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FROM: Erling P. Nelson, Director of Municipal Services

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SUBJECT: MATI - City Relationship

At the request of Mr. Carney the following is an explanation of the relationship between the City of Wasilla and the Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry.

It all started in 1983 with City support of continued development of the Museum and inclusion in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's Capital Improvement Projects funding requests. In 1985 when it became clear that MATI had to have a new home the City passed Resolution No. WR85-59 encouraging MATI to locate in the Wasilla area and directing staff to assist in every way possible in efforts to locate and acquire a suitable site for the Museum. A site was acquired in conjunction with relocation of the new City Airport and the Museum was welcomed into the City as part of the City's tourist appeal.

The Museum is not a department or agency of the City. MATI is a private nonprofit organization who collects, preserves and displays artifacts involved in Alaska Transportation and Industry. The City has no legal obligation to support the Museum monetarily. Any financial support of the Museum is subject to annual appropriations. The relationship has been that of the City granting up to \$30,000 annually to support the development and operation of the Museum as part of Wasilla's tourist attractions.