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at the Request of the Mayor
Prepared by: Office of the Mayor
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**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2004 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE
MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage, the Anchorage Assembly, the Anchorage School District and the University of Alaska Anchorage are unified in their support of state legislation and budgetary items for the Municipality of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, these entities wish to continue a strong working relationship with the state administration and Alaska State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage represents more than 40 percent of the state's population and serves as a regional and statewide center for economic development, transportation, health care, human services and cultural and recreational services; and

WHEREAS, it is vital Anchorage receives adequate funding for its public services for Anchorage citizens and other residents of the state because what happens within Anchorage's borders is felt across the state and vice versa; and

WHEREAS, investments in Anchorage's basic needs such as roads, port, water and sewer, public facilities and schools help grow our city, state and economy; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage has developed a Legislative Program entitled "Building Anchorage for the New Millennium," based primarily on the following criteria:

- Public safety, health and education,
- Transportation, and
- Community and economic development; now, therefore,

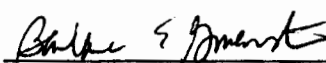
THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

Section 1. That the 2004 Municipality of Anchorage Legislative Program is adopted.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 20th day of January, 2004.


Chairman

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 75 -2004

Meeting Date: January 20, 2004

FROM: MAYOR

SUBJECT: 2004 Legislative Program

The attached Assembly Resolution adopts the Municipality's 2004 State Legislative Program.

The program, a copy of which is attached, incorporates municipal priorities for:

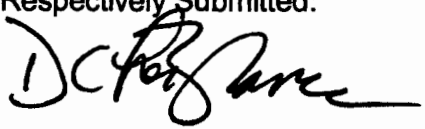
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2. State Grant Requests – Operating Budget
3. State Grant Requests – Capital Budget

THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION
TO ADOPT THE 2004 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM.

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Respectively Submitted:


Mark Begich, Mayor

**MUNICIPALITY OF
ANCHORAGE**

**2004
LEGISLATIVE
PROGRAM**

"Building Anchorage for the New Millennium"



**Mark Begich
Mayor**

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
2004 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

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Building Anchorage for the New Millennium***Executive Summary***

This booklet summarizes the legislative priorities for the Municipality of Anchorage. For the first time in years, it represents the unified priorities of the city administration, the Anchorage Assembly, the Anchorage School District and the University of Alaska Anchorage.

As the transportation and business hub for Alaska, Anchorage's infrastructure needs are considerable. Traffic congestion is worsening, public facilities are crowded and deteriorating, and basic utilities must be expanded to accommodate the city's growth and demand for basic services. Anchorage and the rest of Alaska are closely connected – what happens within Anchorage's borders is felt across the state and vice versa. The Alaska Department of Labor projects steady population increases for Anchorage, especially among populations which require the greatest public services – young and elderly Alaskans. These legislative priorities attempt to address these anticipated needs for public services.

The Municipality of Anchorage appreciates previous efforts of the Alaska Legislature and state administration to address Alaska's basic facility needs, including roads, ports, water and sewer, and schools. These investments help grow our state and economy. The Municipality is prepared to be a productive partner with the state and federal governments to address these budgetary needs.

Following the summary, this legislative priority program is divided into three sections. These include: Municipal Priority Issues for State Legislation, Municipal Funding Requests – State Operating Budget, and Municipal Funding Requests – State Capital Budget. This is followed by copies of the legislative priorities of the Anchorage School District and University of Alaska Anchorage. Further information on this program is available from the officials listed on the inside cover.

Municipal Priority Issues for State Legislation**Protect Public Safety**

Anchorage residents and visitors to Alaska's largest city are entitled to live without fear in their homes, on their streets and in their schools. Already, Anchorage has excellent Police and Fire departments and has taken numerous steps to improve the city's emergency preparedness. Several changes in state laws and funding for specific public safety programs are vital to raise the municipality to a new state of readiness.

