



North Lakes Community Council

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Edna DeVries, Mat-Su Borough Mayor

RE: North Lakes Community Council support: increasing revenue for transportation infrastructure

Dear Honorable Mayor DeVries,

The North Lakes Community Council (NLCC) strongly supports the Mat-Su Borough (MSB) Assembly taking action to ensure road projects and transportation infrastructure are adequately funded. The accrued interest payments generated by voter approved bond packages are unsustainable. Therefore, an additional source of revenue is needed to minimize the interest debt burden on MSB residents.

The MSB continues to grow, adding new subdivisions in previously undeveloped areas. With that growth, comes a need for additional and improved transportation infrastructure. Adequate forward planning and strong investments in the transportation infrastructure are essential. Equally important is the efficient government use of funds to implement these improvements, including: upgrades to current roads, new roads, increase in transit, adding pedestrian walkways, or other means in an ongoing effort to make our community a safe place to live, travel, work, thrive, and retire.

NLCC appreciates the current conversation about the fuel excise tax proposal as a method of reducing long term investment costs. If an excise tax is approved, the NLCC supports controls on the proposed fuel tax to include sunset clauses, and exemptions for services funded and authorized by the Road Service Area, such as snow plow contracts. NLCC suggests the fuel tax proposal be included as a ballot measure to be voted on by MSB residents after a concentrated and deliberate area-wide education campaign. Voters must fully understand the need to increase the revenue base to support the current growth and necessary infrastructure improvements. NLCC can assist with educating area residents.

Additionally, NLCC recommends the borough modify code to ensure any revenue derived from the proposed fuel tax be dedicated to maintain, construct, or expand transportation infrastructure.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Rod Hanson President, North Lakes Community Council

Cc: MSB Manager
MSB Assembly Members
MSB Planning Director
MSB Public Works Director