

**Amendment to AR 2023-102  
Revised 2023 Operating Budget - Alcohol Tax Program**

**Submitted by:** Assembly Member Zaletel

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**  INCREASE  DECREASE  NEUTRAL

**Department:** Anchorage Fire Department

**Amount:** \$100,000, one-time

**Description of amendment:**

This amendment appropriates \$100,000 to AFD to for purchase of equipment in response to PFAS concerns in attached memo.

**Revenue Source**

**Amount:** 100,000

**Specific revenue source to pay amendment's cost:**

Alcohol Tax Fund Balance

## BACKGROUND

Firefighters wear structural firefighting PPE when responding to structure fires, and related fire calls. It is common practice to also wear this same PPE on EMS calls. It is important to have a protective PPE layer due to our exposure to biohazards including blood and disease. Several problems have been identified with wearing firefighting PPE on non-fire related incidents. We have summarized the issues below.

## ISSUES

### Carcinogenic Exposure

Through the course of structural firefighting, our PPE is contaminated with carcinogens that are known to cause health problems, including cancer. After each exposure our firefighting PPE is washed, but it is unrealistic to completely rid our PPE of carcinogens. Over time, continued washing degrades the material which, in turn, makes the PPE less effective. The carcinogens that remain in our PPE are a source of continued exposure to the firefighters and the public in non-fire setting, such as responding to an EMS call.

<https://www.cancer.org/healthy/cancer-causes/chemicals/firefighting.html>

### PFAS

Structural firefighting PPE contains PFAS (polyfluorinated substances). PFAS is a “forever chemical” that is linked to cancer across several industries. There has been a large effort to reduce PFAS and subsequent exposure across the country. The IAFF is currently in a legal fight with major PPE manufacturers over the level of risk that firefighters face, due to our PPE. Currently a PFAS free alternative does not exist for firefighting PPE.

<https://www.iaff.org/pfas/#faq>

### Emergency Medical Response

It is common for IAFF members, who are not assigned to an ambulance, to wear their firefighting PPE when responding to emergency medical calls. The PPE offers a layer of protection and prevents biohazard from contaminating the fire station after a call. Firefighters assigned to ambulances are issued EMS pants that offer protection without the concerns related to carcinogen and PFAS exposure. The EMS pants are much more affordable to issue and replace when compared to the cost of firefighting PPE.

Reference: NFPA 1999 – Standard on Protective Clothing for Emergency Medical Operations

## SOLUTION

Currently, only firefighters assigned to ambulance companies are issued EMS pants. IAFF members above the firefighter rank are not issued EMS pants. The IAFF believes that that a one-time purchase of EMS pants for all ranks would limit exposure to carcinogens and PFAS. This would also reduce additional wear and tear on costly firefighting PPE. The proposed cost is \$100,000, for the purchase of EMS pants for all ranks, leaving some funding for repair and replacement on a limited basis.

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**Submitted by:** Assembly Member Volland

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**  INCREASE  DECREASE  NEUTRAL

**Department:** Library

**Amount:** \$150,000, one-time

**Description of amendment:**

This amendment appropriates \$150,000 to the Library to fund a direct grant to Best Beginnings, an Anchorage-based public-private partnership. Best Beginnings administers the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program, an effective early literacy program that helps prepare children for kindergarten. Due to a lack of funds, the program services have been discontinued in Chugiak, Eagle River, JBER, and select areas of Hillside. This grant would help to fund the program on a citywide level.

**Revenue Source**

**Amount:** \$150,000

**Specific revenue source to pay amendment's cost:**

Alcohol Tax Fund Balance

## Anchorage Imagination Library Fast Facts

Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library program, administered by Best Beginnings, is an effective early literacy program that helps prepare children for kindergarten.

Enrollees receive:

- A book in their name in the mail monthly from birth to age 5
- Weekly e-newsletters focused on ways to build kindergarten readiness skills at home
- Invitations to free and low-cost family engagement events

Current enrollment (August 2022): 4,452

# of children eligible for services: 20,679

Peak enrollment (May 2015): 10,044

\*\*Due to a lack of funding, services have been discontinued as of fall 2021 in Chugiak, Eagle River, JBER, and select areas of Hillside.\*\*

### FUNDING

Each child enrolled costs the sponsoring organization \$30 per year. Approximately 80% of that cost is paid to Dollywood Foundation for the purchase and mailing of books. 20% is administrative, including 1 dedicated program coordinator.