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Strengthen Anchorage's Homeland Security

In the past three years, the Municipality has distinguished itself as a regional leader in emergency response operations and a national leader in community emergency preparedness. The Municipality bears an increased homeland security responsibility compared to other U.S. cities due to relative isolation from the continental United States and federal emergency resources, proximity to critical targets, such as military bases and the Trans-Alaska pipeline, and the frequency of foreign travelers and goods through the Ted Stevens International Airport and the Port of Anchorage. In the future, Anchorage will continue to enhance emergency response capabilities by providing specialized equipment and training for emergency responders, updating emergency operations plans to meet new national standards, developing interoperable communications capabilities with state and federal responders and increasing public awareness through education and volunteer opportunities.

Improve 911 emergency response

The Anchorage Police Department supports significant investments the Municipality's 9-1-1 dispatch system to enhance public safety. The project, initiated in January 2001 and projected to be operational by July 2004, will ensure effective, immediate, emergency response to the citizens of Anchorage. In order for this new system to function as effectively as possible, the Municipality proposes updates to several Alaska Statutes related to 9-1-1 and emergency call taking services. These statutes include issues related to discrepancies in the collection of 9-1-1 surcharges, the necessary level of 9-1-1 surcharges, and the erosion of location capability associated with 9-1-1 callers.

Expand Youth Courts

The Municipality of Anchorage supports passage of HB 103, "An Act relating to youth courts and to the recommended use of criminal fines to fund the activities of youth courts; and relating to accounting for criminal fines." This Legislation would establish a sustainable source of funding for Alaska Youth Courts. These changes in statute will provide a base of funding for youth courts that will empower United Youth Courts of Alaska as an organization and help youth courts across Alaska.

Increase local oversight for alcoholic beverage licensing

The Municipality supports amendments to Title 4 to provide that the state Alcohol Beverage Control Board must respect and implement decisions of the local governing body concerning the issuance, denial, revocation, or imposition of conditions of alcoholic beverage licenses within municipal boundaries.

Crack down on assault of school employees

The Municipality supports the establishment of criminal penalties for assaulting school employees while in the performance of their duties, and stricter penalties for the destruction of school property, such as raising the limit on restitution beyond that which was approved by the 2003 Legislature.

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Protect public health

The Municipality supports several initiatives to improve the public health of Anchorage residents. Currently, about 10 percent of Anchorage children and 14 percent of adults lack health insurance. The city favors legislation pending in Juneau (HB2660) providing immunity for free health care services. It favors raising the income limit for Alaska children eligible for Denali Kid Care. It favors screening newborns for hearing ability (HB108). And the city favors a number of steps to improve the health of Anchorage's senior citizens and homeless.

Aggressively develop Alaska's resources

The municipality supports environmentally responsible development of Alaska's resources, especially oil and gas development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and construction of an Alaska natural gas pipeline. Development of these resources would be good for America -- producing thousands of jobs, lessening our dependence on imported oil, reducing prices at the pump, improving our nation's trade deficit, providing environmentally friendly natural gas for our nation's electrical supply, and a host of other reasons. A study by Arctic Power, the ANWR advocacy group, estimates 1.1 million direct and indirect jobs would be created nationally by oil and gas development in the refuge. An Alaska gas pipeline would create an estimated 400,000 jobs nationwide.

Regulate our own water and wastewater utilities

The municipality supports state legislation that would include the Municipality of Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utilities (AWWU) in the existing exemption from regulation by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska that state law already provides to other municipally owned utilities. AWWU is the only municipally owned water and wastewater utility in Alaska subjected to state regulation, with the sole exception of the City of Pelican, which requested to be regulated by the RCA. Anchorage ratepayers pay higher rates for state regulation, but these regulatory charges are not imposed on utilities owned by other municipalities. Currently Anchorage ratepayers pay about \$550,000 per year. Municipal regulation of AWWU will continue to balance consumer protection with the financial soundness of the utilities.

Promote tolerance among all Alaskans

The municipality supports passage of a state "hate crimes" bill that could include such provisions as prohibiting the suspension of imposition of sentences in hate crime cases, imposing mandatory minimum sentences for hate crimes and requiring juveniles who commit hate crimes to do community work service and diversity tolerance training.

