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Big Lake Community Council Resolution 24-02

Title: Big Lake Community Council Support for 2025 Mat Su Borough CIP Nominations

It is the purpose of this resolution to express support from Big Lake Community Council for the 2025 Mat Su Borough CIP Nominations list, developed by the BLCC CIP Committee.

Whereas any person may individually submit project nominations to Mat Su Borough, via online application;

Whereas Big Lake Community Council appointed a CIP Committee to prepare 2025 MSB CIP nominations;

Whereas the Big Lake Community Council CIP Nomination Committee proposed the following list of projects to nominate for funding during the 2025 MSB CIP nomination cycle, with a due date of August 1, 2024;

- Jordan Lake Park Improvement: To create a central, green space in the Big Lake town center area. This would create opportunities for community events and recreational activities, as well as providing better access and improved safety for walking and cycling trails in the area.
- Fish Creek Pedestrian Walkway: To construct a five-foot wide pedestrian walkway from one side of Fish Creek to the other at approximately Mile 5, South Big Lake Road. This would mitigate and resolve safety issues that currently exist due to potential traffic conflicts on the existing, narrow bridge that is used by fast-moving automobiles, pedestrians, bicycles, and off-road vehicles such as ATVs and snowmachines.
- Beaver Lake Road Pedestrian and Bike Path (Phase 1): This project is included in the Mat Su Borough-adopted "Bike and Pedestrian Plan". Required project actions include acquiring a right-of-way for a separated path on Beaver Lake Road, constructing a paved path to Meadow Creek, and building a pull-off prior to the bridge, with a trail to the creek and bike racks.
- Northshore Drive Bike Path Reconstruction: The existing separated paved path adjacent to Northshore Drive is in disrepair beyond routine maintenance and has become dangerous for cycling. Required project actions include removing existing pavement, clearing/removing tree roots, and repaving.
- Kenlar Road to Hawk Lane to Parks Highway Bike Lane and Paved Shoulder: This project would meet criteria of the "Safe Routes to Schools" program, as well as meeting recreational needs in the community and improving safety for pedestrians and cyclists who share the current roadway with automobiles. This may require coordination with the City of Houston, where much of the route is located. A representative has been approved by the BLCC Board, to communicate with City of Houston on this matter.
- Hollywood Pedestrian Pathway – Klutina to South Big Lake Road: The State of Alaska Big Lake Pedestrian Improvement Study (2017-2018), Mat Su Borough Safe Routes to School plan and the Big Lake Comprehensive Plan (2009), all recommend a pedestrian pathway from Klutina Drive to South Big Lake Road in order to connect established neighborhoods to the state-maintained bike and pedestrian pathway. This will give safe access to the Big Lake Library, elementary school, and parks. This project would need to be funded in conjunction with the Mat Su Borough Jolly Creek Drainage project.

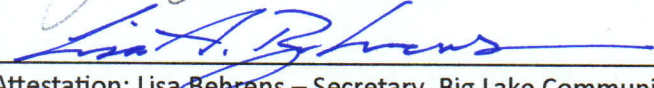
Whereas these projects were presented to the Big Lake Community Council Board of Directors during the June 25, 2024, regular board meeting, and received unanimous support of the Board;

Therefore, be it resolved that Big Lake Community Council, after a favorable vote of the General Membership during the regular membership meeting on July 9, 2024, hereby expresses our support for the nomination of these projects for the 2025 Mat Su Borough CIP funding cycle.



Signature: Jodi Riddell – President, Big Lake Community Council

7-10-2024
Date



Attestation: Lisa Behrens – Secretary Big Lake Community Council

7/10/24
Date

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