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WASILLA CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

IM No. 98-108

SUBJECT: Matanuska-Susitna Borough's six year Capital Improvement Program for FY2000-2005.

PREPARED BY: Planning Staff

DATE: September 23, 1998

FOR AGENDA OF: October 12, 1998

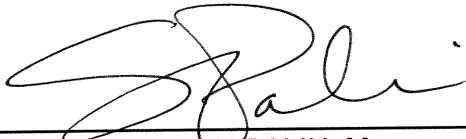
SUMMARY:

The Wasilla Planning Commission passed Resolution No. 98-17 at the September 22, 1998 regular meeting supporting the list for MSB CIP for FY2000-2005.

FISCAL IMPACT: No Yes, amount requested: \$ Fund:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Move to approve the Wasilla City Council Resolution Serial No. 98-47



Reviewed by: SARAH PALIN, Mayor

Attachments: WPC Resolution No. 98-17

**CITY OF WASILLA
PRIORITIZED NOMINATIONS TO THE
MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
FY 2000-2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
(in order of priority)

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 - C. Crusey Street to Lucus Road
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 - E. Church Street to Seward Meridian
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used by all borough residents and ask the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to consider additional financial support for this project, along with the paving matching grant program.

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7. Seward Meridian Boulevard Extension
From Bogard Road to Seldon Avenue extension.
8. Mack Road Extension North to Church Road
Knik-Goose Bay to Parks Highway Interconnect, along with widening and upgrading Mack Road.
Resolutions have been passed by Wasilla City Council, Wasilla Planning Commission, and Wasilla Chamber of Commerce in support of Mack Road. We ask the MSB Transportation Advisory Board, MSB Public Works Department, MSB Planning Department, MSB Planning Commission, and the MSB Assembly to recognize this boundary line road will be heavily used by all borough residents and ask the Matanuska-Susitna Borough consider additional financial support for this project. This road will allow better access for traffic and emergency vehicles from Knik-Goose Bay Road and will allow a better flow of traffic around our growing city. This also creates new access to our airport
9. Seldon Road
Upgrade and pave from Lucille Street to Wasilla-Fishhook Road.
10. Thomas Street Extension South to Togiak
Fairview Loop to Glenwood Interconnect.

BRIDGE REHABILITATION/REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

1. Old Matanuska Road
In conjunction with with DOTPF's Palmer-Wasilla Highway Extension plans, Wasilla supports this project to widen and reconstruct the bridge over Cottonwood Creek (located near the junction of Old Mat Road and unconstructed portion of Rainier Drive, just South of Palmer-Wasilla Highway and Parks Highway Intersection.)

SAFETY PROGRAM

1. **Bogard Road/Crusey Street**
Intersection reconstruction and upgrade. Potential life and death issue with our local schools in the vicinity of this dangerous intersection. Pedestrian traffic has increased tremendously in the last few years and this intersection needs to be upgraded.
2. **Wasilla - Fishhook/Main Street/Nelson Avenue/Bogard Road**
Intersection reconstruction and upgrade. Traffic is likely to increase from Bogard Road through Nelson Avenue. A lot of foot traffic is near Lucille and Nelson due to the high amount of residential-type occupancies and development of Iditapark. We believe traffic light is warranted at Lucille and Nelson.
3. **Knik-Goose Bay/Glenwood Signalization**
This intersection signalization currently has a priority rating of a number four according to the DOTPF 1997 needs list. Please see Wasilla City Council Resolution WR97-43 as attached. This project is anticipated to be included with the Palmer-Wasilla Highway Extension.
4. **Palmer-Wasilla Highway/Parks Highway Intersection**
Improvement at our busiest intersection is obviously needed.

TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS

1. **City of Wasilla Pedestrian/Bike/Multi-Use Paths**
Improvements to allow motorized (ATV, snowmachine) use.
2. **Parks Highway Separated Path Around Schools/Communities on all highway upgrades**
3. **Rail with Trail, Trail from Chugiak to Palmer and Wasilla**
4. **MSB School Trail/Separated Path Program**

Note: A grade-separated pedestrian crossing at Wasilla Lake and the Parks Highway is our highest priority and we request that it be added to the Seward Meridian to Crusey Street Parks Highway improvement project.

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

1. **Wasilla Airport**
FAA - Paving of active runway. Currently being designed, anticipate construction during the summer of 1999.

2. Wasilla Airport
Extension of airport runway length. Wasilla City Council approved Ordinance Serial No. 98-29 to fund the design for extending the runway. The design is currently underway. Financial support is needed for construction. The most logical and cost efficient time to do this is in conjunction with project #1.
3. Wasilla Airport
FAA - Lake access ramp and taxiway. The Wasilla City Council approved Ordinance Serial No. 98-31 to purchase tax parcel D2, section 7, T17N, R1W, S.M. and the portion south of Alaska Railroad right-of-way of tax parcel B1, section 8, T17N, R1W, S.M.. This acquisition of property has the potential of being dredged to make a float plane runway, taxiway and tie downs. We are anticipating FAA funding for a masterplan in the fall of 1999 to help address our future airport improvements.
4. Wasilla Airport
FAA - Fencing around airport site. Request that this project be included in the paving of the active runway. Fencing is needed due to recreational vehicles crossing the runway, moose population being high in the area, and vandalism/theft being a recurring event. FAA has recently agreed that we may add the fencing to the engineer's contract for paving design.
5. Wasilla Airport
FAA - Construct parallel runway.
6. Wasilla Airport
FAA - Global positioning locator system.
7. Wasilla Airport
Install non directional beacon.

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CAPITAL PROJECTS

SCHOOL DISTRICT CAPITAL PROJECTS

All of the school district projects are, of course, very important. We support the district's recommendations. We would like to encourage that all new facilities in the central area be located in Wasilla to better serve students. We welcome any partnering prospect that may be required for city utility services.

MSB CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. Multi-use Sports Arena, including indoor and outdoor ice.
Resolution No. WR 97-42 supports outdoor ice near Brett Memorial Arena.
2. Joint MSB/City of Wasilla - Multi-Use Public Safety Facility
Construct a new Wasilla Lakes fire service area facility.
3. Mat-Su Regional Core Area Library
New facility on large site is needed (20,000 square feet floor area minimum). In April 1996, the City of Wasilla contracted for a needs assessment and conceptual design. In addition, a community survey was conducted to gauge community support for this project. Based on input from meetings, established guidelines for public library planning and survey tabulation, a conceptual design was presented in the fall of 1997. The library task force is in the process of reviewing library options.
4. Road Upgrade/Paving Grant Match
Additional funds contributed to this program should be considered. We believe major collector streets such as Spuce Avenue should receive a larger grant match (\$50,000.00 per mile is a small proportion of the cost to engineer and pave the roads).
5. Borough-wide Community Water Resource Protection Program
We request that the borough nominate this project, develop scope, and request sufficient funding to assure protection our community water systems, such as lakes, rivers and streams.
6. Borough-wide Park Access Program
We request that the borough nominate this project, develop scope, and provide funding to assist cities and/or community councils improve access to parks. Examples would include paving Endeavor Street which leads to Lake Lucille Park (this park services over 1000 campers annually and an athletic field is now at this location. The road is primarily used by the park users). Another example would be assisting the city of Wasilla in building a road from Lucas to the Bumpus ballfields. Both of these parks are heavily used by residents of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

7. Herring/Teeland/Mead Country Store, Phase IV
8. Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry – Phase III

STATE SPONSORED CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. Point Mackenzie Site Development, Phase I, Preliminary Engineering
2. Point Mackenzie Port Development Phase III
3. Point Mackenzie Wharf Construction and Industrial Staging Area
4. Big Lake State Parks Rehabilitation

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
SIX YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
FY 1999 - FY 2004
PROJECT NOMINATION APPLICATION

