

**NORTH LAKES COMMUNITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE & ACTIVITY SINCE LAST MEETING ...**

December 19, 2024

Note: This document contains several links (underlined blue text) to other documents. To view these other documents, simply click on the links.

1. 11/21/24 Incoming Announcement: [MSB Transportation Fair - January 30, 2025](#).
2. 11/22/24 Incoming: Email from Lohmann / Olson family supporting the NLCC comments to the Mat Su Borough Assembly Members regarding the Central Gravel Conditional Use Permit.
3. 11/22/24 Incoming: [Email](#) and [DOT Status Report](#) - latest status on the project to put in a roundabout at the intersection of Peck / Spruce & Wasilla Fishhook.
4. 11/25/24 Incoming: Request from the Big Lakes Trails organization for a time extension to provide a final report on the project we approved for them through the 2024 Community Grant Program. NLCC responded asking for an updated schedule for project completion and an expected date for their final report.
5. 12/2/24 Planning Commission Meeting:
 - a. Commissioners passed a resolution supporting the designation of some MSB property on Bogard (across from Tait Drive) for future use by Emergency Services. This is one of the initial steps to establish a new Fire Station in an effort to consolidate two stations into a single location. Eventually, the plan is to consolidate station 5-2 by Cottonwood Creek Elementary and Station 6-5 by the intersection of Engstrom and Bogard.
 - b. Commissioners decided to recommend that the Assembly NOT approve code changes that would have added a public comment / public hearing process to the code on Multi-family Housing Developments. The proposal to do so had been put forward by Assemblymember Hale and was supported by the NLCC. Rationale for the Planning Commission position was they did not want to increase time, costs or regulatory hurdles for multi-family housing developers.
6. 12/3/24 Incoming: From the office of Senator David Wilson, a set of [Fact Sheets](#) on planned safety improvements to the Glen Highway from Anchorage to the Parks / Glen intersection. Construction is expected to start in 2026 and run through 2031.
7. 12/3/24 Outgoing: NLCC finalized and submitted a [letter](#) to the MSB Planning Department providing feedback and recommendations on the draft Bogard-Seldon Corridor Access Management Plan.

8. 12/4/24 Incoming: Michael Baker International, the consultant working with the Mat Su Borough. provided an updated report titled: [Existing Conditions Analysis Report](#). Input from NLCC residents was significant and is reflected in the report.
9. 12/11/24 Incoming: US Army Corp of Engineers provided a public notice for replacement of the Alaska Railroad Passenger Dock in Seward. NLCC will not be commenting.
10. 12/12/24 Outgoing: [Email to Assembly Members Fonov, Nowers, and Hale regarding Central Gravel CUP Application and upcoming Planning Commission meeting](#).
11. 12/15/24 Committee Meeting - Road & Traffic Safety. Reviewed priorities and initiatives for 2025. Refer to report from Rachel Greenberg, Committee Chair.
12. 12/15/24 Outgoing: [Waterbody Setback Code Changes](#). Sent out information to area residents via Mailchimp and community Facebook groups. Provided MSB materials and requested input to the NLCC no later than January 15, 2025 for consideration in our final comments, which will be provided to the MSB by January 21, 2024. Topic is on the Agenda for our 12/18/24 NLCC Membership Meeting.
13. 12/17/24 MSB Assembly Meeting - NLCC President attended and spoke on the following topics:
 - a. Engstrom to Trunk Connector Road Alternatives. As part of their consent agenda, the Assembly approved a change order to the Engineering consultant who is working on this project. The consultant provided a proposal to the Borough acknowledging that while the MSB was in the process of acquiring Right of Entry for fieldwork on the Northern Route Alternative, they were denied access by the Lohmann-Olson family. The family requested that other routes be vetted and evaluated and met with Borough officials to express their concern. Additionally, the Engineering consultant intends to conduct further review of past and current transportation studies, including the Sub-Area Solutions Studies (SASS) and the Bogard-Seldon Corridor Access Plan (CAMP). The Southern route alternative is back on the table for consideration. Here is [a link to AM 24-143 which includes the engineering proposal](#). Additionally, here is a link to the [Engstrom to Trunk Connector Road Comments offered by the NLCC](#) at the Assembly meeting.
 - b. Mobile Home Parks. There was another public hearing regarding a Borough-wide ban on Mobile Home parks unless and until the Assembly reinstates a permit process that includes a public hearing in front of the Planning Commission. The ordinance to establish this ban was approved by the Assembly. Here is a link to the [Mobile Home Park Comments offered by the NLCC](#) at the Assembly Meeting.

- c. Community Assistance Program. There was a public hearing regarding the annual approval for distribution of Community Assistance Program grant funds to the various Community Councils. The NLCC spoke in appreciation of these annual funds in support of Community improvement. We also suggested that the South Lakes Community Council be added to the list, but were informed that because the list of recipients is approved in April, they are not eligible this round. They should be eligible for next year's funds.
14. 12/18/24 Incoming: Big Lake Trails Association sent us an update on the Trail Groomer project that we contributed to with a Grant Award in 2024. They do not anticipate completion of the work until mid February, at which time they will provide a final report.
15. 12/18/24 Incoming: MSB sent out their regular Planner Platform Newsletter. We have requested a link to this newsletter so we can provide it via Facebook and email to our area residents.

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