



## MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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### **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: May 18, 2022  
TO: Mayor and Assembly  
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager  
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

**Road Service Area Contracts:** The Borough recently solicited bids for Annual Road Service Maintenance in RSAs 16, 23, 26 and 31. These RSA bids were solicited out of cycle this year at the request of the current contractor who is experiencing a shortage of qualified and experienced staff to maintain the roads to standard as well as economic issues related to the sharp rise in inflation.

Bid prices received in RSAs 16 (South Colony) and 26 (Butte) reflect an increase over the current contract, however they are in line with the overall trend in other RSAs. RSA 16 per mile cost is slightly less than the 2018 cost and RSA 26 is just slightly higher than the 2020 cost.

RSAs 23 (North Colony) and 31 (Alpine) saw a significant increase in costs over previous years. These two RSAs were historically higher due to their small size and separation from other Borough maintained roadways. Upon receipt of bids, discussions were held with the low bidder in each of these areas to explore potential modifications to the maintenance standards/equipment requirements. At this time, there is a tentative agreement for Alpine, and our Purchasing Division is negotiating to potentially lower costs for North Colony. This should not significantly impact current maintenance standards but may result in savings.

Awards for these contracts are planned to be presented to the Assembly for approval at the June 7, 2022 meeting with a contract start date of July 1, 2022.

### **Public Affairs Media Flyover:**

#### **Natural Disaster**

- [Three small fires extinguished Sunday in Talkeetna area - KTNA 88.9 FM](#)

#### **Wildland Fire prevention and news**

- [Alaskans should prepare for fire season- AKfireinfo.com](#)
- [Free brush disposal at landfill helping Alaskans Firewise homes-AKfireinfo.com](#)

### Emergency preparedness public education

- [My PI Alaska wraps up this week with earthquake scenario exercise](#)

### State Legislature

- [Senate approves \\$30 million in new road funds for Mat-Su](#) - Frontiersman
- [Alaska House, Senate negotiators reach tentative budget deal](#) – Frontiersman

### Natural Resources

- [State reaffirms Donlin Gold water quality certificate for a second time](#) – KYUK

### Community

- [Trooper post requested buy community councils in Upper Susitna Valley](#) - KTVA

### Borough Facebook

- [MSB saw crews work to reduce hazard trees at Mat River Park](#) – 1,210 views
- [Bunin Wisdom off-loads roughly 30 metric tons of cement at Port Mackenzie](#) – 30,207\_Reached
- [Bunin Wisdom video](#)

**Future Events:** On Monday, May 23, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Borough will be hosting a Joint Port Commission Meeting with the Port of Alaska in the MSB Assembly Chambers in Palmer. The primary topic for discussion is the energy alliance and a potential micro-grid.