1. Organization: **City of Wasilla**

Prepared by: **City Administration** Date: **October 5, 1998**

2. Project Title: **MULTI-USE SPORTS ARENA, including indoor and outdoor ice**

New Project

Continuing Project

3. Location: **Wasilla, AK – preferably in the commercial area.**

4. Description: **A facility for common events held in a multi-purpose area such as sporting events, conventions, trade shows, concerts, etc.**

5. Purpose of Project:

Not only does our winter city desire a facility for all MSB residents to enjoy desired indoor activities, but tremendous positive economic impacts would result from this long-awaited arena.

6. Will project improve a safety problem or public health concern? Please explain: -

The increase of physical activities will help provide healthier citizens. Valley families and youth (including school teams and clubs) will benefit by requiring less travel time for practices and competitions. The resulting economic boost from a multi-use arena would allow the city to consider financing increased public safety.

7. Will project replace, expand, or upgrade an existing borough facility in need of improvement? Will provide expansion and improvement to all existing MSB parks and recreation facilities, including the Brett Memorial Arena.

8. Will project be revenue producing? **Yes.**

If so, how much annually? **To be determined.**

9. Site is: **To be determined by public input, should be located near core retail area.**

10. Status of plans: **Multi-use athletic facility is proposed in Wasilla Comprehensive Plan.**

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11.	Breakdown of Costs (to nearest thousand):	
	Land and rights-of-way	\$ MSB or City of Wasilla
	Engineering & design	\$ 400,000. – 600,000.
	Construction	\$ 5,400,000. – 8,500,000.
	Furniture and equipment	\$ 0. – 500,000.
	Other costs (legal, admin, contingencies, etc.)	\$ 200,000 – 400,000.
	TOTAL	\$ 6,000,000. – 10,000,000.

12.	Annual Operating and Maintenance Costs*	
	Annual operating costs	\$ 50,000. - 100,000.
	Annual maintenance costs	\$ 50,000. - 100,000.
	Other	\$ 25,000. – 50,000.
	TOTAL	\$ 100,000 – 250,000.

(*indicate savings by minus sign)

13. Relation to other projects:

Could work in conjunction with the Brett Memorial Ice Arena. Ideally, site would be located within walking distance to Wasilla schools, centrally located for all MSB residents. The city's bike path plans could tie in this project with other areas and facilities that will be connected via our bike paths.

14. Relation to any long range general plans/program:

Similar projects have been on the MSB CIP needs list. A multi-use athletic facility has been discussed for years in the City of Wasilla, it is addressed in the Wasilla Comprehensive Plan.

15. Anticipated source of financing:

	Current revenue	\$
	State grant	\$
	Federal grant	\$
	Special assessment	\$
	Special fund	\$ 5,000,000. – 9,000,000.
	(Certificate of Participation or GO)	
	General obligation bonds (GO)	\$
	Revenue bonds	\$
	Other City of Wasilla	\$ 1,000,000.

16. Comments: Upon securing MSB support for this project, the City of Wasilla Administration would propose a city funding ordinance to help fund this project, up to \$1,000,000. The City of Wasilla would invite discussion of responsibility of operation and maintenance of the sports arena. As pointed out in the Wasilla Comprehensive Plan, it is not the intent that this sort of facility would compete with private sector providers, but that it would be developed to serve those functions which are in high demand yet are not largely satisfied by the private sector.

