

**NORTH LAKES COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO MAT-SU
BOROUGH AND STATE OF ALASKA FOR BOGARD-SELDON ROAD CORRIDOR UPGRADES**

RESOLUTION DATED MAY 30, 2024

The undersigned Chair and Secretary on behalf of the **NORTH LAKES COMMUNITY COUNCIL** hereby sign the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough population has experienced exponential growth;

WHEREAS, the North Lakes Community Council area in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has experienced an increase in residential subdivisions and corresponding increase in traffic;

WHEREAS, Bogard road and the roads adjacent to Bogard road have experienced an increase in traffic as a result of the increase in population and homes;

WHEREAS, the North Lakes Community Council area residents have experienced an increase in road accidents, speeding in residential neighborhoods, and difficulty safely accessing and egressing Bogard road;

WHEREAS, there is additional pedestrian traffic on Bogard and on adjacent roads as a result of the increase in population and adjacent schools;

WHEREAS the MSB 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), completed in 2017, recommended that the section of Bogard Road between the new Trunk Road and Seldon be widened to four lanes to accommodate increased traffic and provide pedestrian facilities;

WHEREAS the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Sub Area Solution Studies (SASS) and, in particular, the Bogard-Seldon Existing Conditions Report, dated November 2022 identified many of the same concerns as expressed by the North Lakes Community Council above;

WHEREAS the November 2022 Bogard-Seldon Existing Conditions Report also pointed out that there has been no activity on the MSB 2035 LRTP recommendation described above;

WHEREAS the residents of the North Lakes Community Council have simply seen these concerns grow in magnitude since the November 2022 SASS report;

And **WHEREAS**, the North Lakes Community Council area residents deserve safe roads and neighborhoods to raise our families, drive to work & school, and access area resources;

Now therefore, be it **RESOLVED** that the **NORTH LAKES COMMUNITY COUNCIL** make the following recommendations to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and State of Alaska for Bogard Road and adjacent roads and subdivisions:

1. Avoid exacerbating existing road and traffic issues by updating codes for new construction projects / subdivisions, even if the construction occurs outside North Lakes

Community Council boundaries, for safe access and egress onto existing roads this includes, and is not limited to:

- Require contractors to upgrade existing roads, to accommodate the expected increase of utilization. I.e. new subdivisions should be constructed by upgrading roads to accommodate additional traffic;
 - require contractors to upgrade intersections;
 - disallow new roads to access major roads, such as Bogard, directly, instead build frontage roads and/or improve connector streets to direct new traffic to existing intersections;
 - upgrade existing residential roads and intersections;
 - include traffic calming measures into the codes in residential roads; and
 - require pedestrian access in neighborhoods, especially on major auxiliary roads;
2. Work with the state of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to designate the Bogard corridor between Trunk Road and Seldon a Safety Corridor to provide additional funding and support and reduce fatal collision and major injury rates with both vehicles and pedestrians on this stretch of the road;
 3. Connect the bike path from Colony High to Wasilla High and along Seldon to Teeland Middle School;
 4. Create dedicated turn only lanes from Bogard into subdivisions / major intersections;
 5. Plan dedicated turn lanes out of subdivisions, especially Earl Drive, Tait Road, and Caribou;
 6. Recognize Caribou / Charley / Mariah as a connector road between Bogard and Wasilla Fishhook and upgrade those roads and intersections as needed to handle the existing and forecasted increase in traffic;
 7. Stop any further consideration of N. Travelair Drive as a collector street between Charley and Bogard. N. Travelair is a residential cul-de-sac / taxiway that runs through the existing Anderson Lake Airpark and crosses the approach end of the Anderson Lake (OAK1) airport;
 8. The planned roundabout upgrade at Bogard – Seldon intersection should include dedicated turn lanes to Bogard Eastbound and to Bogard Westbound;
 9. Remove the proposed road connecting Serendipity / Ron Larson Elementary to Bogard road from the long term transportation plan;
 10. Include rumble strips on the yellow center line and at the white right hand lines;

11. Plan for public transit and create bus stop areas;
12. Plan for a “park and ride” somewhere along the Bogard-Seldon corridor between Trunk Road and Wasilla Fishhook;
13. Request ditches to be graded to accommodate more snow (the snow berms accessing subdivisions in 2023 were very high and in order to get out of neighborhoods, cars needed to get onto Bogard to see around them);
14. Plan for motorized ATV’s and snow machines along Bogard;
15. Repair frost heaves on westbound Bogard near Williwaw and ruts on westbound Bogard near Barry’s Resort;
16. Remove dangerous trees that were damaged due to severe weather that are in close proximity or leaning toward roadways, pedestrian trails (including nature trails and sidewalks), MSBSD school properties, overhead utilities, and other critical infrastructure located within the Northlakes Community Council boundaries.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED CHAIR AND SECRETARY DO CERTIFY THROUGH BOARD MOTION, ON BEHALF OF THE NORTH LAKES COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND RESIDENTS HEREIN, THIS RESOLUTION IS APPROVED.

Signed this 2nd day of June, 2024.

Rod Hanson

Rod Hanson (Jun 2, 2024 12:20 AKDT)

Rod Hanson, Chair

Pat Purcell

Pat Purcell (Jun 2, 2024 13:57 AKDT)

Patricia Purcell, Secretary