Annual funding necessary for a citywide program\*: \$434,259

\*assumes a 70% uptake

Current local investments:

\$35,000 The CIRI Foundation

\$20,000 United Way of Anchorage

\$85,000 State of Alaska

\$5,000-\$10,000 Individual Donors

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**  INCREASE  DECREASE  NEUTRAL

**Department:** Anchorage Health Department

**Amount:** \$1,000,000, one-time

**Description of amendment:**

This amendment appropriates \$1,000,000 to the Anchorage Health Department to fund a direct grant to Providence for a Crisis Stabilization Center. Providence needs an additional \$5.6M to fill a funding gap for a Crisis Stabilization Center. The center will expand access to all levels of behavioral health care for adults and adolescents in Anchorage, ensure community members receive evidenced-based care, and reduce burden on police, fire, emergency rooms, and jails. The center will provide behavioral health services, a 23-hour crisis stabilization program, and a short-term crisis residential program.

**Revenue Source**

**Amount:** \$1,000,000

**Specific revenue source to pay amendment's cost:**

Alcohol Tax Fund Balance

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March 28, 2023

Dr. Daniel Volland, chair  
Anchorage Assembly Health Policy Committee

Meg Zalatel  
Anchorage Assembly Health Policy Committee

Re: Providence Crisis Stabilization Center

Dear Assemblymembers Volland and Zalatel:

Thank you for the opportunity to present to the Anchorage Assembly Health Policy Committee and to share additional detail on our facility capital and start up costs. Providence will need \$5.65 million to fill the remaining capital funding gap and ensure Anchorage residents receive much needed crisis care.

### **History of Organization**

For 120 years, Providence Alaska (Providence) has cared for Alaskans from birth to end of life. Our history in Alaska began in 1902 when the brave Sisters of Providence first brought health care to Nome during the Gold Rush. Their pioneering spirit set the standard for modern health care in Alaska and formed the foundation for Providence's growth as the state's leading health care provider.

### **Behavioral Health Services in Anchorage**

Providence has a long history of serving individuals with behavioral health needs. Today, Providence provides a large continuum of behavioral health services, spanning from outpatient to residential based care. In 2002, Providence collaborated with the Municipality of Anchorage and State of Alaska to lift the state's only psychiatric emergency room. The psychiatric emergency room, in combination with other parts of the behavioral service line at Providence, have served the community well. However, increasing demand and acuity within the community, the need to expand interventions and treatment options, as well as reduce the overall burden on municipality, state, and private resources does necessitate the development of a new crisis care model.

### **Description of Project**

Providence's Crisis Stabilization Center (the Center) will expand access to all levels of behavioral health care for adults and adolescents in Anchorage, ensure community members receive evidenced-based care, and reduce burden on police, fire, emergency rooms, and jails. The center will include three distinct services:

- The Behavioral Health Urgent Care walk-in clinic will provide same-day access to behavioral health care for adolescents (ages 12 and older) and adults experiencing a behavioral health crisis who are voluntarily seeking care and require brief support/intervention. An estimated 3,700 visits are anticipated per year, with an average visit length of 90 minutes.

- The 23-Hour Crisis Stabilization program will offer 24/7/365 no-wrong-door access to behavioral health care for adults (18+) and accept all walk-ins as well as ambulance, fire and police drop offs. The facility will use recliners, instead of beds, to maximize flexibility in capacity and client flow and create an environment conducive to rapid engagement and stabilization. Crisis Stabilization Services will serve guests who are voluntary, under a Notice of Emergency Detention, and those under an ex parte order for 72-hour evaluation. Providence anticipates 4,270 episodes per year with an average length of stay of 21 hours.
- The Short-term Crisis Residential program will serve adults (18+) who require additional stabilization beyond at 23-hour Crisis Stabilization, including 24/7/365 staffing with a multidisciplinary team capable of meeting the needs of individuals experiencing all levels of crisis. 931 treatment episodes are anticipated per year, with an average length of stay of 4 days.