**CITY OF WASILLA
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 98-46**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL OF WASILLA, ALASKA,
RECOGNIZING THE IMMEDIATE NEED FOR CHURCH ROAD SOUTH
IMPROVEMENTS.**

WHEREAS, Church Road North is in the process of being paved and the average daily traffic counts are anticipated to increase, and

WHEREAS, the city of Wasilla has bid-ready documents for extending Church Road South to Wasilla Airport, and

WHEREAS, the Church Road South wetland permit expires on June 16, 2000, and

WHEREAS, Mayor Sarah Palin in her August 24, 1998 letter to the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOTPF) provides additional reasons to extend Church Road South, and

WHEREAS, Wasilla City Council Resolution No. WR97-43 encourages the placement of a traffic signal light at the intersection of the George Parks Highway and Church Road, and

WHEREAS, Wasilla Planning Resolution No. R97-35 and Wasilla City Council Resolution No. WR97-37 supports the paving and access to the airport by way of Church Road South extension, and

WHEREAS, the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce Resolution No. 97-12 supports creating new access to the airport via extension of Church Road South.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wasilla City Council requests that the State of Alaska, DOTPF recognize the immediate need to extend Church Road South, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wasilla City Council, offering to partner with the State of Alaska, DOTPF in that the city of Wasilla would fund up to 25 percent of the total project cost or one million dollars as needed to get the maximum amount of points for the Church Road South Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a traffic signal light should be included in the constructed project at the intersection of Church Road and the George Parks Highway; and,

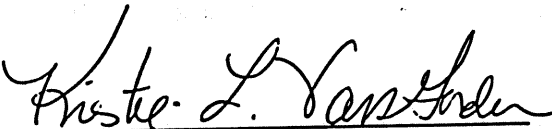
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council accepts the Church Road South plan in accordance with Alaska Statutes section 35.30.010.

I certify that a resolution in substantially the above form was passed by a majority of those voting at a duly called and conducted meeting of the Wasilla City Council this 28th day of September 1998.



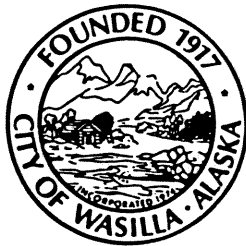
DAVID W. CHAPPEL, Deputy Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE L. VANGORDER, CMC/AAE
City Clerk

[SEAL]



CITY OF WASILLA

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WASILLA, ALASKA 99654-7091

WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 98-15

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wasilla Planning Commission, recommends to the Wasilla City Council to approve a resolution to partner with the State of Alaska, DOTPF in that the city of Wasilla would fund up to 25 percent of the total project cost or one million dollars as needed to get the maximum amount of points for the Church Road South Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a traffic signal light should be included in the constructed project at the intersection of Church Road and the George Parks Highway, and

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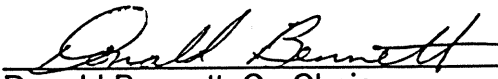
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wasilla Planning Commission accepts the Church Road South plan in accordance with Alaska Statutes section 35.30.010.

I certify that a resolution in substantially the above form was passed by a majority of those voting at a duly called and conducted meeting of the Wasilla Planning Commission this 27th day of August, 1998.

APPROVED:



Donald Bennett, Co Chair

ATTESTED:



Helen Y. Kaye Planning Clerk



CITY OF WASILLA

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Requested By: Councilwoman Keller
Prepared By: Clerk's Office

RESOLUTION NO. WR97-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA ENCOURAGING THE PLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS ON STATE HIGHWAYS.

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Transportation Needs and Priorities Pre-STIP has been submitted to the City of Wasilla for public comment; and

WHEREAS, the Church Road Rehabilitation Project, Need ID # 2462 and the Knik Goose Bay/Glenwood Signalization, Need ID # 6673 have been identified in the Needs List; and

WHEREAS, Church Road is a major arterial between Wasilla and outlying areas; and

WHEREAS, with the Church Road Rehabilitation project completion, ingress and egress from the Parks Highway onto and off of Church Road may become a hazard creating public safety problems; and

WHEREAS, Church Road is scheduled for paving in the spring of 1998; and

WHEREAS, Church Road South is scheduled to continue from the Parks Highway South to the New Wasilla Airport; and

WHEREAS, Pitman Road connects with Church Road to the North and leads from the Meadow Lakes Area representing a large portion of the population currently using Church Road and Schrock Road to enter Wasilla; and

WHEREAS, Knik-Goose Bay Road is a major arterial between Wasilla and outlying areas; and

