

APRIL 1, 2003 FACT SHEET - GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

**PROPOSITION
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**AREAWIDE BOND
PROPOSITION
PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION**

**BOND AMOUNT:
\$1,000,000**

Passage of this bond proposition would provide funds to match Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) grants of approximately \$4 million, a ratio of \$1 in local bonds to \$4 in Federal funds. Combined with FTA grants, the proposed bond would provide \$5 million in funding to improve our public transportation system.

**ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION
CONTACTS**

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WHAT IT COSTS

OPERATING COSTS

Additional annual operations and maintenance costs: \$2,000. The Municipal tax cap will be increased to fund additional operations and maintenance costs.

DEBT SERVICE

Estimated annual debt service*: \$186,530
Basis for estimate: Assumes bonds are sold as a package @ 5.25% interest, with bond repayment term corresponding to the expected life of the assets financed, i.e., 5, 7, 12 or 20 years)

It is the expectation of the Municipality of Anchorage that the general obligation bonds proposed for April 1, 2003 will be used to make capital improvements to public transportation facilities areawide. Projects listed below describe how we expect to use the bonds. However, as project development progresses, changes in scope, project feasibility, phasing, timeline, or estimated costs may occur that result in acceleration, delay, or substitution of projects.

VEHICLE PURCHASES

Replacement/expansion of paratransit vehicles for the VanPool and AnchorRIDES programs, along with department support vehicles.

BUS STOP SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Upgrade bus stops by 1) improving safety, 2) providing better pedestrian/ADA access, and 3) adding or improving bus shelters, lighting, bus pullouts, and access paths.

BUS SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Provide for timely replacement of major maintenance items (engines, transmissions, etc.), upgrade of the operating system to provide automated vehicle location and direct customer access to system status information, along with upgrade of fleet equipment (electronic fare box, computers, mobile display terminals).

**HOW THE BONDS
ARE PAID**

The bonds will be paid through taxes levied Areawide.

Estimated Property Tax: .0099 mills or **\$0.99** annually per \$100,000 assessed valuation to retire the bond debt; .0001 mills or **\$0.01** annually per \$100,000 assessed valuation are levied for operations and maintenance costs; for a total of **\$1.00** annually per \$100,000 assessed valuation. Taxes are levied Areawide.

* repayment of principal and interest

George Wuerch, Mayor
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