

Introduced by:	Mayor
Date:	11/07/23
Hearing:	12/12/23
Action:	Enacted
Vote:	9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE 2023-19-26**

**REDIRECTING \$500,000 IN U.S. TREASURY STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL  
RECOVERY FUNDS FROM THE BRIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT TO THE  
CYBERSECURITY AND BROADBAND PROJECT AND EXPANDING THE SCOPE  
OF ROAD SERVICE AREA LOCALLY FUNDED BRIDGE PROJECT**

- WHEREAS,** Ordinance 2022-19-13 directed \$225,000 in U.S. Treasury, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Established by the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) for cybersecurity upgrades boroughwide and Ordinance 2021-19-28 directed \$500,000 to complete necessary pay-go critical Borough bridge infrastructure; and
- WHEREAS,** in development of the cybersecurity and broadband project, it was discovered that additional funds are needed to provide for better connectivity and broadband within and between Borough facilities; and
- WHEREAS,** the Road Service Area (“RSA”) also has \$600,000 appropriated in the Road Service Area Capital Project Fund to address bridges that have increased maintenance cost due to poor conditions; and
- WHEREAS,** due to the ARPA funds only being available until December 31, 2024, ARPA funds deobligated from the bridge project to allow the funds to be spent on cybersecurity and broadband infrastructure within the grant’s allowable timeline; and
- WHEREAS,** expanding the scope of the current bridge capital project will allow for a study to fully identify bridge needs and their priority, it is the intent of the RSA to utilize the study to determine targeted need, to develop a solution path for repair and maintenance of bridges within the Borough, to target use of what remains of the RSA bridge funds and to support the acquisition of State of Alaska Capital Priority Funds, or other revenue paths; and
- WHEREAS,** at its meeting on November 14, 2023, the RSA Board recommended approval by unanimous consent;

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

**SECTION 1.** That \$500,000 previously appropriated to account 434.33950.SLF05.49999 for the Bridge Critical Infrastructure Project is redirected to account 271.11231.SLF06.49999 to provide for the Areawide Cybersecurity Broadband Project.

**SECTION 2.** That the scope of FY2023 and FY2024 Road Service Area Bridge Capital Projects 434.33950.23BRG and 24BRG.49999 are expanded to include a study or similar services to develop a plan for Borough bridges.

**SECTION 3.** That the appropriations made in this ordinance are project length in nature and as such do not lapse at the end of any particular fiscal year.

**SECTION 4.** That this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon enactment.

**ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.**

*Brent Johnson*

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Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:

*Michele Turner*

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Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Cooper, Cox, Ecklund, Elam, Hibbert, Ribbens, Tunseth, Tupper, Johnson  
No: None  
Absent: None