WHEREAS, development of additional senior housing on the east end of Glenwood Avenue and the proposed extension of the Palmer/Wasilla Highway on the West end will create a heavier traffic pattern creating a substantial risk of accident and/or speeding violations at the intersection of Glenwood and Knik-Goose Bay Road; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla has recently completed a water extension in this area which anticipates increased residential and commercial growth; and

WHEREAS, 2 pedestrian pathways, Need ID # 6399 and # 6468 are scheduled between the Glenwood Avenue and Knik-Goose Bay Road which will

increase activities around the Glenwood Avenue and Knik-Goose Bay Road Intersection; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla is committed to the placement of traffic lights for the safety of the citizens of Wasilla, and is willing to commit 5%, not to exceed \$15,000 towards the construction cost of installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Church Road and the Parks Highway and the intersection of Knik-Goose Bay Road and Glenwood Avenue for a total cost not to exceed \$30,000 for both projects;

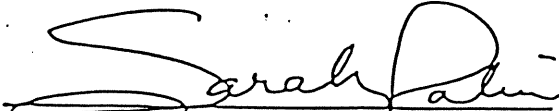
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council encourages and supports the placement of traffic lighting at the intersection of Church Road and the Parks Highway and also at the intersection of Knik-Goose Bay Road and Glenwood Avenue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council directs Administration to place a local match on the CIP Projects list of 5%, not to exceed \$15,000 towards the construction cost of installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Church Road and the Parks Highway and the intersection of Knik-Goose Bay Road and Glenwood Avenue for a total cost not to exceed \$30,000 for both projects; AND

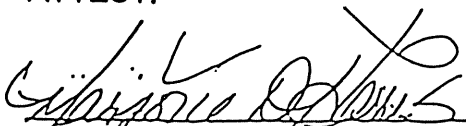
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this local match offer requires that operating traffic light(s) need to be installed within 730 days (2 years).

I certify that a resolution in substantially the above from was passed by a majority of those voting at a duly called and conducted meeting of the governing body of the City of Wasilla this 13th day of October, 1997.

APPROVED:


SARAH H. PALIN, Mayor

ATTEST:


MARJORIE D. HARRIS, CMC
City Clerk

(SEAL)



CITY OF WASILLA

290 E. HERNING AVE.
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WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 98-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING WASILLA CITY COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES FOR INCLUSION IN THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH'S SIX (6) YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP), FY 2000-2005.

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla represents a community of more than 5,000 people who are also citizens of the Mat-Su Borough; and

WHEREAS, the city of Wasilla is the hub for the fastest growing area in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Mat-Su Borough provides for many important roads, services and public facilities serving the Greater Wasilla community, either directly or through service areas and contracts for construction and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla is also served by the State of Alaska which maintains highways, roads and other public facilities including the Parks Highway, Knik-Goose Bay Road, Palmer-Wasilla Highway, Main Street/Wasilla-Fishhook Road, Crusey Street, Church Road, Old Matanuska Road, Lucus Road; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska administers the federal airport improvement program funds for the Wasilla Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Wasilla Planning Commission wishes to endorse community priorities for needed Borough and State capital improvement projects in the greater Wasilla area, particularly highways, roads and public facilities; and

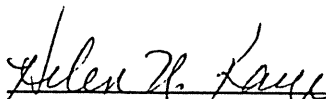
WHEREAS, the comments of the MSB six year plan should be provided to the MSB no later than November 16, 1998.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla Planning Commission, of the City of Wasilla, hereby recommends to the Wasilla City Council to approve the prioritization of projects as identified in Attachment "A", for inclusion in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's six (6) year Capital Improvement Program (CIP), FY 2000-2005, and adopted here by reference.

