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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 6, 2023
TO: Mayor and Assembly
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

Point MacKenzie Highway Access: The Borough Manager will use the following story map, available to the public, to provide background on the Port MacKenzie Rail Extension project for the September 12 Assembly Special Meeting at 4 p.m. Please feel free to peruse the content and contact the Manager with any questions: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/0b1cd52f4c47482d955a99e85f8af22c>.

STIP 2024-2027 Comments: The Borough has submitted the following comments to be added to the Statewide Transportation Improvements Program (STIP) 2024-2027:

- STIP ID # 32726 Trunk Road (Nelson Road) Rehabilitation and Bridge Replacement: Move construction funding to 2024
- STIP ID # 32721 Hemmer Road Upgrade and Extension: Move construction funding to 2024
- STIP ID # 32724 Seldon Road Extension Phase II: Windy Bottom/Beverly Lakes Road – Pittman: 1) Move construction funding to 2024; 2) This project location is listed as Palmer, but should be edited to show the location as Matanuska-Susitna Borough
- STIP ID # 2481 Seward Meridian Road Improvements: The MSB supports keeping this project in the STIP for construction in 2023
- Please add a new STIP Project for Point MacKenzie Highway: George Parks Highway to Ayrshire Avenue
- Please add a new STIP Project for Burma Road Upgrades & Improvements (part of the Alaska Highway System)
- Please add a new STIP Project for Point MacKenzie Road Reconstruction Milepost 0-7 Project (part of the Alaska Highway System)

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Flooding

- Week of rains cause swollen riverbanks, road closures in Mat-Su
ADN
- Campers left stranded in flooded campground over Labor Day
Alaska News Source

Providing Outstanding Borough Services to the Matanuska-Susitna Community

Assembly

- [Mat-Su landfill offers 2 weeks of unlimited free dumping, but it could come at a cost](#)
Frontiersman

Education

- [In Alaska, a school of the future 50 years in the making](#)
The Good Men Project
- [Mat-Su School Board proposes lottery system for public comments](#)
Frontiersman

Renewable energy

- [Alaska's largest solar farm to go online in coming days](#)
Alaska News Source
- [Developers set to flip switch at Alaska's Largest solar farm](#)
ADN

Agriculture

- [In Alaska, affordable farms are hard to find](#)
Modern Farmer
- [New law helps develop local wood milling, logging industry](#)
Alaska News Source
- [Alaska Lumber Grading Program created in bill signed by the governor](#)
Frontiersman

Fisheries

- [Rain, flooding ends primary Mat-Su coho salmon counts](#)
Frontiersman

Trails

- [Anchorage trail projects move forward while still hoping to connect to Mat-Su](#)
KTOO

Facebook Posts

- [Solar Farm in Houston](#)
Reach: 47,229 / Reactions: 586 positive, 80 negative / Shares: 5
- [Comprehensive Plan Survey](#)
Reach: 15,063 / Reactions: 91 positive, 4 Negative / Shares: 51
- [Alaska Sawmill industry get help with Governor's Bill, SB 87](#)
Reach: 9,817 / Reactions: 179 positive, 2 Negative / Shares: 15

Future Events:

- Sat., September 30, 2023 – 10am to 3pm - 15th Annual Mat-Su Emergency Preparedness Expo, Menard Memorial Sports Center