

**Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Metropolitan Planning
Organization Support**

FY2024 Request: \$1,000,000
Reference No: AMD 65090

AP/AL: Appropriation

Category: Transportation

Location: Matanuska Susitna Borough

Impact House District: Mat-Su Areawide (HD 9-24)

Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2023 - 06/30/2028

Project Type: Life / Health / Safety

Recipient: Matanuska-Susitna Borough

House District: Mat-Su Areawide (HD 9-24)

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Senate Special Session Add for the House.

Initiate the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the short-term Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Funding:	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	Total
1004 Gen Fund	\$1,000,000						\$1,000,000
Total:	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ongoing
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Project Description/Justification:

The Borough is requesting funding from the Alaska Legislature in the amount of \$1,000,000 to initiate the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the short-term Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

This funding would also be used to complete required plans including the Public Participation Plan (PPP) and the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); hire an Executive Director to manage the organization in anticipation of receipt of annual federal planning funds; provide start-up membership fees for the State of Alaska ADOT&PF, and others, to become policy board members; provide the non-federal share for planning funds; and operate the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Our estimate for funding to complete planning and support the operations of the new MPO is based on costs from Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions (AMATS) and Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation (FAST). Without this funding, we will not meet the federal government's formation timeline, and the Mat-Su Borough MPO will not begin operations until Fiscal Year 2025. This is a one-time request to establish the organization whereby federal funding will be utilized to sustain operations.

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The Matanuska-Susitna Borough has an approved scope of work for the MTP and could send out a request for proposals as soon as the funding becomes available.