I certify that a resolution in substantially the above form was passed by a majority of those voting at a duly called and conducted meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Wasilla this 02 day of September, 1998.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

APPROVED:


Helen Y. Kaye, Planning Clerk


Harold Newcomb, Chair

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Resolutions have been passed by Wasilla City Council, Wasilla Planning Commission, and Wasilla Chamber of Commerce in support of Mack Road. We ask the MSB Transportation Advisory Board, MSB Public Works Department, MSB Planning Department, MSB Planning Commission, and the MSB Assembly to recognize this boundary line road will be heavily used by all borough residents and ask the Matanuska-Susitna Borough consider additional financial support for this project. This road will allow better access for traffic and emergency vehicles from Knik-Goose Bay Road and will allow a better flow of traffic around our growing city. This also creates new access to our airport
9. Seldon Road
Upgrade and pave from Lucille Street to Wasilla-Fishhook Road.
10. Thomas Street Extension South to Togiak
Fairview Loop to Glenwood Interconnect.

BRIDGE REHABILITATION/REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

1. Old Matanuska Road
In conjunction with with DOTPF's Palmer-Wasilla Highway Extension plans, Wasilla supports this project to widen and reconstruct the bridge over Cottonwood Creek (located near the junction of Old Mat Road and unconstructed portion of Rainier Drive, just South of Palmer-Wasilla Highway and Parks Highway Intersection.)

SAFETY PROGRAM

1. **Bogard Road/Crusey Street**
Intersection reconstruction and upgrade. Potential life and death issue with our local schools in the vicinity of this dangerous intersection. Pedestrian traffic has increased tremendously in the last few years and this intersection needs to be upgraded.
2. **Wasilla - Fishhook/Main Street/Nelson Avenue/Bogard Road**
Intersection reconstruction and upgrade. Traffic is likely to increase from Bogard Road through Nelson Avenue. A lot of foot traffic is near Lucille and Nelson due to the high amount of residential-type occupancies and development of Iditapark. We believe traffic light is warranted at Lucille and Nelson.
3. **Knik-Goose Bay/Glenwood Signalization**
This intersection signalization currently has a priority rating of a number four according to the DOTPF 1997 needs list. Please see Wasilla City Council Resolution WR97-43 as attached. This project is anticipated to be included with the Palmer-Wasilla Highway Extension.
4. **Palmer-Wasilla Highway/Parks Highway Intersection**
Improvement at our busiest intersection is obviously needed.

TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS

1. **City of Wasilla Pedestrian/Bike/Multi-Use Paths**
Improvements to allow motorized (ATV, snowmachine) use.
2. **Parks Highway Separated Path Around Schools/Communities on all highway upgrades**
3. **Rail with Trail, Trail from Chugiak to Palmer and Wasilla**
4. **MSB School Trail/Seperated Path Program**

Note: A grade-seperated pedestrian crossing at Wasilla Lake and the Parks Highway is our highest priority and we request that it be added to the Seward Meridian to Crusey Street Parks Highway improvement project.

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Wasilla Airport

FAA - Paving of active runway. Currently being designed, anticipate construction during the summer of 1999.

2. Wasilla Airport

Extension of airport runway length. Wasilla City Council approved Ordinance Serial No. 98-29 to fund the design for extending the runway. The design is currently underway. Financial support is needed for construction. The most logical and cost efficient time to do this is in conjunction with project #1.

3. Wasilla Airport

FAA - Lake access ramp and taxiway. The Wasilla City Council approved Ordinance Serial No. 98-31 to purchase tax parcel D2, section 7, T17N, R1W, S.M. and the portion south of Alaska Railroad right-of-way of tax parcel B1, section 8, T17N, R1W, S.M.. This acquisition of property has the potential of being dredged to make a float plane runway, taxiway and tie downs. We are anticipating FAA funding for a masterplan in the fall of 1999 to help address our future airport improvements.

4. Wasilla Airport

FAA - Fencing around airport site. Request that this project be included in the paving of the active runway. Fencing is needed due to recreational vehicles crossing the runway, moose population being high in the area, and vandalism/theft being a recurring event. FAA has recently agreed that we may add the fencing to the engineer's contract for paving design.

