

By: Public Works Department

Adopted: October 28, 2013

Vote: Buswell, Harris, O'Barr, Sullivan-Leonard, Wall and Wilson in favor

**CITY OF WASILLA
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 13-29**

A resolution of the Wasilla City Council supporting fiscal year 2015 Capital Projects for the Mat-Su Borough and State of Alaska.

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla supports project funding requests in Fiscal Year 2015 for the Mat-Su Borough and State of Alaska that will improve transportation and economic development in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Highway Alternative Corridor project is being advanced by the Alaska Department of Transportation with a highway corridor to be identified next year, and advanced right-of-way acquisition is needed to insure the project is feasible in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Point MacKenzie Rail Extension project continues to be advanced by the Mat-Su Borough and it will provide vast economic opportunities for the state once it is completed; and

WHEREAS, the Bogard Road Extension East project is the next phase of the Borough's east-west transportation corridor project that will benefit Wasilla by reducing trips and congestion on the Parks Highway through Wasilla until the Parks Highway Alternative corridor project is realized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Wasilla City Council, that the following projects are hereby identified as priorities for Fiscal Year 2015.

Parks Highway Alternative Corridor Advanced Right-of-way	\$10 million
Point MacKenzie Rail Extension	\$60 million
Bogard Road Extension East	\$9 million

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on October 28, 2013.


VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:


KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

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CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT

Resolution Serial No. 13-29: Supporting fiscal year 2015 Capital Projects for the Mat-Su Borough and State of Alaska.

Originator: Public Works Director

Date: October 16, 2013

Agenda of: October 28, 2013

Route to:	Department Head	Signature	Date
X	Public Works Director		10/16/13
X	Finance Director		10/17/13
X	Deputy Administrator		10/22/13
X	City Clerk		10/22/13

Reviewed by Mayor Verne E. Rupright: Fiscal Impact: yes or noFunds Available: yes or no

Account name/number:

Attachments: None

Summary Statement: The administration is seeking support from the City Council to assist the Mat-Su Borough and State of Alaska Department of Transportation is obtaining funding in fiscal year 2015 for the following projects.

Parks Highway Alternative Corridor Advanced Right-of-Way **\$10 million**

Secure funding for the Department of Transportation for advanced right-of-way acquisition to preserve a highway corridor around Wasilla. It is vital to purchase key portions of the right-of-way now before development makes it prohibitive. The Department of Transportation has confirmed this project is needed with or without the Knik-Arm Bridge based on traffic projections and the limited room available to expand the Parks Highway through Wasilla without displacing businesses.

Point MacKenzie Rail Extension **\$60 million**

The purpose of the Port MacKenzie rail extension project is to establish a rail link between Port MacKenzie and the Alaska Railroad, providing Port MacKenzie customers/shippers efficient rail transportation between the Port and Interior Alaska. The rail line will travel north from the port facility and connect to the existing rail system at Houston. It draws from more than over 30 years of planning documents and studies relating to port development and access. The project would expand and complement the regional transportation network, and represents a milestone in the development of the port.

Bogard Road Extension East**\$9 million**

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough is designing the Bogard Road Extension East project to extend Bogard Road from near Trunk Road to the Glenn Highway. Expected features include a two-lane paved highway with minimum 12-foot travel lanes, 8-foot paved shoulders, right-of-way acquisition for a 4-lane facility, turning lanes, pedestrian facilities, a separated pathway, lighting, intersection improvements, and drainage structures. The purpose of this project is to provide an additional east-west corridor to facilitate travel across the core area of the borough. This is the next phase in developing the east-west corridor to Pittman Road that will help reduce trips and congestion in Wasilla.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution Serial No. 13-29.