

Sponsored by: Assemblymember Arvin
Amended: 04/06/10
Adopted: 04/06/10

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 10-028**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KNIK ARM BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and Municipality of Anchorage have over 60 percent of Alaska's population; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and Municipality of Anchorage comprise Alaska's largest and strongest regional economy; and

WHEREAS, to maintain a strong, growing and sustainable regional economy there is a need for additional commercial, industrial, and residential lands; and

WHEREAS, the Knik Arm Bridge will provide access to developable lands within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough for commercial, industrial, and residential uses; and

WHEREAS, the Knik Arm Bridge provides connectivity between the region's ports, rail corridors and future growth potential; and

WHEREAS, the Knik Arm Bridge will reduce travel times and lower transportation costs between South-central Alaska and Interior Alaska, as well as between the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the Knik Arm Bridge provide an alternative transportation corridor to the Glenn Highway, reducing traffic and the need for costly upgrades to the Glenn Highway; and

WHEREAS, there will be a need for road and other infrastructure improvements including Knik Goose Bay Road, Burma Road, and South Big Lake Road on the Borough end of the Knik Crossing when the bridge is built; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly supports the Knik Arm Bridge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Assembly supports the Knik Arm Bridge conditioned upon the receipt of federal or state funds to provide for needed public infrastructure on the Matanuska-Susitna Borough side of the bridge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough requests that existing Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority (KABATA) project funds be used to complete a community impact assessment of the Big Lake community as well as initiate the engineering and design of Knik-Goose Bay Road, Burma Road, and South Big Lake Road; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there will be a need for road and other infrastructure improvements including Knik Goose Bay Road, Burma Road, and South Big Lake Road on the Matanuska-Susitna Borough end of the Knik arm crossing when the bridge is built.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this
6 day of April, 2010.



TALIS J. COLBERG, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk
(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Woods, Houston, Arvin, Ewing, Bettine,
Colver, and Halter.