5. Wasilla Airport

FAA - Construct parallel runway.

6. Wasilla Airport

FAA - Global positioning locator system.

7. Wasilla Airport

Install non directional beacon.

**CITY OF WASILLA
PRIORITIZED NOMINATIONS TO THE
MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
FY 2000-2005 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

CAPITAL PROJECTS

SCHOOL DISTRICT CAPITAL PROJECTS

All of the school district projects are, of course, very important. We support the district's recommendations. We would like to encourage that all new facilities in the central area be located in Wasilla to better serve students. We welcome any partnering prospect that may be required for city utility services.

MSB CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. Multi-use Sports Arena, including indoor and outdoor ice.
Resolution No. WR 97-42 supports outdoor ice near Brett Memorial Arena.
2. Joint MSB/City of Wasilla - Multi-Use Public Safety Facility
Construct a new Wasilla Lakes fire service area facility.
3. Mat-Su Regional Core Area Library
New facility on large site is needed (20,000 square feet floor area minimum). In April 1996, the City of Wasilla contracted for a needs assessment and conceptual design. In addition, a community survey was conducted to gauge community support for this project. Based on input from meetings, established guidelines for public library planning and survey tabulation, a conceptual design was presented in the fall of 1997. The library task force is in the process of reviewing library options.
4. Road Upgrade/Paving Grant Match
Additional funds contributed to this program should be considered. We believe major collector streets such as Spuce Avenue should receive a larger grant match (\$50,000.00 per mile is a small proportion of the cost to engineer and pave the roads).
5. Borough-wide Community Water Resource Protection Program
We request that the borough nominate this project, develop scope, and request sufficient funding to assure protection our community water systems, such as lakes, rivers and streams.
6. Borough-wide Park Access Program
We request that the borough nominate this project, develop scope, and provide funding to assist cities and/or community councils improve access to parks. Examples would include paving Endeavor Street which leads to Lake Lucille Park (this park services over 1000 campers annually and an athletic field is now at this location. The road is primarily used by the park users). Another example would be assisting the city of Wasilla in building a road from Lucas to the Bumpus ballfields. Both of these parks are heavily used by residents of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

7. Herning/Teeland/Mead Country Store, Phase IV
8. Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry – Phase III

STATE SPONSORED CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. Point Mackenzie Site Development, Phase I, Preliminary Engineering
2. Point Mackenzie Port Development Phase III
3. Point Mackenzie Wharf Construction and Industrial Staging Area
4. Big Lake State Parks Rehabilitation



CITY OF WASILLA

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WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 98-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION (WPC), OF WASILLA, ALASKA, RECOGNIZING THE IMMEDIATE NEED FOR CHURCH ROAD SOUTH IMPROVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, Church Road North is in the process of being paved and the average daily traffic counts are anticipated to increase, and

WHEREAS, the city of Wasilla has bid-ready documents for extending Church Road South to Wasilla Airport, and

WHEREAS, the Church Road South wetland permit expires on June 16, 2000, and

WHEREAS, Mayor Sarah Palin in her August 24, 1998 letter to the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOTPF) provides additional reasons to extend Church Road South, and

WHEREAS, Wasilla City Council Resolution No. WR97-43 encourages the placement of a traffic signal light at the intersection of the George Parks Highway and Church Road, and

WHEREAS, Wasilla Planning Resolution No. R97-35 and Wasilla City Council Resolution No. WR97-37 supports the paving and access to the airport by way of Church Road South extension, and

WHEREAS, the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce Resolution No. 97-12 supports creating new access to the airport via extension of Church Road South.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wasilla Planning Commission requests that the State of Alaska, DOTPF recognize the immediate need to extend Church Road South, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wasilla Planning Commission, recommends to the Wasilla City Council to approve a resolution to partner with the State of Alaska, DOTPF in that the city of Wasilla would fund up to 25 percent of the total project cost or one million dollars as needed to get the maximum amount of points for the Church Road South Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a traffic signal light should be included in the constructed project at the intersection of Church Road and the George Parks Highway, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wasilla Planning Commission accepts the Church Road South plan in accordance with Alaska Statutes section 35.30.010.

