

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
LOCAL ROAD SERVICE AREA ADVISORY BOARD
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 23-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH LOCAL ROAD SERVICE AREA ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDING THE ASSEMBLY APPROVAL OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH'S BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN.

WHEREAS, the Assembly adopted the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the LRTP consists of goals and strategies to build out a better-connected and safer transportation network, including goals to increase mobility and transportation choices; and

WHEREAS, one of the strategies in the LRTP is to develop an active transportation master plan that creates a vision for the bicycle and pedestrian system and identifies recommendations to implement that vision; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Department has developed the Borough's first Bike and Pedestrian Plan to implement LRTP strategies and goals pertaining to nonmotorized transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Bike and Pedestrian Plan (BPP) was developed by understanding the existing system of sidewalks, pathways, roads, and development, and incorporates an economic analysis that shows increased transportation choices have positive impacts on the social, physical, economic, and environmental qualities of life that MSB residents enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the BPP gathered feedback from community councils, MSB advisory boards, transportation planners and engineers, local governments, bike & pedestrian advocate groups, developers and real estate agents, and the general public through steering committee meetings, public meetings and events, and a 45-day public comment period; and

WHEREAS, the public process allowed for timely comment and discussion on possible routes, neighborhood concerns, increasing safe routes to school, development standards, and other pertinent information; and

WHEREAS, public comments were incorporated into the BPP where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the BPP provides a clear path forward for the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to begin implementing the recommended policies, infrastructure, and programs outlined in the BPP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Local Road Service Area Advisory Board this - day of -, 2023.


Stephen Edwards, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Approved Unanimously 5/18/23


Jennifer Ballinger, Adm'n. Specialist