

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

February 27, 2025

Note: This document contains several links ([underlined blue text](#)) to other documents. To view these other documents, simply click on the links. The purpose of this document is to assure transparency to our membership for information received and actions taken on behalf of the Community Council. This report will be published and distributed as part of the Monthly meeting packet. It will also be posted on our website each month.

1. 2/26/25 Meeting: Waterbody Setback Advisory Board. NLCC attended and participated in public comments. The WSAB is targeting delivery of their recommendations to the Assembly in mid March.
2. 2/24/25 Incoming: Williwaw Vagrant Property: Received a call from a local contractor who is trying to initiate some action to address a property in the Williwaw neighborhood that is run down and being utilized as a drug house. We agreed that the NLCC could likely be of assistance and will be coordinating with him and the MSB on a solution.
3. 2/24/25 Outgoing: Central Gravel and the Southern Engstrom to Trunk Connector: NLCC sent an email ([click here](#)) to the MSB indicating we would not be appealing the CUP approval decision. We elaborated on risk management of trucks on Sebastian road. We also elaborated on our concerns that the Planning Commission may not have understood the MSB Planning Department position on the proposed Southern Route condition of approval. We explained that CGP is still willing to construct that road at significant cost savings to the Borough and taxpayers.
4. 2/24/25 Incoming: Gulkana Water Intake Project. Received public notice from Corps of Engineers. Not in our area. No further action taken.
5. 2/21/25 Incoming: State of Alaska Statewide Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP): Received information ([click here](#)) from the State on a recent amendment. There are projects of importance in our area. Referred to the NLCC Road & Traffic Safety Committee to determine our response. Comments are due 3/20/25.
6. 2/21/25 Incoming: MSB Planning Commission Meeting Packet 3/3/25: Received agenda and packet. No need for NLCC attendance. Item of interest will be Planning Commission acceptance (or not) of the SS4A Comprehensive Action Plan.

7. 2/21/25 Incoming: State of Alaska AMCO notice of liquor license renewal for Valley Country Store near intersection of Bogard and Seldon ([click here](#)): Public review period has been initiated. The NLCC needs to decide if we object. If so, we have until April 15th to go on record. We do not expect objections but will check with area residents and NLCC members at our February 27th meeting to confirm.
8. 2/21/25 Incoming: Radar Speed Signs: Received approval from MSB to deploy radar speed signs again on Green Forest Drive and on Charly Drive. Josh Leutzinger has the lead on this. Thanks Josh!
9. 2/20/25 Outgoing: NLCC Meeting Notice: February 27th Monthly Membership Meeting and draft agenda sent out to distribution list and posted on several neighborhood Facebook Group pages.
10. 2/18/24 Incoming: Engstrom to Trunk Road Connector Project: Confirmation received that the project team will attend our February NLCC meeting to present to our membership. Meeting materials will be received in advance and incorporated into the agenda / meeting packet.
11. 2/17/25 Outgoing: Mat Su Borough Transit funding strategy: NLCC Road & Transportation Committee requested a presentation from the MSB on this subject at our March 27, 2025 NLCC meeting. Public comments are due in early April. NLCC will likely write a resolution or letter supporting the MSB becoming the recipient of federal funds to support scheduled and on-demand transit services (buses and vans).
12. 2/16/25 NLCC Road & Traffic Safety Committee Meeting. These meetings occur every 3rd Sunday at 3pm at the Boys & Girls Club.
13. 2/14/25 Incoming: Lewis River gas pad development. Received public notice from Corps of Engineers. Not in our area. No further action taken.
14. 2/13/25 Incoming: Final Report from Mat-Valley Rebuild Materials Center, thanking us for the 2024 Grant award.
15. 2/11/25 Incoming: Portage Creek Drainage. Received public notice from Corps of Engineers. Not in our area. No further action taken.
16. 2/5/25 Waterbody Setback Advisory Board Meeting. NLCC attended and testified to emphasize key points made in our earlier written comments on the draft resolution. There was significant input from other councils and members of the public. Starting February 19th, the WSAB will be meeting weekly to resolve and decide on final recommendations to the Assembly in mid March.

17. 2/5/25 Incoming: MSB response to NLCC Comments on the Safe Streets For All Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. To see their response ([click here](#)).
18. 2/3/25 Planning Commission Public Hearing on Central Gravel Products Conditional Use Permit. There was overwhelming public testimony at the hearing in support of Central Gravel Products. The permit was approved. The NLCC proposed condition of approval was not accepted. Many of the concerns brought forward by the NLCC during the review process were addressed in the updated plans that Central Gravel submitted to the Borough. The State has approved driveway access to Bogard with several restrictions.
19. 2/3/25 Outgoing: Welcome to North Lakes Signs: J. Leutzinger initiated written requests to the MSB and AKDOT regarding the permitting process for the welcome signs. Thanks to Josh for stepping up and taking the point on this important project.
20. 1/31/25 Incoming / Outgoing: Engstrom to Trunk Connector Road: NLCC received an email from the MSB Public Works project manager acknowledging that the ongoing engineering analysis has not yet ruled out the Southern route, but clearly indicating that their focus remains on the Northern option. NLCC responded, clearly communicating our intent to continue advocacy for the Southern Route to be given due consideration in the best interests of local drivers and taxpayers. To see the email exchange ([click here](#)).
21. 1/31/25 Outgoing: Central Gravel Products CUP. NLCC sent a request to the MSB Planning Department recommending they add a condition of approval stating: "If and when the Mat Su Borough constructs an Engstrom to Trunk Road connector across the northern portion of the Havemeister and Kircher properties, Central Gravel Products must relocate their driveway access to connect to this new road and abandon the driveway access to Bogard Road." A copy was also sent to the Lohmann-Olson family who supported this action.

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