I certify that a resolution in substantially the above form was passed by a majority of those voting at a duly called and conducted meeting of the Wasilla Planning Commission this 27th day of August, 1998.

APPROVED:

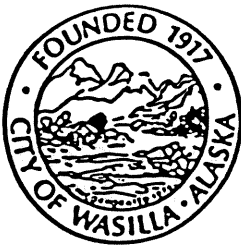


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RESOLUTION NO. WR97-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA ENCOURAGING THE PLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS ON STATE HIGHWAYS.

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Transportation Needs and Priorities Pre-STIP has been submitted to the City of Wasilla for public comment; and

WHEREAS, the Church Road Rehabilitation Project, Need ID # 2462 and the Knik Goose Bay/Glenwood Signalization, Need ID # 6673 have been identified in the Needs List; and

WHEREAS, Church Road is a major arterial between Wasilla and outlying areas; and

WHEREAS, with the Church Road Rehabilitation project completion, ingress and egress from the Parks Highway onto and off of Church Road may become a hazard creating public safety problems; and

WHEREAS, Church Road is scheduled for paving in the spring of 1998; and

WHEREAS, Church Road South is scheduled to continue from the Parks Highway South to the New Wasilla Airport; and

WHEREAS, Pitman Road connects with Church Road to the North and leads from the Meadow Lakes Area representing a large portion of the population currently using Church Road and Schrock Road to enter Wasilla; and

WHEREAS, Knik-Goose Bay Road is a major arterial between Wasilla and outlying areas; and

WHEREAS, development of additional senior housing on the east end of Glenwood Avenue and the proposed extension of the Palmer/Wasilla Highway on the West end will create a heavier traffic pattern creating a substantial risk of accident and/or speeding violations at the intersection of Glenwood and Knik-Goose Bay Road; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla has recently completed a water extension in this area which anticipates increased residential and commercial growth; and

WHEREAS, 2 pedestrian pathways, Need ID # 6399 and # 6468 are scheduled between the Glenwood Avenue and Knik-Goose Bay Road which will

increase activities around the Glenwood Avenue and Knik-Goose Bay Road Intersection; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla is committed to the placement of traffic lights for the safety of the citizens of Wasilla, and is willing to commit 5%, not to exceed \$15,000 towards the construction cost of installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Church Road and the Parks Highway and the intersection of Knik-Goose Bay Road and Glenwood Avenue for a total cost not to exceed \$30,000 for both projects;

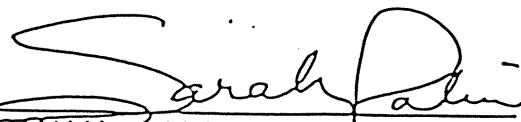
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council encourages and supports the placement of traffic lighting at the intersection of Church Road and the Parks Highway and also at the intersection of Knik-Goose Bay Road and Glenwood Avenue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council directs Administration to place a local match on the CIP Projects list of 5%, not to exceed \$15,000 towards the construction cost of installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Church Road and the Parks Highway and the intersection of Knik-Goose Bay Road and Glenwood Avenue for a total cost not to exceed \$30,000 for both projects; AND

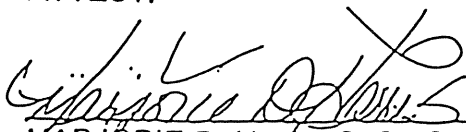
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this local match offer requires that operating traffic light(s) need to be installed within 730 days (2 years).

I certify that a resolution in substantially the above from was passed by a majority of those voting at a duly called and conducted meeting of the governing body of the City of Wasilla this 13th day of October, 1997.

APPROVED:


SARAH H. PALIN, Mayor

ATTEST:


MARJORIE D. HARRIS, CMC
City Clerk

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