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INTRODUCTION

The Municipality of Anchorage has three top priorities for the 2025 Legislative Session:

1. **Secure our Energy Future**
2. **Promote Safe Streets and Trails**
3. **Strengthen the Behavioral Health System**
4. **Increase Housing Supply and Address Homelessness**
5. **Promote Good Government**

Mayor Suzanne LaFrance and the Anchorage Assembly appreciate your support.

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PORT OF ALASKA MODERNIZATION PROJECT UPDATE

Likely no monetary ask, but provide an update on progress

SECURE OUR ENERGY FUTURE

Railbelt transmission upgrades

Expansion of hydroelectric generation

Renewable Portfolio Standard

Energy efficiency and electrification

PROMOTE SAFE STREETS AND TRAILS

Road safety corridors

Fund maintenance of state roads

Fund snow removal of state roads

STRENGTHEN THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM

Support Crisis Now Legislative Program

Support Alaska Behavioral Health Association Legislative Program

INCREASE HOUSING SUPPLY AND ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

Develop new mechanisms through AIDEA and AHFC to provide gap financing and patient capital for housing development.

Allow local governments to designate and tax blighted properties.

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\$10 million capital request for Housing Alaskans: A Public Private Partnership (HAPPP).

Infrastructure funding to encourage housing development

Homelessness asks?

PROMOTE GOOD GOVERNMENT

Community Assistance Program: Make a full contribution for 2025 and fully recapitalize the fund.

Defined Benefits for public employees: Create and fund a defined benefit option for public employee retirement.

Election reform: Pass an election reform bill that amends AS Title 15 to address Anchorage voter concerns with voter registration.

Increase school funding TBD: inflation-proofed BSA, school transportation funding, and maintain school bond debt reimbursement.

Oppose expansions of mandatory property tax exemptions which would result in a net decrease in the local government tax base.

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DISTRICT PRIORITIES

In addition to the Municipality's areawide priorities, there are also local needs that the State can address to improve the quality of life at the neighborhood level. These projects are all highly prioritized by the residents in the surrounding areas.

NORTH ANCHORAGE

- Peratrovich Park pedestrian plaza and landscape upgrades: 500 West Fourth Ave (HD 17, SD I)
- Tract J Park Master Plan (HD 18, SD I)
- Alley Paving for Mountain View and Fairview (HD 17 & 19, SD I & J)

JBER, CHUGIAK AND EAGLE RIVER

- Road and Drainage system rehab in the Chugiak Birchwood Eagle River Rural Road Service Area (CBERRRSA) (HD 23 & 24, SD L)
- Eagle River Emergency Water Fill Station (HD 23, SD L)
- Local Road Rehabilitation (HD 18,23 & 24 and SD I & L)

WEST ANCHORAGE

- Tony Knowles Coastal Trail and Bluff Erosion at Point Woronzof, on State of Alaska-owned land at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (TSAIA) (HD 16, SD H)
- Raspberry Rd Expansion – Sand Lake Rd to Jewel Lake Rd (HD 16, SD H)
- Dimond Blvd Pedestrian and Landscaping Improvements – Jewel Lake Rd to Old Seward Hwy (HD 10, 15 & 13, SD E, G & H)
- Sand Lake Regional Water Access Project (HD 15, SD H)
- Pavement rehabilitation across the district, especially Spenard and Sand Lake
- Drainage and water-sewer projects that are difficult to bond for or get federal money – lots of issues in Sand Lake, Jewel Lake, both drainage problems and need to extend water/sewer service lines

MIDTOWN

- Quinhagak St Upgrade - E Dowling Rd to Askeland Dr (HD 12, SD F)
- 46th Ave Area Street Light Improvements - Folker St to Piper St (23-01) (HD 20, SD J)
- 42nd Ave Upgrade - Lake Otis Pkwy to Florina St (HD 20, SD J)
- Folker St Upgrade - 42nd Ave to Tudor Rd (HD 20, SD J)
- 41st Ave Upgrade - Piper St to Dale St (HD 20, SD J)

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- Sound Barrier Fence Project on Northern Lights (SD G, HD 14)

EAST ANCHORAGE

- Tudor/Muldoon Traffic Calming (HD 20, 21 & 22, SD K & J)
- Fire egress on military boundary for Campbell airstrip and northeast residents (HD 12, 20 & 21, SD J, K)
- Northeast mixed-use transit/community hub, potentially with library and/or recreation center (HD 21 & 22, SD K)
- 6th Avenue at Boniface Separated East and west-bound left turn lane and improved pedestrian crossing (HD 19 & 22, SD J & K)
- East Anchorage JBER Perimeter trail (HD 18, 20, 21 & 22, SD I, J & K)
- UAA Dr. Pedestrian Undercrossing (HD 19 & 20, SD J)
- Campbell Creek Trail- separated grade crossing @ Lake Otis (HD 13, 14 & 19, SD G & J)
- Northern Lights Blvd at Bragaw St. Pedestrian Crossing improvements (HD 19 & 20, SD J)
- Russian Jack Springs Park upgrades to deteriorated trails and facilities (HD 19, 20, 21 & 22, SD J & K)

SOUTH ANCHORAGE, TURNAGAIN ARM AND GIRDWOOD

- Safe pedestrian crossing for O'Malley Elementary at O'Malley Rd and sidewalk installation along Rockridge Dr. (HD 11, SD F)
- 100th and Victor Rd intersection redesign to improve pedestrian and vehicle traffic safety (HD 10 & 15, SD E & H)
- Safe pedestrian access along and across Abbott Rd around the Birch Rd intersection for Service High School (HD 11, SD F)
- Hillside Fire Prevention: Secondary egress points, safe clearings for shelter in place, fuel mitigation, and fire breaks. (HD 9 & 11, SD E & F)
- Old Klatt Road Upgrade – Timberland Dr to Victor Rd (HD 10, SD E)