Protect local taxing ability

The Municipality opposes the proposal for a statewide hotel/motel room tax because this is a primary revenue source for local communities. In Fiscal 2003, the Municipality of Anchorage received \$11.5 million from its hotel/motel room tax, about half of which went for tourism promotion and the remainder for basic city services. Anchorage is considering an increase in the city's tax to help fund a new Alaska convention center.

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Recognize impacts of state action on municipalities

Municipal "fiscal note." The Municipality supports the requirement for a "municipal fiscal note" for state legislation. State budget cuts that shift state services and revenue problems to municipalities across Alaska is a rapidly accelerating problem. Today, Alaska is one of only eight states that do not protect local taxpayers with a municipal fiscal note to identify and permit the debate of the impact of legislative and administrative actions on communities and local taxpayers.

Statewide fiscal plan. The Municipality supports adoption of a statewide fiscal plan that employs a mix of the revenue tools available to state leaders to balance Alaska's state budget without singling out municipalities for disproportionate cuts. The Municipality of Anchorage's approach toward resolving its own Fiscal '04 \$33 million budget gap could serve as a model for the state. This involved a combination of program cuts, increased efficiencies and increased fees to more accurately cover the cost of providing services.

Support Knik Arm crossing

The Municipality of Anchorage supports congressional efforts to fund a crossing of Knik Arm. It will continue to work with local, state and federal officials to ensure acceptable traffic patterns on the Anchorage side of the crossing, and protection of Anchorage property values.

Promote Anchorage as a winter city

The Municipality of Anchorage appreciates the support from the Legislature and state administration for the International Winter Cities Conference scheduled for February 18-22, 2004, in Anchorage. This conference is expected to attract 300 or more officials from across the United States, Russia, China, Japan, northern Europe and Canada who will focus on ways to improve quality of life in northern climates. The Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau estimates the Winter Cities conference will have a significant economic impact on the Anchorage and state economy, generating about \$500,000 in delegate spending.

Complete the conveyance of state land to Anchorage

The Municipality requests legislative support to persuade the state administration to convey available land selections due the Municipality and to make the city "whole" for lands selected which cannot be conveyed. Resolution of these land selections is important to the future economic development of the Municipality. This process has been ongoing for over 20 years.

Municipal Priorities - State Operating Budget

Take full responsibility for Anchorage roads

The Municipality is working with the State administration on the Municipality assuming responsibility for construction and maintenance of roads currently under State jurisdiction within municipal boundaries. Currently, both the Municipality and State of Alaska design, construct and maintain roads within Anchorage. This leads to inefficiencies and public confusion. Having the Municipality oversee all road operations within Anchorage could

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save money, produce better public accountability and simplify planning. Any such transfer of road responsibilities to the Municipality must include a funding guarantee. The city is working with state officials on a possible Transfer of Responsibilities Agreement (TORA).

Invest in the education of Alaskans

The Municipality supports increasing, and/or inflation proofing the education Foundation Funding Formula to ensure that every Alaskan child, regardless of where they live, receives an adequate and appropriate public education. "Full funding" or "level funding" of the education funding formula is not "adequate" funding. For Anchorage, the inflationary costs of supplies and materials, under-funded federal mandates such as No Child Left Behind, increased employee costs, and a \$10 million state-mandated increase in the district's contribution to the state retirement system, mean a \$26 million budget shortfall for the Anchorage School District next year. The Municipality also supports full funding of debt reimbursement for school construction and funding of the Board of Regents' budget request for the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Municipal Priorities – State Capital Budget

Build and maintain Anchorage roads

The Municipality of Anchorage owns and maintains almost 800 miles of roads between Girdwood and Eklutna. These public roads provide a valuable and multi-modal transportation network for residents and visitors alike as many facilities include adjacent trails, sidewalks, and bus stop facilities. The system promotes the safe and efficient movement of people and goods through integrated components such as traffic signals, street lighting, and underground storm drain facilities. As Anchorage continues to grow, the transportation system must be maintained and expanded to meet the needs of increasing traffic volumes. The Municipality's 2004 Legislative requests are for priority transportation improvements that can be delivered within the next few years.

