MEMORANDUM

TO: Gary Knopp, Assembly President
    Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

FROM: Gary Knopp, Assembly Member

DATE: March 1, 2011

SUBJECT: Resolution 2011-020 recommending additional projects to be included in the 2011 State Transportation Improvement Program

On January 4, 2011, the assembly adopted Resolution 2011-001 establishing the Kenai Peninsula Borough's State Capital Project Priorities for the year 2011. Part of borough's recommended priorities were road projects to be included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Included in the STIP are Community Transportation Program (CTP) projects from across the state which are scored and compete against each other for funding. The scoring criteria are attached to this memorandum as Attachment A. As projects endorsed in the borough's State Capital Project Priorities did not score well to compete against other projects in the state for funding, the Department of Transportation (DOT) brought forward other projects located in the borough that would score higher. These include pavement rehabilitation for North Cohoe Loop milepost 11 through 16.5 (project description provided in Attachment B) and paving rehabilitation and signalization for Kalifornsky Beach Road milepost 16 through 22.2 (project description provided in Attachment C). DOT also requested borough support for improvements to Tustemena Lake Road milepost 3 to 6 (project description provided in Attachment D) however, we do not recommend support of this project at this time. A comparison of state CTP project scores is provided in Attachment E. These scores are subject to change as the process progresses.

DOT has indicated that the projects within the borough will score higher if the assembly adopts a resolution supporting the projects as part of the STIP no later than March 2011. These projects do not require matching funds from the borough. Because the borough was not notified of the three projects described above until February 24, 2011, and the assembly only has one meeting in March, this resolution is presented as a lay down. The Road Service Area board does not meet until March 8, 2011 and has not considered these projects.

Thank you for your consideration.