

**SUBJECT:** Requesting our federal congressional delegation, through Senator Stevens to appropriate \$500,000 for the purpose of acquiring and constructing a multiple-purpose trail between Wasilla and Big Lake.

**REQUESTED BY:** Planning Office

**PREPARED BY:** Tim Krug, City Planner

**DATE:** August 23, 2000

**FOR AGENDA OF:** September 11, 2000

**SUMMARY:**

On March 13, 2000 we passed Resolution Serial Number 00-09 supporting a State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) nomination of a trail from Wasilla to Big Lake. The Matanuska –Susitna Borough (MSB) has joined our attempt to have a trail from Wasilla to Big Lake, see MSB Park , Recreation and Trail Advisory Committee Resolution 00-08 as attached.

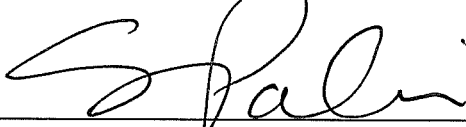
Support of this proposed resolution is for the purpose of considering other potential funding sources.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  X  No   Yes, amount requested: . Fund:

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve Resolution Serial No. 00-39.

**MAYOR REVIEW/COMMENT:**



Reviewed by: SARAH PALIN, Mayor

Attachments: Resolution Serial No. 00-39

MSB Park , Recreation and Trail Advisory Committee Resolution 00-08

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
PARK, RECREATION AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION 00-08**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PARKS, RECREATION, AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE URGING THE ASSEMBLY TO REQUEST THE ALASKA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION THROUGH SENATOR TED STEVENS TO FUND \$500,000 TOWARDS THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF A WASILLA TO BIG LAKE MULTIPLE-USE TRAIL.

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WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee was created to advise the Borough Assembly on all park, recreation and trail issues affecting the borough; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and City of Wasilla exercise parks and recreation powers; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and City strongly support the creation of a Wasilla to Big Lake multiple-use trail for the core area access to the borough trail system connecting to Denali National Park; and

WHEREAS, the borough does not have the funds to create the trail, but has submitted a bond issue to the voters on October 3, 2000 in support of a trail network within the Matanuska-Susitna valley in an amount of \$500,000, which is equal to the request for federal assistance; and


WHEREAS, there is substantial support from organizations like the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce, Big Lake Chamber of Commerce, Greater Palmer Chamber of Commerce, Houston Chamber of Commerce and Willow Chamber of Commerce for development of multiple-use trails in the core areas of Palmer and Wasilla and throughout the Matanuska-Susitna Borough ; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has adopted a trails plan that identifies all existing trails outside of the borough's core area; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and City recognize that a Wasilla to Big Lake trail is the key "link" to create an integrated trail network from the borough's core area to Denali National Park, Alaska's number one visitor attraction.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee urges the Borough Assembly and Mayor to request the Alaska Congressional Delegation through Senator Ted Stevens to appropriate \$500,000 for the acquisition and construction of a multiple-use Wasilla to Big Lake Trail.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee this 22<sup>ND</sup> day of August, 2000.

  
Vice Chair  
For Bishop Buckle, Chairman