Improve Anchorage's public facilities

A key way to keep growing Anchorage's economy is continued investment in our infrastructure to encourage development. Targeted government investments in new economic diversification projects create the pro-business environment in which the private sector can do what it does best – create good, stable jobs for Anchorage residents. The Municipality of Anchorage is an active partner with the private sector in several projects to grow Anchorage's economy:

New downtown convention center. The Municipality is working with the Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau to issue a request for proposals to the private sector for a new convention center that would be private sector-built and financed, with backing from an increase in Anchorage's hotel/motel bed tax; must make good use of the Egan Center; and must bring co-development and linkage to other downtown facilities.

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Downtown revitalization. A new convention center will serve as an anchor to a larger revitalization of downtown Anchorage. Numerous other projects are underway. The private sector, through the Rasmuson Foundation, is already taking the lead on expansion of the Anchorage Museum of History and Art, which will help expand the downtown business center to the east. The Municipality is working with a private developer to rebuild the MacKay Building, a long-time downtown eyesore. The Alaska Railroad is spearheading an initiative to re-develop E Street, from the Railroad terminal to the Park Strip.

Year-round recreation facilities in Girdwood. The Winner Creek-Glacier Valley just north of the current ski and hotel development is considered the best undeveloped ski terrain in North America. Preliminary estimates show the area could attract thousands more skiers per winter, with another 320,000 visitors in the summer. This would generate \$74 million a year in gross revenues and create up to new 900 jobs. Most of the land is in municipal or state hands, ready for development. The Municipality is working closely with project sponsors and U.S. Senator Ted Stevens to resolve Girdwood's land use conflicts to take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that represents a \$400 million public-private investment.

Eagle River downtown rehabilitation. The Eagle River Central Business District Revitalization Plan provides a vision and plan for the redevelopment of a quality Town Center that would meet long-term community needs for government, non-profit, and commercial use. The Town Center would support improved public library and Women Infant Children health care services, relocation and growth of the University of Alaska campus, a Boys & Girls Club, badly needed non-profit and public meeting areas, and new business development. Located in the heart of Eagle River, adjacent to the new 8-acre Commons Park and pedestrian friendly Business Boulevard, the Town Center would be an "economic engine" solidifying and connecting the core area, creating new jobs, and expanding the investment/economic opportunities of the business community.

Expand the Port of Anchorage

The Port of Anchorage is really Alaska's port, with 90 percent of the goods destined for Alaskans passing through the port each year, which generates \$750 million annually in direct economic activity. The quarter of a billion dollar port expansion will accommodate future growth in several areas: expanded cargo business, the growth and rapid deployment of the new 3,000-soldier Stryker brigade, and to handle more and larger cruise ships, which annually bring about 750,000 visitors to Alaska.

Install water and wastewater lines

Basic utilities, such as water and sewer lines, are the building blocks of economic and community development. Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility serves over 80 percent of the population of Anchorage and greater than 95 percent of commercial establishments within Anchorage. The Municipality requires state and federal support to:

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- Continue economic and community development,
- Provide for public water and wastewater systems for public institutions,
- Provide for protection of groundwater resources with the Anchorage Bowl, and
- Protect water quality in environmentally sensitive wetland areas.

University of Alaska Anchorage capital priorities

The Municipality supports UAA's capital project priorities as essential to advancing Anchorage's education system and economic opportunities for local residents.

Integrated Science Facility - UAA's major priority is the Integrated Science Facility (Phase 1) at \$13.6 million. This was also adopted by the Board of Regents as a UA priority. This project is in response to a critical shortage of fundamental core science instructional and lab space. The sciences are our fastest growing programs, and existing facilities are inadequate to meet the current demand of 450 science and 4,000 non-majors each semester. As UAA strives to meet the needs of our community and the State, basic science facilities are essential.

UAA is also requesting capital support for two new construction projects:

A Center for Innovative Learning at \$500,000. This small building would focus on academic communities in the sciences and engineering, would honor the Alaska Native tradition of community gathering places in design and function, and would directly impact student retention and academic success. Most of the money for this is being raised privately.

School of Nursing Facility at \$720,000. This would fund planning efforts for the future health education facility to be built on Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium land and in partnership with them.

UAA is also requesting support in the amount of \$550,000 for the Small Business Development Center and \$1,100,000 for renewing building infrastructure in the 30-year old Lucy Cuddy Center which houses the Culinary Arts and Hospitality academic programs and is a dining venue for students, faculty and staff on the west campus.