### **Timeline for Project Implementation**

Providence is actively pursuing 65 percent cost estimate drawings for the project, has begun recruitment for staff positions, and is refining the clinical models for all three programs. Pending all funds raised, Providence anticipates opening the Center for community members as early as Q1 2024. Due to its proximity to Alaska Psychiatric Institute and Providence behavioral health services, the first floor of the Providence Region Building has been selected for renovation.

### **Contribution to the Quality of Life for Anchorage Residents**

The Center will contribute to the quality of life for Anchorage by:

- Meeting current demand and expanding access to evidenced-based, behavioral health care for the Anchorage 18+ population experiencing an estimated 5,067 crises episodes per year.
- Reducing the burden on law enforcement, first responders, and emergency departments.
- Ensuring residents in crisis receive timely, appropriate, evidence-based care in the least restrictive setting possible.
- Building out Crisis Now Model and supporting the mobile crisis teams by providing treatment for higher acuity residents.
- Expanding urgent crisis services for adolescents.

### **Municipal Partnership and Support**

The Center will provide complex, state of the art care to our community's most vulnerable. Providence will open the highest level of care in the state—only emergency departments can also provide both voluntary and involuntary care—capital costs to create a safe environment for guests and staff are significant. Providence requests partnership with the Municipality to support these necessary community services.

**Summary of Project Costs**
*Facility & Start-Up:*

Value of Existing Facility	\$ 4,968,000
Design & Permitting	1,359,000
Construction & Remodel	11,151,000
Information Systems	1,085,000
Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment	837,000
Projected Facility Start-Up Costs	\$ 19,400,000

*Funding received & Needed:*

State Appropriation	\$ 8,000,000
Federal Appropriation	750,000
Providence	4,968,000
Other Funding Sources	29,509
Subtotal - Funds Raised to Date	14,747,509
<b>Remaining Capital &amp; Facility Start-up Funding Need</b>	<b>5,652,491</b>
Total Projected Facility Costs	\$ 19,400,000

To fill the remaining capital funding gap and ensure Anchorage residents receive much needed crisis care, Providence will need \$5.65 million for the Center's construction and facility start-up costs. Providence is committed to the ongoing sustainability of both Center services and its new home. We look forward to partnering with the Municipality in ensuring that the stabilization center can open on time.

Sincerely,



Renee Rafferty, MS, LPC  
 Sr. Dir. of Behavioral Health  
 Providence Alaska



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**Submitted by:** Assembly Members Rivera, Constant, Volland

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**  INCREASE  DECREASE  NEUTRAL

**Department:** Health

**Amount:** \$310,000, one-time

**Description of amendment:**

This amendment appropriates \$280,000 to AHD to fund the extension of operations at the Sullivan Arena until May 31, 2023, serving a population of not to exceed 90 individuals who have a physical disability which impairs their daily activity. \$10,000 of this funding is set aside specifically for non-critical transport.

In addition, this amendment appropriates \$30,000 to AHD to fund the extension of current operations at the Sullivan Arena until May 1, 2023 until 12noon.

**Revenue Source**

**Amount:** \$310,000

**Specific revenue source to pay amendment's cost:**

Alcohol Tax Fund Balance

## Amendment to AR 2023-102 Revised 2023 Operating Budget - Alcohol Tax Program

**Submitted by:** Assembly Member Rivera

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**    INCREASE    DECREASE    NEUTRAL

**Department:** Anchorage Health Department & Legislative Branch

**Amount:** \$2,115,000, one-time

**Description of amendment:**

This amendment appropriates \$2,115,000 to AHD and the Legislative Branch as part of a housing and homelessness response.

Line	Department	Description	Recurring (R) / One-time (1)	Amount
1	Health	Grant to Brother Francis Shelter for continuation funding to ensure increased capacity at 120 permanently.	1	225,000
2	Health	Grant to Complex Care Facility for operations.	1	500,000
3	Health	Grant to Covenant House for day shelter services year-round for up to 50 transition age youth.	1	330,000
4	Health	Grant to Catholic Social Services for 3rd Avenue Resource Center for operations.	1	500,000
5	Health	Grant to the Anchorage Affordable Housing and Land Trust to assist with (1) homelessness prevention for individuals staying at their facilities, (2) enhanced staffing operations, to include security, during year one operations at their facilities, and (3) technical assistance and training for staff.	1	500,000
6	Legislative	Contractual support for the Sanctioned Camp Task Force and the Complex Behavioral Needs Task Force.	1	60,000

2,115,000

**Revenue Source**

**Amount:** \$2,115,000

**Specific revenue source to pay amendment's cost:**

Alcohol Tax Fund Balance

## Amendment to AR 2023-102 Revised 2023 Operating Budget

**Submitted by:** Assembly Member Rivera

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**    INCREASE    DECREASE    NEUTRAL

**Department:** Various

**Amount:** \$200,000, one-time

**Description of amendment:**

This amendment appropriates \$200,000 to the Legislative Branch, Planning Department, and ACDA as part of a housing and homelessness response.

