

City of Bethel Action Memorandum

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Action Title: Direct Administration, with assistance from DOWL, to negotiate and execute MOUs or Service Agreements with State DOT&PF involving the maintenance of six roads in Bethel.

Attachment(s): Two MOUs between the City and DOT&PF regarding road improvements/maintenance.

Department/Individual:	Initials:	Remarks:
Administration / Peter Williams		
Finance / Jim Chevigny		
Public Works / Bill Arnold		
Amount of fiscal impact:	Account information:	
	No fiscal impact at this time.	NA
\$5,000	Funds in FY 2018 City Budget.	10-54-649
	Requires funding in FY 2019 Budget.	

Summary Statement

The City of Bethel and State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) at one time outlining responsibilities for each party relative to the upgrades and maintenance of six roads in Bethel. These MOUs are now expired and City Administration seeks direction from Council. See MOUs attached.

The roads covered in these MOUs are owned by the State of Alaska. The DOT&PF made road improvements and the City agreed to maintain the roads thereafter. The City has been maintaining one or more of these roads well after the expiration dates by adding gravel, grading, applying calcium chloride and sodium chloride, and spraying water for dust control. Over the years, the City has routinely responded to citizen complaints to address road maintenance and watering. Administration feels that it is the State's responsibility to maintain and water the roads.

The need to resolve issues associated with these MOUs is a recommendation in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Transportation Plan (March 2018) developed by DOWL. Discussion and negotiations between the City and DOT&PF should involve Adison Spafford, Project Manager for the report, and would likely involve the following high-ranking DOT&PF officials: Chief of Planning and Maintenance, Chief of Maintenance and Operations, and Chief of Highway Improvements.