Anchorage School District - 2004 Legislative Priorities

The Municipality supports the Anchorage School District's legislative priorities as essential to improving Anchorage schools, as shown below.

Alaska schools are being financially squeezed by under-funded mandates; increased costs and funding that is failing to keep pace. Our success as a school district and as a state in complying with Alaska's performance standards and the federal requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) and the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) requires our state policy makers to appropriate funding sufficient to meet the educational needs of our students.

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The Anchorage School Board requests that our state policy makers appropriate funding for public education to meet the needs of Alaska's youth. To achieve this goal, the Board seeks increased funding in three critical areas:

1. Accountability

While signing the FY 04 operating budget into law, Gov. Murkowski challenged the education community to provide full accountability in exchange for full funding. Accountability has been provided. Test scores district-wide and for each school are posted on the District's web site and are available at schools and libraries throughout Anchorage. Each school's goals and plans for improvement are also available. The District's budget has been opened to the scrutiny of nearly 150 citizens involved in a budget review process. The budget is also available at schools and libraries throughout Anchorage. No other level of government is this transparent.

The Anchorage School Board, its administration, and staff have accepted responsibility for raising student achievement for all students, and for the efficient and effective use of resources to fulfill our mission to educate all students for success in life.

State and federal funding for education has lagged behind educational costs. Appropriating an adequate amount of funding for education is the responsibility of federal, state and municipal policymakers.

With today's student achievement challenges and state and federal mandates, "full funding" or "level funding" of the education funding formula is not "adequate" funding. Meeting the needs of the Alaska Performance Standards, NCLB and IDEA requires an investment in people, process, and accountability measures. The Anchorage School Board is committed to doing its part to ensure success and calls upon the legislature to increase education funding to meet these needs through a significant increase in the education funding formula. Meeting these mandates cannot be accomplished without adequate support from all levels of government.

2. Debt Reimbursement

Safe, efficient, and technologically appropriate infrastructure is an essential ingredient in achieving academic success. This has largely been accomplished for ASD through the successful partnership between the Legislature and local taxpayers. The Anchorage School Board requests the Legislature and the Governor's Office to continue this partnership by honoring past commitments for debt reimbursement and by continuing to fully fund the school debt reimbursement program.

3. Employer contribution increases to the Teachers Retirement System (TRS) and the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)

Academic achievement also depends on highly qualified and committed employees. The State mandated employer contribution increase to TRS and PERS for the Anchorage School District next year is approximately \$9.9 million. The Anchorage School Board requests the Legislature and Governor's Office to fully fund this increase to ensure that we are not forced to use instructional funding to pay for this substantial state mandated and unanticipated obligation.

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Regulating our own water/wastewater utilities
ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Legislation- Utility
PRIORITY: 1
ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: We support state legislation that would include the Municipality of Anchorage water and wastewater utilities (AWWU) in the existing exemption from regulation by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) that state law already provides to other municipally owned utilities. AWWU is the only municipally owned water and wastewater utility in Alaska subjected to state regulation, with the sole exception of the City of Pelican. [Unlike AWWU, Pelican requested to be regulated by the RCA.] Anchorage ratepayers pay higher rates for state regulation, but these regulatory charges are not imposed on utilities owned by other municipalities. Currently Anchorage ratepayers pay about \$550,000 per year. Municipal regulation of AWWU will continue to balance consumer protection with the financial soundness of the utilities. It will be: - Directly accountable to local people - More responsive - More timely - More economical - Simpler Utility customers are also municipal voters. They will hold the Mayor and Assembly members fully accountable for their actions overseeing municipally owned utilities like AWWU. The Municipality has extensive experience regulating other municipally owned enterprises. They are all financially sound and also provide first class customer service. For example, the Solid Waste Services Collection Utility has been regulated by the Municipality for many years. Its customers enjoy among the lowest refuse collection rates in the country. The rates for residential and commercial refuse collection have not increased in the past thirteen years. This exemption could be accomplished by amending AS 42.05.711 to add a new section to read: "A water/wastewater utility serving a municipality with a population of more than 200,000 is exempt from regulation by the Commission, other than AS 42.05.221 - 42.05.281 and 42.05.385."
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Anchorage Assembly Section: All Legislative District(s): House: 16-32 Senate: I-P CONTACT PERSON: Robert Lohr, Management Systems Officer, 343-4487