Line	Department	Description	Recurring (R) / One-time (1)	Amount
1	Legislative	Contractual support and other costs related to the Housing Summit.	1	100,000
2	ACDA	Municipal-wide housing study of short term rentals (STR).	1	50,000
3	Planning	Fund a feasibility study for developing a manufactured housing community as a replacement for the Forest Park Mobile Home Park in Chugiak.	1	50,000
				200,000

**Revenue Source (complete for increase to budget)**

**Amount:** \$200,000

**Specific revenue source to pay amendment’s cost:**

Areawide general fund tax revenues

## Amendment to AR 2023-102 Revised 2023 Operating Budget

**Submitted by:** Assembly Member Quinn-Davidson

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**    INCREASE    DECREASE    NEUTRAL

**Department:** Planning

**Amount:** \$200,000, one-time

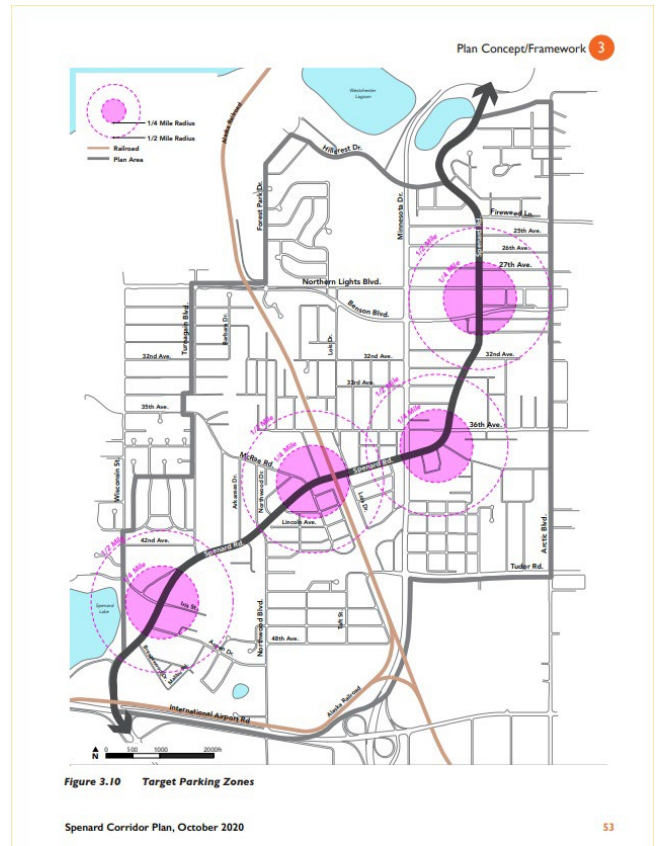
**Description of amendment:**

This amendment appropriates \$200,000 to the Planning Department for a study of public parking in the Spenard Corridor.

The proposed amendment begins to prepare for changes coming with the removal of parking requirements in AO 2022-80 by funding a study of parking needs in the Spenard Corridor.

While the city-wide impact of eliminating parking requirements is expected to roll out over many years, the Spenard Corridor is likely to see the impact soon. There are in Spenard a number of properties that have been unable to develop due to the lot size not having space needed for required parking. We should expect these ‘stuck’ properties to develop within a few years as the Spenard Corridor is a strong retail area.

The Spenard Corridor Plan, adopted just two years ago, lays the groundwork for this study. The Plan’s vision to create a true transit-supportive, mixed-use corridor includes provision of public parking.



(<https://www.muni.org/departments/ocpd/planning/publications/siteassets/pages/default/spenard%20corridor%20plan%202020.pdf> )

**Goal 11: Accommodate and Manage Parking**

Parking is needed for many of Spenard’s businesses, organizations and community destinations to operate successfully, and it is expected that this will continue to be the case. On-site parking associated with specific activities and on-street public parking will continue to be important. However, better management and strategic supply may reduce the total spaces needed.

