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COUNCIL MEMORANDUM NO. 92-90

From:

Deputy Administrator

Date:

August 19, 1992

Subject:

Mack Road

Councilman Hjellen asked that Mack Road be placed on the agenda for discussion. Some background on Mack Road may be helpful. The road was constructed by property owners and is on the section line that is a boundary line of the City. Matanuska Electric Association placed power poles down the center of the section line several years ago. The road was not constructed to City or Borough specifications and had not been accepted for maintenance responsibility.

In 1982, Mr. Mack requested that the City perform "some" maintenance on the road as several people were now using the road for access to homes built in the area. One of the major problems with the road was that it weaved around the power poles. After considerable negotiations, the City and MEA agreed to share the \$24,000 cost to relocate the poles that interfered with road maintenance.

he poles were relocated to the point where the road ended at that time. Council directed that the City would provide "minimal" maintenance on the road and we are receiving state road revenue credit for 2,500' of Mack Road.

Since that time additional development has occurred and the road has been extended by local property owners. The extension is adjacent to the power poles, is not constructed to standards, and is mostly mud. We have occasionally graded it and usually clear it of snow when we work on Mack Road.

Local residents have expressed concern about future development in the area and road construction and maintenance responsibilities.

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August 17, 1992

Platting Division Matanuska-Susitna Borough 350 E. Dahlia Palmer, Alaska 99645

Re: Petitioner: Donald and Brenda Graber

Request for Public Use Easement

Dear Platting Board Members:

The City of Wasilla wishes to express the following concerns regarding the proposed dedication of public use easement. The present access to the westerly terminus of the proposed public use easement is Mack Road.

The City provides a minimal level of road maintenance to a point approximately 1/2 mile south of the proposed public use easement. The northern portion of Mack Road has not been constructed City standards and has not been accepted for maintenance responsibility by the City. We are concerned that the petitioners, and perhaps future owners of property in the area, may be under a mistaken belief that the City maintains the northern portion of Mack Road.

Further, the petitioners and future property owners should be made aware that the City does not maintain roads classified as "pioneer" or any construction that does not meet City standards. Present policy requires that developers, subdividers or property owners properly construct roads prior to acceptance by the City.

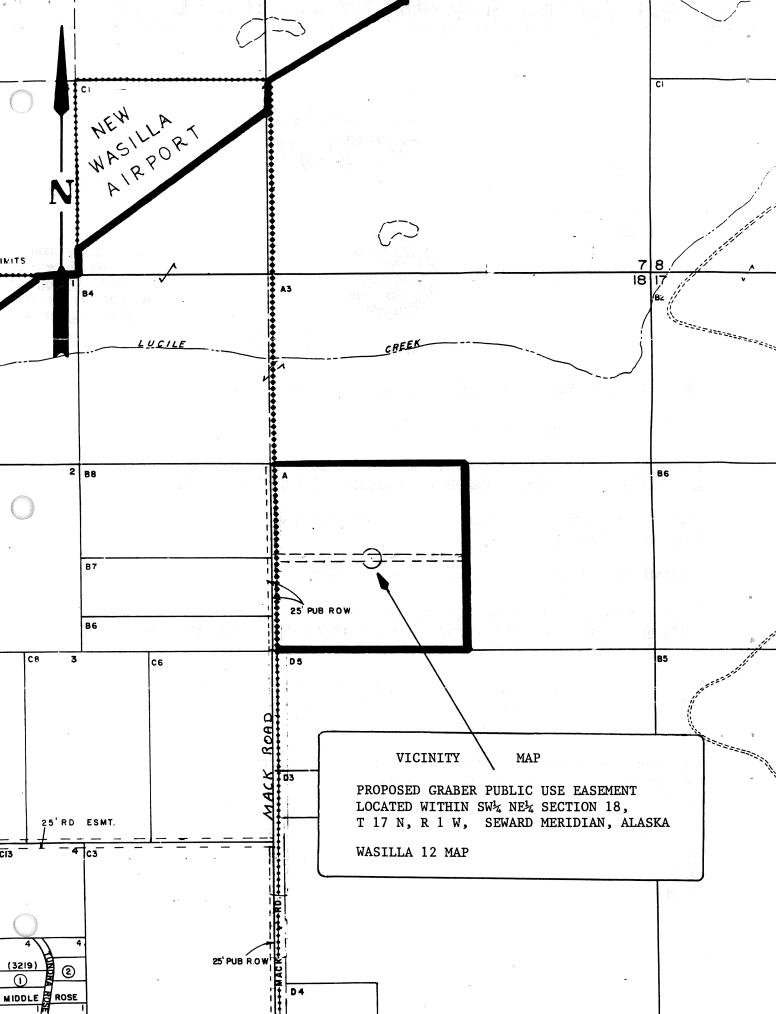
Your consideration of our concerns will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Harris

Deputy Administrator

cc: Wasilla Planning and Utilities Commission Wasilla City Council





WASILLA CITY COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENTS ROADS

EFFECTIVE DATE	POLICY	CHANGE OR DELETION
05/11/81	Drainage - The City of Wasilla shall contact all property owners who may be adversely affected by drainage projects undertaken by the City and every attempt will be made to solve any problems brought to the City's attention.	Reworded 01/84
07/12/82	<pre>Mack Road - Mack Road accepted for minimum maintenance until Mack Road is upgraded to Borough Standards.</pre>	Reworded 01/84
02/14/83	Neighborhood Watch - Neighborhood Watch signs will be allowed on City right-of-ways but excluded from traffic control signs.	Reworded 01/84
06/13/83	Newspaper Delivery Boxes - Installation of newspaper delivery tubes upon City right-of-ways not allowed.	Reworded 01/84