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LEGISLATION

ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Improve Public Safety with Changes to 9-1-1 Systems
ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Legislation
PRIORITY: 2

ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Municipality's Anchorage Police Department is making significant investments to its 9-1-1 dispatch system through the Enhanced 9-1-1 Project. The project, initiated in January 2001 and slated to be operational by July 2004, will ensure effective, immediate, emergency response to the citizens of Anchorage.

In order for this and other 9-1-1 systems to function cost-effectively and the exact location of all callers to be transmitted automatically, APD requests updates to several Alaska Statutes related to 9-1-1 and emergency call-taking services. The specific areas for consideration by this legislative session include:

- An increase in wire line 9-1-1 surcharge;
- An increase in wireless 9-1-1 surcharge and providing for wireless 9-1-1 cost recovery;
- A new requirement to provide automatic location information from callers using private branch exchanges (PBX);
- Provisions for the collection of 9-1-1 surcharges from pre-paid wireless accounts;
- Authorization for Regulatory Commission of Alaska participation in 9-1-1 systems statewide.

Legislation incorporating these changes will be drafted in coordination with affected jurisdictions statewide.

These changes, endorsed by the Alaska chapter of the National Emergency Number Association (NENA), will allow for better delivery of 9-1-1 emergency call-taking service in Anchorage and statewide. As a result of these changes, 9-1-1 and state emergency call-taking services will be adequately funded, public safety agencies will be able to respond more rapidly to facilities using private exchange services (PBX), pre-paid wireless subscribers will no longer be exempt from emergency surcharges, and Alaska will become eligible to receive federal emergency communication funding.

Here are further details about these proposals:

Revision to Statutes for 9-1-1 Surcharge. Currently, Alaska Statutes restrict 9-1-1 surcharges for the Municipality of Anchorage to 50 cents per subscriber. The recent 9-1-1 system contract between the Municipality and ACS will require the majority of surcharge revenues to be spent on technology, maintenance and 9-1-1 database charges. Additionally, the Municipality's Planning Department has identified a shortfall of \$235,000 annually to provide accurate and timely address information in support of the 9-1-1 program. The Municipality also lacks a 9-1-1 program manager to oversee the technical and fiscal aspects of the 9-1-1 system.

Revision to Statutes to Allow Collection of 9-1-1 Surcharges from Prepaid Wireless Accounts. 9-1-1 surcharges are collected with the monthly subscriber payments made to the wireless service providers. Pre-paid wireless subscribers do not remit any 9-1-1 surcharges. The requested change would allow local jurisdictions to impose a 9-1-1 surcharge based on the initial purchase price of the wireless service, rather than a fixed monthly base.

Revision to Statutes to Require Private Switch (PBX) 9-1-1 Automatic Location Information. Private telephone switches (PBX) do not provide accurate location information for 9-1-1 callers. PBX's are used in hospitals, hotels, schools, government and commercial enterprises. When a 9-1-1 call is made from one of these places, frequently the address provided to emergency responders is the "headquarters" location, not the caller's true location. Peripheral database computers can be purchased by PBX owners, but there is no statutory requirement to do so.

Revision to Statutes for State Participation in 9-1-1. Bills currently under consideration in the U.S. Congress provide matching funds of \$100 million to \$500 million for the implementation of 9-1-1. To qualify to receive these funds, Alaska needs a 9-1-1 point of contact to certify how grant funds would be used. The State of Alaska needs to designate an entity as the State's point of contact, and meet the congressional requirements to obtain a share of these funds.

POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:

Community Council: Area-wide
Assembly Section: All
Legislative District(s):
House: 16-32
Senate: I-P

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LEGISLATION

ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Improve Public Safety with Graduated Driver Licensing
ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Legislation
PRIORITY: 3

ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The GDL is about helping parents prepare their children for driving because we know that a teenager is more likely to die in a car crash than any other cause. A new sixteen year old driver with quick and easy driving privileges has the highest risk of crashing the first month of driving; almost three times higher than the risk of older teenagers.

Under supervision, teens have very few crashes or citations. Studies show that a staged licensing system buys time for teens to practice driving with limitations and within six months their crash rate drops by 40%. The findings suggest that novices can improve their driving in a relatively short period of time in a phased in driving system.

Graduated Driver Licensing is identified as an effective method in 38 US states and the District of Columbia, where new drivers learn in 3 stages; supervised learner's period, an intermediate licensing phase that permits unsupervised driving with a limited number of passengers and nighttime driving hours reduced. A full privilege license is issued after the first two stages are met.

Parents, nationwide, favor graduated licensing. Since the first GDL was passed in Florida, 1996, surveys showed 70-95% support for mandatory period of supervised driving, 90% favored night time limits, and 60% favored limiting the number of passengers. In states that have passed the GDL, fatal crashes have decreased 58-75% depending on the number of stages and to what degree driving limits were included.

HB 213 addresses the issue of Graduated Driver Licensing and can be viewed at: http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get_fulltext.asp?session=23&bill=HB213

POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:

Community Council: Area-wide
Assembly Section: All
Legislative District(s):
House: 16-32
Senate: I-P

CONTACT PERSON: Beverly Wooley, Director, Dept of Health & Human Services,
343-6300

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LEGISLATION**

ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Fund Denali Kid Care at 200% poverty
ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Legislation
PRIORITY: 4
ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Denali Kid Care was designed to provide coverage to "targeted low-income children." A "targeted low-income child" is one who resides in a family with income below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) or whose family has an income 50% higher than the state's Medicaid eligibility threshold. Some low-income pregnant women are covered. SB 105 lowered the eligibility to 175% income level eliminating poor working families from health care. SB 105 further placed a fixed dollar amount into statute and eliminates inflation proofing of eligibility levels, so each year a larger percentage of people will be ineligible for Medicaid.
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Areawide Assembly Section: All Legislative District(s): House: 16-32 Senate: I-P CONTACT PERSON: Beverly Wooley, Director, Dept of Health & Human Services, 343-6300

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LEGISLATION**

ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Improve Access to Health Care
ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Legislation
PRIORITY: 5
ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Municipality of Anchorage supports passage of HB 260 as introduced - "An Act relating to immunity for free health care services provided by certain health care providers; and providing for an effective date" and may be known as the "Volunteer Health Care Provider Immunity Act of 2003". This bill would provide liability protection for a health care provider who provides health care services to another person voluntarily and without pay. Without this civil liability protection it will be almost impossible for the Anchorage Access to Health Care Coalition to implement a volunteer provider network, which is slated to begin in 2005, to increase access to health care services to low income, medically underserved individuals in Anchorage. Currently approximately 10% of children and 14% of adults in Anchorage lack health insurance.
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Areawide Assembly Section: All Legislative District(s): House: 16-32 Senate: I-P CONTACT PERSON: Beverly Wooley, Director, Dept of Health & Human Services, 343-6300

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Strengthen Restraining Orders for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Legislation
PRIORITY: 6
ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Under current law a victim of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault must continuously seek a Protective Order every six months, because of the current jurisdictional limit for Protective Orders. In an average court docket of twelve cases in which a victim seeks a protective order, as many as seven or eight petitioners have one or more prior filings. The impact on APD and court resources is immense. Extending the time of a Protective Order from six months to one year or eighteen months would have a positive impact on the community and public safety resources and increase victim safety.
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Areawide Assembly Section: All Legislative District(s): House: 16-32 Senate: I-P CONTACT PERSON: Beverly Wooley, Director, Dept of Health & Human Services, 343-6300

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Screen Newborn for Hearing Ability
ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Legislation
PRIORITY: 7
ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Hearing impairment is the most common disability in newborns, impacting 2-3 children out of every thousand. Identified early, these children will not be left behind during the most critical period for speech and language development: birth to 3 years of age. As introduced, HB 108 offers an important first step in providing newborn hearing loss screening. Families need to receive appropriate information and services following newborn hearing screening and to have their children begin receiving intervention services by six months of age. It is also critical the team working with the child measure the impact. The cost of providing this exam is estimated at no more than \$50. All licensed birthing facilities in the State have the necessary equipment to perform the exam.
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Areawide Assembly Section: All Legislative District(s): House: 16-32 Senate: I-P CONTACT PERSON: Beverly Wooley, Director, Dept of Health & Human Services, 343-6300