Policy 2.20: Property owners, business operators and the City should seek to create shared “pools” of parking to meet demand.

Policy 2.21: To further redevelopment and investment goals, parking management solutions should be considered to create efficiencies for property owners, business owners, residents and visitors. p. 20

Further,

G. Shared Parking Pools Policies

Policy 3.21: Promote the development of Public Parking Pools. These should be located strategically. Parking structures and surface parking should be encouraged where there are significant concentrations of development in close proximity to Spenard Road, and in association with Transit Hubs. Public parking should be designed to serve Spenard’s TSD Districts. Users potentially include businesses, residents and visitors. Figure 3.10 illustrates target zones for pooled parking based on proximity to key locations along Spenard Road. p.52

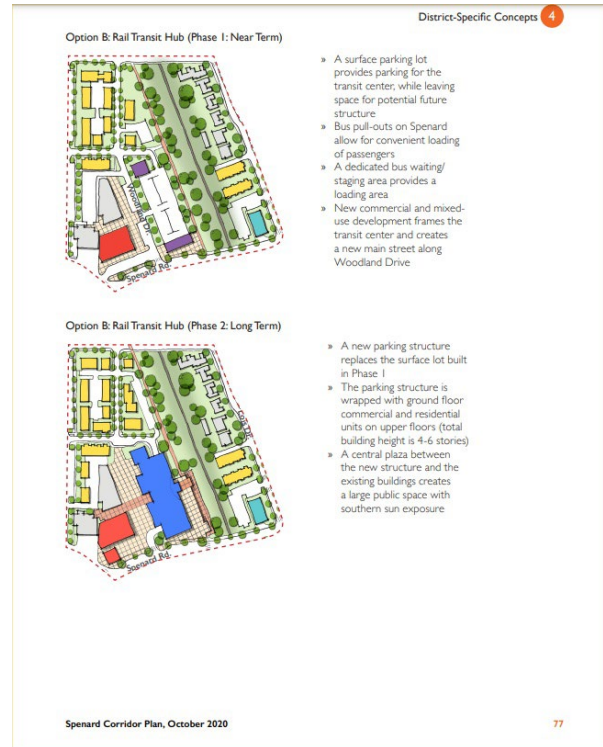
And still more, Section G provides significant support for a parking strategy including public parking.,

G. Vehicle Parking Policies

This section provides recommendations for parking, which is a significant component of Spenard. While personal auto use and ownership is likely to decrease over time, it is expected to remain a major development factor. In spite of this, the Plan supports minimizing parking through a combination of efficient use of private parking and strategic investment and management of public parking. Parking can be a significant constraint for redevelopment and business operations in the Plan Area. Small lot sizes, irregular lot shapes and buffering/landscaping requirements often hinder provision of adequate quantities of surface parking. A suite of approaches should be considered to alleviate constraints and improve parking efficiency. p. 122

Community Outreach

- North Star CC information provided and brief discussion but no action 1/11/23
- Spenard CC information was provided but not an agenda item 2/1/23
- Midtown CC information was provided but not an agenda item



- Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Municipal Activities Committee Information was provided but no action taken 1/11/23
- Spenard Chamber of Commerce 1/12/23 Vote in support
- Cook Inlet Housing Authority Letter of support pending

<b>Revenue Source</b>
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**Amount:** \$200,000

**Specific revenue source to pay amendment's cost:**

Areawide general fund tax revenues

# Spenard Chamber of Commerce

January 12, 2023

To Whom It May Concern;

The Spenard Chamber of Commerce encourages the Municipality to fund a parking study in line with the goals in the Spenard Corridor Report adopted in 2020.

We are happy to see along the Spenard Corridor new developments and redevelopments that are good for the neighborhood and the city. This will create more traffic and more need for parking. The Corridor Plan recognized an existing parking challenge. The recent removal of parking requirements increases the challenge as we expect quick development of properties that could not meet the parking requirement.

Recent and upcoming road projects along with improved bus service in the corridor should decrease the need for parking as people are better able to travel by bus, bike, and foot. The Municipality's quick attention to clearing snow from sidewalks streets is appreciated. We see more walkers and cyclists year-round.

The reality remains that the main way people travel in Anchorage is by car. The Corridor Plan recommends shared parking among businesses as well as public parking. A study is needed to coax these along to continue the 'Spenard Renaissance.'

Sincerely,



Dana Drummond  
Chair



Amendment No. 7 GG

**The mission** of the Spenard Chamber of Commerce is to cultivate Spenard's status as Anchorage's vibrant shopping, dining, and entertainment district with an abundant variety of successful independent businesses in a safe and fun environment.


*Business Advocacy.*  
The Chamber will promote a positive business environment for Spenard and Anchorage as a whole.

*Economic and Business Development.*  
The Chamber will promote economic and business growth in Spenard with emphasis on independent businesses providing a variety of unique and lively shopping, dining and entertainment options.

Activities shall be carried out in a non-partisan, non-discriminatory manner.

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**Submitted by:** Assembly Member Constant

<b>PROPOSED AMENDMENT</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INCREASE <input type="checkbox"/> DECREASE <input type="checkbox"/> NEUTRAL
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**Department:** Legislative Branch

**Amount:** \$40,000, recurring

**Description of amendment:**

On February 7, 2023, the Assembly approved AR 2023-41, appropriating \$10K to AFD and approving a sole source grant agreement with the Anchorage Museum for Fire Station 1 Parking. This grant agreement has not been implemented, so funds will be moved to the Legislative Branch to manage this agreement.

<b>Revenue Source</b>
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**Amount:** \$40,000

**Specific revenue source to pay amendment's cost:**

\$10,000 from AFD and \$30,000 Areawide general fund tax revenues.



**Amendment to AR 2023-102  
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**Submitted by:** Assembly Members Volland & Constant

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**  INCREASE  DECREASE  NEUTRAL

**Department:** Maintenance & Operations

**Amount:** \$20,000, one-time

**Description of amendment:**

This amendment appropriates \$20,000 to M&O for marked access across public easements to Campbell Lake – signage and a gravel trail.

**Revenue Source**

**Amount:** \$20,000

**Specific revenue source to pay amendment's cost:**

Areawide general fund tax revenues



## JOINT STATEMENT CAMPBELL LAKE WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE OWNERSHIP, USE AND ACCESS

*December 6, 2019*

Both the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) have received inquiries regarding Campbell Lake, its ownership, its use and public access. The following statement has been prepared to answer many of the frequently asked questions and to identify points-of-contact at both entities for future questions and concerns. The following is not, and should not be, deemed legal advice. Anyone who has specific questions concerning legal rights and obligations and legally permissible conduct should consult with an attorney.

### *Campbell Lake*

Campbell Lake, located within the boundaries of the Municipality of Anchorage, is a waterbody that was created when land developers in approximately 1957-58 used heavy machinery to dam flowing waters of Campbell Creek. DNR has not located any records that demonstrate whether the dam builders sought or obtained permission for this construction, but the absence of such permitting records from territorial times is not uncommon. The dam is now jointly owned and managed by Campbell Lake Owners, Inc. (CLO) and the Municipality of Anchorage. The dam is a Class III (low) hazard dam and must be inspected every five years to qualify for a Certificate of Approval to Operate a Dam. The dam was inspected and certified in 1989, 1994, 2002, 2007, 2008 and 2014. The 2014 certificate expired on September 6, 2019, and DNR is not aware of any inspection that has been performed in 2019.

### *Regulation of the Waters of Campbell Lake*

The waters of Campbell Lake are held by the State of Alaska pursuant to the public trust doctrine for the benefit of the people. These waters fall within the state statutory definitions of

navigable or public waters for purposes of the public trust doctrine, and the fact that the pooling of the waters was the result of a man-made dam is irrelevant from a public trust doctrine position. The use of these waters, moreover, has not been limited by any express legislative or executive action. The general public can use the waters of Campbell Lake, including the lands underlying Campbell Lake, for any generally allowable and lawful use consistent with the public trust—including boating and all forms of permissible recreation (*fishing in Campbell Lake is prohibited at all times*). Public use of the water and the land below the ordinary high-water mark in connection with such use is not considered trespassing. In certain circumstances, it can be a criminal offense (Class B misdemeanor) for someone to “obstruct or interfere with the free passage or use by a person of any navigable water.” AS 38.05.128.

