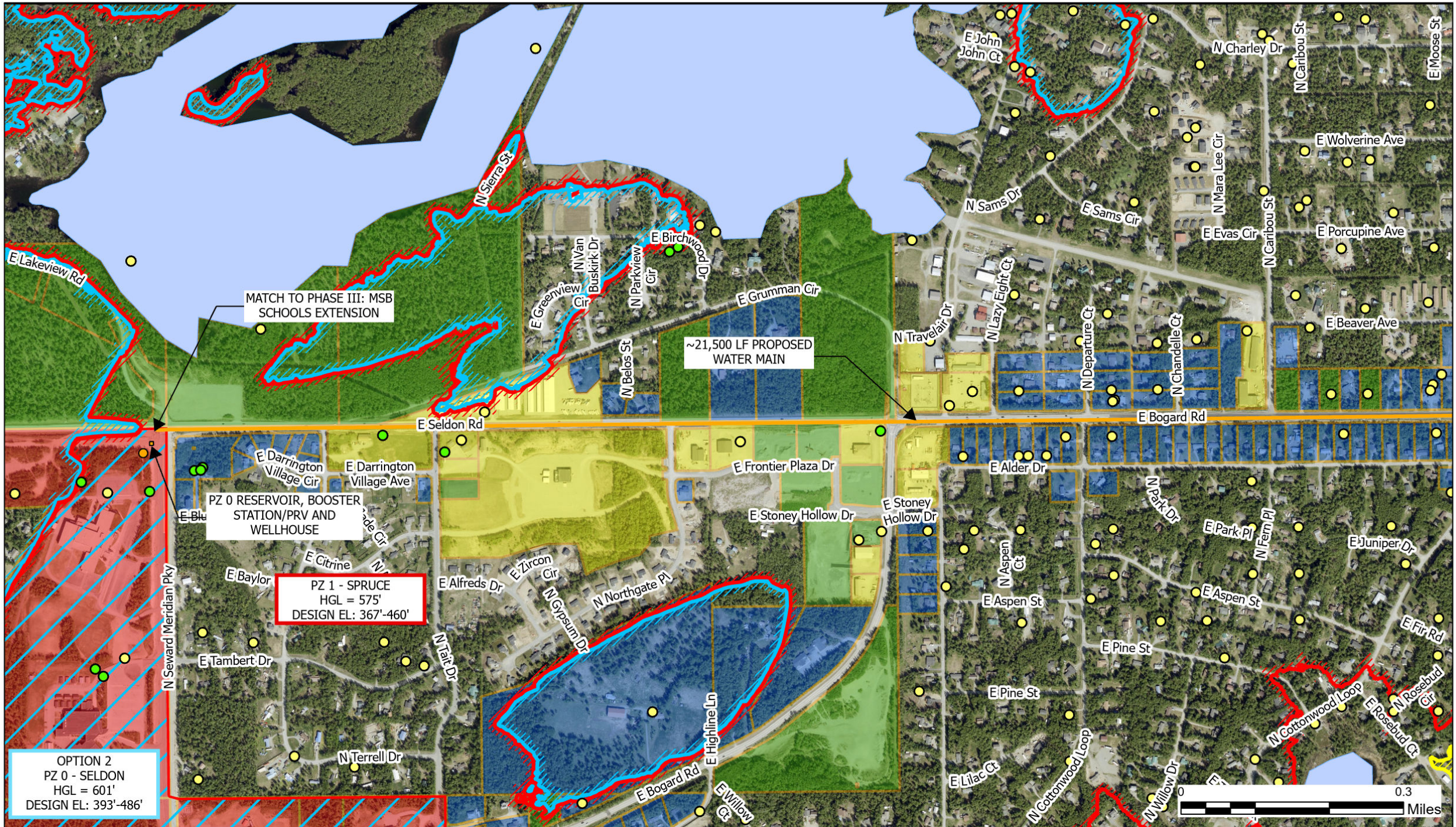


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- TRANSMISSION MAIN
- SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY
- ROW ROAD
- ROW EASEMENT
- SECTION LINE EASEMENT
- INTERCONNECT_ALT1

NOTES:
HYDRAULIC GRADE LINE OF PZ0 MAY BE MANIPULATED (OPTION 2) TO INCLUDE SCHOOL AREA (BLUE HATCH AREA) WITHOUT SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTING SERVICABILITY EXTENTS OF PZ0.

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WASILLA-PALMER WATER MAIN INTERCONNECT NORTHERN PHASE III: INTERCONNECTION

CITY OF WASILLA

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Action:

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 26-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH WATER AND WASTEWATER ADVISORY BOARD REQUESTING ASSEMBLY'S GUIDANCE IN DEFINING THE BOARD'S GOALS AND STRATEGIC PLAN.

WHEREAS, in 2011 the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly adopted ordinance 11-087 establishing the Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board (WSAB) for the purpose of advising the Assembly on issues relating to wastewater and septage issues within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2022 the WSAB passed Resolution 22-01 in support of advancing a preliminary engineering report for the Septage Treatment Facility Project; and

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2022 the MSB Assembly adopted Resolution Serial Number 22-071, directing staff to discontinue efforts toward a septage treatment facility project; and

WHEREAS, that same Resolution resolved that the Board is to be disbanded upon adoption of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2022, Ordinance Serial Number 22-099, was presented to repeal MSB 4.70, Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board (Board's name at that time), which would have dissolved the Board. However, the ordinance failed. MSB 4.70 remained in effect with no changes to its content; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2023 the Board established through Board Resolution 23-01 new goals such as 1) On a continuing basis, assess the current wastewater and septage handling situation and conditions and identify and propose potential alternatives, should the current options be compromised or terminated; 2) review and maintain past alternative options; 3) investigate new and evolving methods, means and opportunities for wastewater and septage treatment, and; 4) continue to inform and educate the Assembly regarding wastewater and septage issues that could affect Borough residents.

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2023 Borough Manager Mike Brown came to the Board's special meeting informing the Board of the Borough's collaboration with the cities of Palmer and Wasilla regarding future water and wastewater system improvements, including a possible interconnect between the two cities' water systems. The Borough Manager stated he would like the Board to be involved with these efforts in the future. The Manager emphasized that water and wastewater infrastructure needs must be addressed prior to addressing septage; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2024, the Assembly adopted the Ordinance Serial No. 24-045 which changed the Board's name from Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board to Water and Wastewater Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, during the remainder of 2024 through present time and in accordance with direction from the Assembly and Manager Brown, the Board has focused on water and wastewater issues including presentations and updates from the City of Wasilla regarding the study of the interconnect between the two cities' water systems; and

WHEREAS, the Board has also received updates from the City of Palmer regarding their new facilities and a new pump station supplying water to the Colony schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board feels as though they are sufficiently informed on water infrastructure related topics; and

WHEREAS, the Board receives an increasing number of concerns both inside and outside the cities' boundaries regarding failure of private septic systems installed in the 1970s and 80s and the Board would like to investigate/study this issue and generate data that can be used to determine solutions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Water and Wastewater Advisory Board requests Assembly guidance in defining future goals and requests strategic direction from the Assembly.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Water and Wastewater Advisory Board this ____ day of _____, 2026.

MR. BOB WALDEN, PE, Chair

ATTEST:

CHRISTINA SANDS, Board Administrative Support

(SEAL)

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YES:

NO: