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RESOLUTION NO. WR97-45

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDING PRIORITIES TO THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH FOR INCLUSION IN THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH'S SIX (6) YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP), FY1999 - 2004.

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla represents a community of more than 4,917 people who are also citizens of the Mat-Su Borough; 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 the Wasilla Airport; and

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


WHEREAS, the Wasilla City Council 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 15, 1997;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council hereby establishes the projects identified in Attachment "A", for inclusion in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's six (6) year Capital Improvement Program (CIP), FY1999- 2004, 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 27th day of October, 1997.

ATTEST:



Marjorie D. Harris, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED:



Sarah H. Palin, Mayor

(SEAL)

**CITY OF WASILLA
PRIORITIZED NOMINATIONS TO THE
MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
FY 1999-2004 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM

1. **Parks Highway Improvement, in order of importance:**
 - A. **Palmer Wasilla Highway Extension to Knik Goose Bay Road**
 - B. **Seward Meridian to Crusey**
 - C. **Interchanges at Seward Meridian and Hyer Road**
 - D. **Crusey Street to Lucus Road**
 - E. **Church Street to Seward Meridian**
 - F. **Glenn Highway to Church Street**

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

1. **Church Road Upgrade**
Reconstruct and pave. Request to modify to include a traffic light at Church Road and Parks Highway. Please see Wasilla City Council Resolution WR97-43 as attached.
2. **Church Road (South)**

From Parks Highway South to Greater Wasilla Airport. Currently has a priority rating of a number four according to the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOTPF) 1997 needs list. Please see letter dated October 15, 1997 from Mayor Sarah H. Palin to John Horn, DOTPF Regional Director.
3. **Spruce Avenue**
Upgrade and Pave: Currently has a priority rating of a number four according to the DOTPF 1997 needs list. Please see letter dated October 15, 1997 from Mayor Sarah H. Palin to John Horn, DOTPF Regional Planner. Would like this project included in the MSB Road Upgrade/Paving Matching Grant Program (Dust Control). Recommend that State funds also be solicited. The City of Wasilla will provide a major portion of the construction cost because the bond sale passed supporting the paving of this road.
4. **Seward Meridian Boulevard Upgrade**
Widen to four lanes from Parks Highway to Bogard Road.
5. **Lucille Street to Susitna/Park Avenue Skyline Overpass**
This is a modification of Wasilla-Fishhook Road/Main Street/Knik Goose Bay Road that was a City of Wasilla priority three last year. A new location is under consideration and additional facts are brought forth. The new nomination form is attached. Lucille Street makes more sense to extend because it is already a minor collector and connecting it to Susitna or Park Avenue could lead to productive east-west traffic directing traffic towards the future Palmer-Wasilla Highway overpass. Trails and Pedestrian crossings should be considered in the overpass as this would allow foot traffic to be directed to and from the Old Airport Site Park and the residents and tourists could enjoy the scenic Lake Lucille. Pedestrian overpasses have been requested in the past MSB six year plan. These could be combined with the Lucille Street vehicle overpass.

Mack Road Extension North to Church Road

Knik-Goose Bay to Parks Highway Interconnect.

Widen and upgrade Mack Road.

Reference resolutions passed by Wasilla City Council, Wasilla Planning Commission, and Wasilla Chamber of Commerce in support of Mack Road.

7. **Wasilla-Fishhook Road Upgrade**
Reconstruct and repave from Knik-Goose Bay Road to Shrock Road.
8. **Old Matanuska Road Upgrade**
Reconstruct and pave.
9. **Thomas Street Extension South to Togiak**
Fairview Loop to Glenwood Interconnect.
10. **Seldon Road**
Upgrade and pave from Lucille Street to Wasilla-Fishhook Road.
11. **Seward Meridian Boulevard Extension**
From Bogard Road to Seldon Avenue extension.
12. **Vine Road Upgrade**
Pave from Knik-Goose Bay Road to Hollywood Boulevard.
13. **Hollywood Boulevard Upgrade**
Pave from Vine Road to Big Lake waste transfer station

BRIDGE REHABILITATION/REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

1. **Old Matanuska Road**
Widen and reconstruct 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. **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 location at the Old Airport Site Park. A traffic light is warranted at Lucille and Nelson.
2. **Bogard Road/Crusey Street**
Intersection reconstruction and upgrade
3. **Palmer-Wasilla Highway/Parks Highway Intersection**
4. **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.

Please note that Peck Street and Wasilla-Fishhook intersection is complete.

TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS

1. **City of Wasilla Pedestrian/Bike/Multi-Use Paths**
Improvements to allow motorized (ATV, snowmachine) use.
2. **Rail with Trail, Trail from Chugiak to Palmer and Wasilla**
3. **Parks Highway Separated Path Around Schools/Communities on all Highway Upgrades**
Pedestrian overpasses have been nominated in the past. Please note that an additional pedestrian overpass could be combined with the Lucille Street to Susitna Avenue Skyline Overpass as stated above in the surface transportation program.
4. **MSB School Trail/Separated Path Program**

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

1. **Wasilla Airport**
FAA - Paving of active runway. Please see letter dated October 15, 1997 from Mayor Sarah H. Palin to John Horn, DOTPF Regional Director.
2. **Wasilla Airport**
FAA - Fencing around airport site. Please see letter dated October 15, 1997 from Mayor Sarah H. Palin to John Horn, DOTPF Regional Director.
3. **Wasilla Airport**
Extension of airport runway length.
4. **Wasilla Airport**
FAA - Lake access ramp and taxiway.
5. **Wasilla Airport**
FAA - Construct parallel runway.
6. **Wasilla Airport**
FAA - Global positioning locator system.
7. **Wasilla Airport**
Install non directional beacon.

Please delete obtaining old Merrill Field tower from the six year plan. Should another tower be available, please consider Wasilla.

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NON-TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL PROJECTS

SCHOOL DISTRICT CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. **Wasilla Pool, Chemical Storage Room**
2. **School Safety Corrections**
3. **Atlasta Middle School**
4. **Greater Core Elementary School**
5. **Career Center/Food Service and Nutrition Center**
Recommend that this project be located in Wasilla to better serve the central area.
6. **District Central Office Building**
Recommend that this project be located in Wasilla to better serve the central area.

MSB CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. **Joint MSB/City of Wasilla - Multi-Use Public Safety Facility**
Wasilla fire service area/City of Wasilla police department - relocate and construct new facility.
2. **Mat-Su Regional Core Area Library**
Construct new facility on larger site to replace Wasilla library - 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 upon input from meetings, established guidelines for public library planning, and survey tabulation, a conceptual design will be available in late 1997.
3. **Outdoor Ice Rink**
See attached Resolution No. WR97-42 supporting outdoor ice rink near Brett Memorial ice arena.
4. **Road Upgrade/Paving Grant Match**
5. **Public Safety Equipment Equipment Replacement/Remount/Refurbish**

STATE SPONSORED CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. **DOTPF Maintenance Station**
Currently a project on DOTPF 1997 needs list. Recommend that this project be located in Wasilla to better serve the central area.
- Point Mackenzie Site Development, Phase I, Preliminary Engineering**
3. **Point Mackenzie Port Development Phase III**

Point Mackenzie Wharf Construction and Industrial Staging Area

5. **Big Lake State Parks Rehabilitation**