### *Public Access to the Waters of Campbell Lake*

As discussed above, the SOA manages the waters of Campbell Lake pursuant to the public trust doctrine. Citizens are therefore entitled to use the water for recreation or any other lawful purpose. Landowners abutting the shores of Campbell Lake and CLO cannot lawfully restrict the public’s rights of use pursuant to Alaska law. But on the other hand, landowners and CLO do enjoy property rights to the quiet enjoyment of their uplands and are entitled to bar trespassers from the uplands, not burdened by any public access easement, that they own and/or that are controlled by CLO—except as prohibited by AS 38.05.128 and elsewhere. This begs the very pertinent question of how may the public access the water of Campbell Lake.

There are four ways the public can lawfully access the water of Campbell Lake. The public can: (1) traverse private uplands with the permission of the concerned landowner; (2) land on the surface of Campbell Lake by aircraft without permission as long as such activity complies with all appropriate federal aviation laws and regulations; (3) access Campbell Lake via Campbell Creek without permission by boat or by other means when the water is frozen; or (4) use either of two public-access easements that provide overland access to reach Campbell Lake without permission.

The first public-access easement that links West 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the lake shore that consists of a dedicated public pedestrian access easement across one private parcel (EV-2-861 on Plat 2007-85) and an unvacated section line easement across a second private parcel (*a photocopy of the relevant platting document is attached hereto*). See AS 19.10.010; AS 38.05.127; 11 AAC 51.065. The “hybrid” nature of this public access easement is the result of 2007 proceedings in which one affected private property owner requested, and DNR authorized, vacation of a portion of the section line easement—preserving (*as required by law*) a 25-foot public pedestrian easement. These proceedings did not affect other portions of the section line easement—particularly a neighboring parcel where the section line easement has not been vacated. Pursuant to state law, no private property owner or other party may prohibit the public from using this valid public

access easement; and no DNR Commissioner has ever authorized any obstruction or interference with public access to Campbell Lake along this route. See Dillingham Commercial Co. v. City of Dillingham, 705 P.2d 410, 414–15 (Alaska 1985) (property owners cannot block access to a public right-of-way or easement). The State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources exercises management authority over the section line easement. The Municipality of Anchorage accepted management authority for the dedicated public pedestrian access easement through the relevant plat.

Second, there is a section line easement running from the north shore of Campbell Lake to Jewel Lake Road. This 66-foot unvacated easement provides an additional means for members of the public to reach the public waters of Campbell Lake. No DNR Commissioner has ever authorized any obstruction or interference with public access to Campbell Lake along this section line easement. The State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources exercises management authority over the section line easement.

### *Points of Contact*

Questions about use of the public pedestrian easement extending from West 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue should be directed to:

Municipal Attorney's Office  
632 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 730  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501  
907-343-4545

Questions regarding the use of the waters of Campbell Lake and public access via section-line easements:

Public Information Center  
Alaska Department of Natural Resources  
550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1360  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501  
907-269-8400  
Fax: (907) 269-8901  
TTY: 711 for Alaska Relay  
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**Submitted by:** Assembly Member Rivera

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**  INCREASE  DECREASE  NEUTRAL

**Department:** Library

**Amount:** \$15,500, one-time

**Description of amendment:**

This amendment appropriates \$15,500 to the Library for additional security cameras at Loussac. There are a number of blind spots around Loussac, including Assembly Chambers, where dangerous or prohibited behaviors can occur. The Library has obtained a quote for 7 additional cameras for \$15,262.

**Revenue Source**

**Amount:** \$15,500

**Specific revenue source to pay amendment's cost:**

Areawide general fund tax revenues

## Amendment to AR 2023-102 Revised 2023 General Government Operating Budget

**Submitted by:** Assembly Chair LaFrance and Vice Chair Constant

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**    INCREASE    DECREASE    NEUTRAL

**Department:** Legislative Branch

**Amount:** \$279,900

**Description of amendment:**

This amendment appropriates \$279,900 to the Legislative Branch for the following:

Line	Department	Description	Recurring (R) / One-time (1)	Amount
1	Legislative Branch, Various	Labor Adjustments	R	78,900
2	Legislative Branch, Assembly	Communications initiatives	R	5,000
3	Legislative Branch, Clerk	Recruitment services	1	45,000
4	Legislative Branch, Assembly	Professional services for code and process related RFPs	1	101,000
5	Legislative Branch, Assembly	Legal contracts	1	50,000

279,900

**Revenue Source**

**Amount:** \$279,900

**Specific revenue source to pay amendment's cost:**

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**Submitted by:** Assembly Member Volland

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**  INCREASE  DECREASE  NEUTRAL

**Department:** Maintenance & Operations

**Amount:** \$375,000, recurring

**Description of amendment:**

This amendment appropriates \$375,000 to the Graffiti Busters program. This includes purchasing a vehicle and start-up equipment, and a 2-person crew. The annual cost of the program would be \$325K after the first year.

**Revenue Source**

**Amount:** \$375,000

**Specific revenue source to pay amendment's cost:**

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**Amendment to AR 2023-102  
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**Submitted by:** Assembly Member Dern

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**  INCREASE  DECREASE  NEUTRAL

**Department:** Public Transportation

**Amount:** \$4,290,000

**Description of amendment:**

This amendment appropriates \$4,290,000 to the Public Transportation Department to address items on the prioritization plan that will help solve our homelessness, affordable housing and workforce vacancy issues throughout the Municipality and provide project management staff support to assist in achieving goals.

**Revenue Source**

**Amount:** 4,290,000

**Specific revenue source to pay amendment's cost:**

Areawide general fund tax revenues



- Services
- AnchorRIDES*
- Bus Tracker*
- People Mover*
- RideShare*

## People Mover

People Mover is a division of the Municipality of Anchorage's Public Transportation Department (PTD) and is the largest public transit provider in the State of Alaska.

Our buses hit the road on July 1, 1974 with 39,505 trips that year. Prior to Covid, each weekday about 12,000 passengers in the Anchorage and Eagle River areas relied on this service. We are increasing back toward that level slowly as Covid restrictions have eased.

The People Mover fleet includes modern, accessible, comfortable buses that travel 2.1 million miles annually.

<https://www.muni.org/Departments/transit/PeopleMover/Pages/default.aspx>

**39% of MOA residents are within a ¼ mile of a bus stop**  
**55% of jobs in the MOA are within a ¼ mile of a bus stop**  
**58% of individuals living in poverty are within a ¼ mile of a bus stop**  
**44% of individuals with a disability are within a ¼ mile of a bus stop**  
**60% of limited English speaking households are within a ¼ mile of a bus stop**  
**48% of the minority population is within a ¼ mile of a bus stop**  
**56% of households without access to a vehicle are within a ¼ mile of a bus stop**

## **Opportunities through funding will**

- **Upgrade existing infrastructure**
- **Allow for partnerships with government and private sector to upgrade technologies**
- **Prioritize safety for our citizens**
- **Bolster local economic development**
- **Support effort to solve our homelessness & housing crisis**
- **Bring communities together**
- **Promote equity through access**
- **Encourage healthy lifestyles**
- **Care for our environment**

## **Matching**

**Most of our grant opportunities have a 10% to 20% local match requirement that we certify as available at the time of the grant application. This includes FTA Competitive Grants and AMATS TIP. To leverage dollars we need to commit dollars.**

## Amendment to AR 2023-102 Revised 2023 Operating Budget

**Submitted by:** Assembly Member Rivera

<b>PROPOSED AMENDMENT</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INCREASE <input type="checkbox"/> DECREASE <input type="checkbox"/> NEUTRAL
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**Department:** Various

**Amount:** \$350,000, one-time

**Description of amendment:**

This amendment appropriates \$350,000 to the Legislative Branch, Planning Department, and ACDA as part of a housing and homelessness response.

Line	Department	Description	Recurring (R) / One- time (1)	Amount
1	Legislative	Contractual support and other costs related to the Housing Summit.	1	100,000
2	Legislative	Municipal-wide housing study of short term rentals (STR).	1	50,000
3	Planning	Fund a feasibility study for developing a manufactured housing community as a replacement for the Forest Park Mobile Home Park in Chugiak.	1	50,000
4	Planning	Housing preference survey as a follow up to the previous survey done for the 2012 Housing Analysis	1	150,000
				350,000

<b>Revenue Source (complete for increase to budget)</b>
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**Amount:** \$350,000

**Specific revenue source to pay amendment's cost:**

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