

By: Mayor's Office
Adopted: September 26, 2022
Yes: Brown, Graham, Johnson, Rubeo, Sullivan-Leonard, Velock
No: None
Absent: None

**City of Wasilla
Resolution Serial No. 22-14**

A Resolution Of The Wasilla City Council Authorizing A State Funding Request In The Amount Of \$1 Million For The Formation, Organization, And Operation Of The Mat-Su Valley Planning (MVP) For Transportation As The Metropolitan Planning Organization For The Mat-Su Borough In The State's Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Budget.

WHEREAS, the Mat-Su Valley Planning (MVP) for Transportation is the group that has been planning for nearly two years the development of a new Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) within the Mat-Su Borough; and

WHEREAS, through Action Memorandum No. 21-17, the Wasilla City Council authorized the Mayor of Wasilla to support this planning effort as a Pre-MPO Policy Board member; and

WHEREAS, in March 2022, the Pre-MPO Policy Board unanimously voted to adopt the formation of an independent non-profit 501(c) (3) organization for MVP for Transportation that will provide the federally required transportation planning for the proposed Mat-Su metropolitan planning area; and

WHEREAS, as a new non-profit organization, MVP for Transportation will need initial funding to start up as the federal funding for this planning group will be on a reimbursable basis; and

WHEREAS, this funding request is intended to provide the initial funding to support MVP for Transportation in the Mat-Su Valley once the organization is authorized by the Governor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council supports the designation of MVP for Transportation as the MPO of the Mat-Su metropolitan planning area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council supports the allocation of \$1 million from the State of Alaska to support the formation, organization, and operation of the MPO for the Mat-Su Valley in the State's fiscal year 2024 Capital budget.

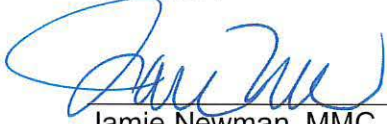
Effective Date. This resolution takes effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on September 26, 2022.



Glenda D. Ledford, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jamie Newman, MMC, City Clerk

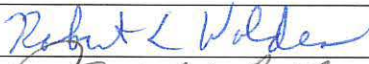




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Originator: Mayor's Office
Date: 9/8/2022

Agenda of: 9/26/2022

Route to:	Department Head	Signature	Date
X	Public Works Director		9/16/22
X	Finance Director		9/16/22
X	Deputy Administrator		9/16/22
X	City Clerk		9/19/2022
X	Mayor		9/16/22

Fiscal Impact: yes or no

Funds Available: yes or no

Attachments: Resolution Serial No. 22-14 (2 pages)

Summary Statement: The Mat-Su Pre-Metropolitan Planning Organization, Mat-Su Valley Planning for Transportation (MVP for Transportation), is seeking funding from the Governor in the State's Fiscal Year 2024 Capital budget for the formation, organization, and operation of the proposed Mat-Su Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

It is anticipated that the U.S. Census will designate some portion of the Mat-Su Borough core area as an urbanized area in December 2022, requiring the establishment of an MPO. MVP for Transportation is the group that has been planning for nearly two years the development of a new MPO within the Mat-Su Valley. An MPO carries out the transportation planning activities for an urbanized area as governed by Federal law (23 USC 134 and 135).

After many meetings and analysis of various organizational structures, the Pre-MPO Policy Board unanimously supported the formation of a new MPO as a non-profit organization. The Pre-MPO board includes representatives from the State of Alaska ADOT&PF, Mat-Su Borough, Cities of Palmer and Wasilla, Chickaloon Village, Knik Tribe, Valley Transit, and Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation. This resolution is in support of a funding request to form and operate the new MPO non-profit organization. The new MPO non-profit organization will need initial funding to start up as the federal funding for this transportation planning group will be on a reimbursable basis.

This funding is proposed to support the formation of MVP for Transportation and to:

- Initiate the development of the short-term Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and long-term Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), as well as other plans as determined by the Policy Board of the MPO;

- Hire an Executive Director to manage the organization in anticipation of receipt of annual federal planning funds;
- Provide membership fees and annual maintenance dues for the State of Alaska ADOT&PF, and other members of the decision-making body of the MPO as members of the Policy Board;
- Provide the non-federal share for planning funds and possibly capital funds into the future; and
- Operate the MPO.

All decisions on the use of the appropriation will be made by the Pre-MPO Policy Board and, upon designation by the Governor, the Policy Board of MVP for Transportation.

Proposed Action: Adopt the Resolution.