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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 16-14**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AMEND MSB 15.24.030 ADOPTING THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) SELF-ASSESSMENT.

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WHEREAS, in the 2011 Federal Register the US Department of Commerce Census Bureau recorded the Urban Cluster (UC) of Lakes-Knik-Fairview-Wasilla, Alaska at a population of 44,236 based on the 2010 decennial census data (Vol. 76 No. 164); and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska Susitna Borough is Alaska's fastest growing Borough with an average annual growth rate of 4% from 2000 - 2010; and

WHEREAS, the current designated Lakes-Knik-Fairview-Wasilla Urban Cluster is likely to be designated as an Urbanized Area (UZA) following the 2020 Decennial Census; and

WHEREAS, federal transportation legislation requires that a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) be designated for each Urbanized Area (UZA) with a population of more than 50,000 people in order to carry out the metropolitan transportation planning process, as a condition of Federal aid (49 USC 5303-5306 and 23 USC 134); and

WHEREAS, to proactively prepare for this federal mandate, the Borough has actively engaged in research of MPO policy and interviews with regional transportation stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the MSB MPO Self-Assessment is a brief, action-oriented document tailored specifically for the anticipated MSB Urbanized Area's transportation system and its stakeholders; and

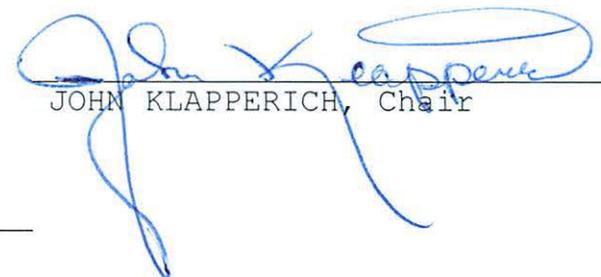
WHEREAS, by adopting this study, the Borough can move forward with implementation of the recommendations to ensure preparedness for the anticipated 2020 MPO designation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission hereby recommends The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Amend MSB 15.24.030 Adopting The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Self-Assessment.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

ATTEST

  
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MARY BRODIGAN, Planning Clerk  
(SEAL)

  
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JOHN KLAPPERICH, Chair

YES:

NO:

*Klapperich, Anderson, Healy, Vague, Kendig, Adams,  
and Rauchenstein*