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RE: NLCC comments on revised Bogard-Seldon Corridor Access Management Plan

Dear Ms. Spackman,

The North Lakes Community Council (NLCC) strongly supports the Corridor Access Management Planning (CAMP) process and appreciates that many of the comments we submitted in November 2024 were taken into consideration. Thank you.

Like other plans in the past, the CAMP provides a <u>great</u> foundation for the State and Borough as they go forward with specific projects.

However, a plan is just a plan ... as a Community Council, what we really are interested in is to see our State and Local governments pushing forward aggressively to prioritize and execute the projects envisioned to actually address the transportation infrastructure. As such, we want to take an opportunity here to offer our assistance.

As DOTPF and MSB road improvement projects are identified for funding and development (as contemplated in the CAMP) the NLCC would like to participate with government planners during the project scoping and preliminary engineering processes. This early engagement will provide an opportunity for NLCC members and residents to suggest specific solutions as the project is designed and constructed. We really don't want to wait until formal public review processes start typically after preliminary design. We can add value much earlier in the process.

We also recognize there are a number of connecting roads and related improvement projects within our community boundaries that are outside the scope of the CAMP. The NLCC wishes to restate our strong community concern that projects are prioritized based on existing and forecasted traffic levels. We request early engagement during project scoping and preliminary engineering. We believe there are some problematic intersections that require attention in the near future. We are also advocating for separated and dedicated bike & pedestrian paths for safety; wider lanes; adequate shoulders; and traffic calming measures on several specific roads.

Following is just a partial list of project initiatives we believe deserve timely attention. Only some of these were within the scope of the CAMP initiative. These are listed in a general order of priority from a Community Council perspective:

- Engstrom to Trunk Connector Road (MSB)
- Bogard / Engstrom Intersection More aggressive ROW acquisition timing (AKDOT)
- Right Turn Only modifications at the intersection of Bogard and Stringfield (AKDOT)
- Bogard-Seldon-Grumman Roundabout to Wasilla (AKDOT)
- Intersection improvements at Shaw Elementary Access (AKDOT)
- Round-a-bout improvements at the Bogard / Seldon / Grumman Intersection (AKDOT)
- Right Turn Lane is needed on Caribou at Bogard (MSB)
- Green Forest Road Traffic Calming (MSB)
- Lakeview Drive Traffic Calming (MSB)
- Moose / Charley / Mariah connector between Bogard and Wasilla Fishhook (MSB)
- Engstrom Road improvements and bike & pedestrian safety (MSB)
- Fireweed Drive improvements and bike & pedestrian safety (MSB)
- Arabian Drive improvements and bike & pedestrian safety (MSB)
- Green Tree improvements and bike & pedestrian safety (MSB)
- Keith Drive improvements and bike & pedestrian safety (MSB)
- Radon improvements and bike & pedestrian safety (MSB)
- Fir from Cottonwood Loop to Finger Lake School improvements and bike & pedestrian safety (MSB)
- Cottonwood Loop from Fir to Bogard improvements and bike & pedestrian safety (MSB)

The NLCC has a standing Committee focused on Road & Traffic Safety. We are intimately familiar with the issues along the major routes contemplated in the CAMP and the connecting neighborhood roads. We would like our voices heard early enough to make a difference.

Sincerely,

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