

**SUBJECT: Resolution 00-45  
Transfer of Funds for Transportation Master Plan**

REQUESTED BY: Administration

PREPARED BY: Administration

DATE: September 18, 2000

FOR AGENDA OF: September 25, 2000

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**SUMMARY:** A transfer of existing funds is needed for the proposed Transportation Master Plan.

**BACKGROUND:** Staff has been working with various state agencies (ADOT, DNR, Alaska Railroad), the Mat-Su Borough, City Commissions (Planning, Parks & Recreation) and interest groups (snow machiners, trail advocates, Wasilla Chamber of Commerce) on various transportation issues. Many of these agencies and groups have agreed to certain segments of transportation plans, but there has not been any formal process to publish a Transportation Master Plan. Without a publicly approved Master Transportation Plan, many items may be left unfunded or not constructed. Also, certain items may be "forced" upon the city, against the desires of Council and Wasilla citizens.

The Transportation Master Plan will address improvements to the Parks Highway, existing and proposed local roads (city and state owned), railroad, and trails. The plan will provide a vision to enhance commercial and residential development, provide safe and efficient traffic flow, minimize undesirable overpasses in the central business district, facilitate non-local traffic and commuter rail users, enhance local trail systems, and create green spaces.

The Wasilla Transportation Master Plan will provide the official public vision of how to meet all of Wasilla's current and future transportation needs for the next 10 years. This document will be the primary tool used for requesting and prioritizing road projects and funding. It will be the official document that could assist the Alaska Railroad to obtain funding for relocating the rails out of downtown Wasilla and establishing a commuter rail station. The plan will be the blueprint for dedicated use and multi-use trails and for establishing green spaces throughout Wasilla.

Funding is needed for engineering and landscape architect work to assist city staff in this multi-phase project. The intent for funding is to ensure adequate engineering/planning is performed and to produce professional visual displays for public meetings and the final document.

In summary, Wasilla's orderly growth and desirability will greatly depend on transportation needs being met. The Transportation Master Plan will have the greatest impact on ensuring those needs are met.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  No  Yes, amount requested: \$75,000 transfer

Fund: From GVC/GGL LID/Century Park 2/DOT Impacts	\$75,000
To Transportation Master Plan	\$75,000

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** For Council to transfer \$75,000 within the existing Roads Capital Improvement account to the Transportation Master Plan.



Reviewed by: SARAH PALIN, Mayor

Attachments: Resolution 00-45