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To: Mayor and Assembly Members

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Subject: Manager's Report for the week ending November 21, 2008

Solid Waste Division Receives Award The Solid Waste Division received an award of excellence for the new Household Hazardous Waste Facility from the Alaska Municipal League. The award was received by Mayor Curt Menard at the AML meeting in Ketchikan and then presented to Public Works at Monday's Assembly meeting.

Mat-Su Regional Hospital Congratulations to the Mat-Su Regional Hospital for winning a national healthcare excellence award. They were given highest ratings in community perception of quality among rural hospitals.

Hatcher Pass Scoping Meeting There will be a Public Scoping Meeting on Thursday, December 11, 2008 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Colony Middle School discussing the Hatcher Pass Recreational Area Access, Trails and Transit Facilities Project.

South Palmer Elementary School ($17M) On November 21st, the new Principal, Borough Project Manager, Collins Construction Managers, and School District Facilities staff met at the school to show the construction progress to the new principal prior to school boundary public meetings, which begin next week. The construction is progressing well and on schedule for classes to begin in August 2009. The excavation, concrete, asphalt, utilities, steel erection, exterior windows and framing, building envelope, and roofing are complete. The Fire Code Official has approved the sprinkler design and the State Plumbing Inspector has confirmed plumbing progress to date, with minor vent-related corrections. The following work is ongoing: interior framing, heating and ventilation, sound insulation, sheet-rocking, plumbing, electrical, and installation of the exterior lathing.

DSJ Building Network Operations Center & UPS Room HVAC Upgrades ($229K) The Mat-Su Borough's server capacity has been increased approximately eight fold over the last two years. Additionally, in the recent past the Uninterruptible Power Supply for the Borough was significantly upgraded. These improvements have resulted in the cooling systems for both the Network Operations Center and the Uninterruptible Power Supply rooms to be operating at the

upper limit of their capability. This project entails upgrading the cooling systems for both rooms to meet current demand and allow for future upgrades to the existing hardware. Hardy Heating is the low bidder at $229,250. The project is underway, the electrical has been roughed in, and the plumbers are installing the needed piping.

Wasilla Middle School Addition & Renovation ($2.2M) The addition envelope is completely framed in and painted. Interior sheetrock, window and door installation is in progress. Flooring is expected to be installed over Christmas break. The overall project is estimated to be complete January 2009.

Animal Care Center ($5M) The addition envelope is completely framed in with sheetrock, plumbing, and heating in progress. Animal care functions are estimated to move into the addition January, 2009 at which time a major renovation will start on the existing structure. Project is currently on schedule for completion in Spring, 2009.

Talkeetna PSB Generator ($85K) Existing 10K generator moved to station 11-2 and a 40K generator with auto transfer switch installed at station 11-1. Test run and training completed November 20.

Wasilla High School, Ph III ($3.5M) Final punch list is still being worked and numerous change orders are currently being negotiated. The largest item left is repairing the tile work in the locker rooms.

Talkeetna Sunshine PSB 11-2 Kitchen Remodel ($21K) Site visit conducted November 20 to determine scope of work.

Trunk Road Extension South ($750K) Progress meeting held November 17th with Lounsbury to review survey field work and preliminary plan & profile drawings for the proposed extension of Nelson Rd west to Fairview Loop. Lounsbury will prepare design alternatives and cost estimates.

Engstrom Road ($1M) A scope of work for the $1 million grant has been prepared and a grant agreement approved. Legislation to accept and appropriate the funding is scheduled for the December 2nd Assembly meeting.

Nutrition Services Facility ($13.6M) Payment for repairs of defective condenser coils by manufacturer Omnitemp to MSBSD maintenance department arranged. Manhole cover assembly adjacent to loading dock truck turn-around lowered to prevent damage by snow plow blades. Modifications to mezzanine roof access stairs by Palmer Machinery ongoing.

Talkeetna Water & Sewer Upgrades, Ph II ($3.7M Foundation plan review by BDFM structural engineer. Floor drain holding tank installed. Foundation earthwork is complete.

Wasilla Lakes FSA Station 62 Training Complex ($400K) Construction documents by Alaska Rim Engineers received. Invitation to bid scheduled for week of November 24, 2008.

Matanuska River Erosion Control, Dike 5 ($590K) Results of annual survey of five erosion control dikes indicate some loss of material due to erosion.

EMS Palmer Ambulance Facility Improvement, Station 3-9 ($100K) Lighting, overhead door operators, and classroom hydronic heating loop. Request for Quote submitted to vendors.

New Trapper Creek Library ($355K) Warranty repairs to library arctic entry. Heater fan motor and frost heave at Ambulance entry door by contractor ongoing. FY 2010 budget for security lighting and handicap access improvements set.

Bridge Rehabilitation ($3.7M) Completed site visit for possible Willow Creek (Bridge #1782) crossings with Borough staff, RSA #20 supervisor and US Fish & Wildlife personnel. Deneki Drive and Michelle Drive sites were reviewed. Based on preliminary observations, Michelle Drive appears to be the best location. Continue to coordinate with the *Bridge Assessment Study* consultant for reports describing engineering findings and initial design criteria for bridge repairs and replacement.

Su-Valley Jr./Sr. High School ($22M) The well and generator building is framed, roofed and sheathed. Work continues on this structure while structural steel for the school building arrives in small shipments. Survey of anchor bolts for the main structure of the school has been recorded. Cold temperatures have hampered achieving a full day's work with thawing of materials and fuel gelling problems. Receipt of additional submittals continues for review and archiving. Structural steel for area A of the building is anticipated to hit the Anchorage dock within the next two weeks. Provided timely arrival of the steel and favorable weather conditions, erection of structural steel may begin the week of December 1, 2008. A new security gate has been installed at the site. Discussions have taken place with ski trail groomers and access has been afforded around the construction zone for their operations without interference with the contractor on site. All deep underground utilities have been installed; foundations, grade beams, and all concrete slabs have been poured. All foundation walls have been damp-proofed, insulated and backfilled. Electrical service has been trenched to the new service disconnect on the building. The loading dock and fuel tank pad are complete. The legislation to rescope funds from the Roofing Project to pay for the new access road will be introduced at the next Assembly meeting.

Alaska RIM Engineering Surveying on Upper Mesa and Rainbow Shores, Yadon Acres and Walling Road.

CIP RSA Road Projects FY10 A draft list of all 16 RSA's FY10 CIP lists were transmitted to Brad Sworts and Planning for inclusion in the Planning Department's Transportation Plan.