

Introduced by: Legislative Committee
Date: 01/09/01
Action: Adopted as Amended
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2001-006**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES FOR LEGISLATIVE ISSUES
AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR THE YEAR 2001**

WHEREAS, the twenty-second legislature, first session, will consider legislative issues and adoption of the state's operating and capital budgets during their session, which convened on January 8, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the assembly finds it is in the best interest of the borough to establish priorities for legislative requests and capital projects which can be submitted to the state for possible funding or legislative action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the borough priorities shown in the document entitled "Kenai Peninsula Borough 2001 Legislative Priorities", incorporated herein by reference, are hereby established as the priorities for legislative requests and capital projects for the year 2001.

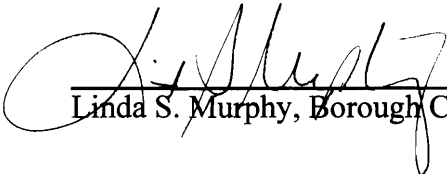
SECTION 2. That a copy of the resolution and accompanying priority list shall be provided to Governor Knowles and all legislators representing the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

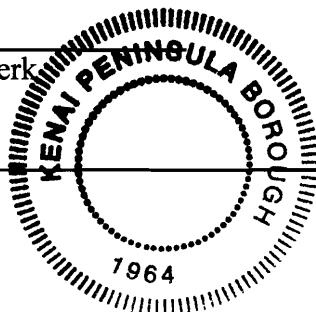
SECTION 3. This resolution becomes effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 9TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2001.


Timothy Navarre, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH 2001 KEY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- **Natural Gas Pipeline**

The Kenai Peninsula Borough is seeking support from the Oil Industry, the Alaska State Legislature and the Federal Government for the permitting and construction of a natural gas pipeline from the North Slope to tidewater in Cook Inlet for export to the Far East, to promote increased economic development in Alaska and to provide for a consistent, clean energy supply for the long-term benefit of the majority of Alaska's communities and citizens.

- **Medium Security Prison**

The Kenai Peninsula Borough is requesting that the Alaska State Legislature authorize and direct the Alaska Department of Corrections to enter into a government to government relationship with the Kenai Peninsula Borough for a long-term contract for the construction and operation of a privately operated medium security prison facility that will house 800 to 1000 prisoners that are currently being housed in a privately operated out of state detention facility.

- **West Side Development**

The Kenai Peninsula Borough through the West Side Recreational Use Development Project, has identified the west side of Cook Inlet as having tremendous potential for recreational, natural resource and homestead development activities and is requesting that the State of Alaska expedite the transfer of lands selected by the Kenai Peninsula Borough on the west side of Cook Inlet as part of the Kenai Peninsula Borough land entitlements selection process. The Kenai Peninsula Borough also requests that the State of Alaska examine and develop new infrastructure such as improved docks and roads so as to provide improved access to the west side of Cook Inlet.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH STATE WIDE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2001

- That the Legislature adopt a state long-range fiscal plan that considers the direct and indirect impacts on municipal services and local taxes and that a long-range fiscal plan should consider:

A biennial state budget
Preservation of local control of sales taxes

- That the Legislature increase per-student state education spending to meet increased costs necessary to provide an adequate education for all Alaskan children.
- That the Governor and Legislature are urged to restore \$50 million to communities through the existing revenue sharing programs, or create a voter-approved categorical Community Dividend Program for public safety, roads, and other key local services.
- That the Legislature provide adequate operation and maintenance funding for existing as well as new surface, air, and marine transportation infrastructure.
- That the Legislature continue to provide funding for ongoing state and local deferred maintenance of roads, schools, and other public improvements through bonding and other funding mechanisms.
- That the State of Alaska support an Alaska Local Government Summit, to include state, municipal and tribal governments, to determine if state policies on local government are consistent with the intent of the Alaska Constitution and if improvements are warranted.
- That the Legislature amend AS 23.30 to address workers compensation for persons performing court-ordered community service.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PRIORITIES 2001 STATE OPERATING BUDGET

- Fully fund the FY 2002 State Education Foundation Formula budget to also include an annual adjustment for inflation
- Full entitlement funding for FY 2002 Pupil Transportation costs
- Create an additional educational funding plan for FY2002 and beyond to provide for improved and expanded vocational training for high school students
- One Hundred Percent (100%) Entitlement for School Debt Reimbursement for fiscal year 2002: \$ 1,928,483.67
- Support increased funding to the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for year-round road maintenance of State maintained roads in the Kenai Peninsula Borough
- Restore Municipal Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities Funding for the Kenai Peninsula Borough to 1998 levels of \$1,566,301 and \$1,158,446 respectively

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PRIORITIES 2001 STATE CAPITAL BUDGET

- Maintenance Projects for Kenai Peninsula Borough Public Schools and Facilities (*Pages 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10*)
- Road Priorities for State-Maintained Roads in the Kenai Peninsula Borough (*Pages 11, 12, 13, 14*)
- Full funding for the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services for the construction and operation of a Juvenile Detention Center in the Kenai Peninsula Borough
- State support and appropriation of funds to meet matching requirements for all federally funded transportation projects, especially those defined as high priority projects such as the Kenai Spur Highway extension and the Spruce Creek Bridge