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Upgrade Anchorage-Kenai Transmission System (Southern Intertie)
ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Legislation-Utility
PRIORITY: 8
ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Anchorage Municipal Light & Power supports using the remaining \$40 million appropriated by the State for the Southern Intertie to upgrade and/or refurbish the old 115 kVA line in the event additional financing is not forthcoming for the preferred route. Background: Reliable and adequate transmission line infrastructure is critical for a strong economy and quality of life. To provide for the growing needs of the Railbelt area, the 1983 Legislature appropriated \$47 million to strengthen the transmission link between Anchorage and Kenai by either upgrading the existing 115 kVA line or building a new line of higher capacity. The existing transmission line has a transfer capacity of only 70 MW and is in need of refurbishment. After eight years of study, a submarine cable under Turnagain Arm was identified as the preferred route. The project would cost far more than the \$40 million still available.
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Anchorage Assembly Section: All Legislative District(s): House: 16-32 Senate: I-P CONTACT PERSON: James Posey, General Manager, Anchorage Municipal Light & Power, 263-5202

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Authorize a Joint Action Agency for State Electric Infrastructure Assets
ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Legislation-Utility
PRIORITY: 9
ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Anchorage Municipal Light & Power strongly supports authorization of a Joint Action Agency as a new entity to share ownership and manage assets that may be transferred from the State of Alaska, Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority/Alaska Energy Authority (AIDEA/AEA). Background: AIDEA/AEA owns the Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project and Alaskan Intertie, which are currently managed and funded by the Railbelt utilities through the Intertie Operating Committee and the Bradley Lake Project Management Committee, respectively. AIDEA would like to divest itself of these projects to interested utilities in the Railbelt. Common ownership of these projects would be in the best interest of Railbelt utilities. Currently, it is not clear that a JAA composed of co-ops and utilities would be able to pursue tax-exempt bonding. We may need legislation to clarify such authority.
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Anchorage Assembly Section: All Legislative District(s): House: 16-32 Senate: I-P CONTACT PERSON: James Posey, General Manager, Anchorage Municipal Light & Power, 263-5202

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Establish Statewide Real Estate Transfer Price Data Collection
ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Legislation
PRIORITY: 10

ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Anchorage Assembly supports mandatory reporting of real estate sales price to the State. Alaska is one of few states that do not require reporting of real estate sale prices. There are several means used to gather these data, including real estate sale stamps, fees, and/or taxes.

Accuracy in property valuation is necessary for equitable taxation of property owners as required by State law. The State Assessor is responsible for reviewing assessed property value throughout the state. Uniform collection of real estate sale price data throughout the state will result in equity in price estimations and comparisons. Therefore, collection of real estate sale prices is best mandated by the State rather than individual municipalities.

POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:

Community Council: Anchorage
Assembly Section: All
Legislative District(s):
House: 18-32
Senate: 1-P

CONTACT PERSON: Jeffrey E. Sinz, Chief Financial Officer, 343-6619

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Public Health Nursing Services	
ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Operating Grant	
STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$1,310,500	
LOCAL MATCH: N/A	
PRIORITY: 1	
ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This is a request to support funds in the State of Alaska, Division of Public Health Budget, Public Health RDU (Results Delivery Unit), Nursing Component, Community Health Nursing Grant line at the state fiscal year 2004 level of \$1,310,500. This budget line funds \$960,814 for the Community Health Nursing grant to the Municipality of Anchorage Department of Health and Human Services and \$349,686 for a public health grant to the North Slope Borough. Full funding for the Community Health Nursing Grant is critical to maintain the current level of core public health services in the Municipality of Anchorage including: Prevention of vaccine preventable diseases via immunizations. Control of communicable diseases such as Tuberculosis, Hepatitis, Salmonella, and SARS via epidemiological investigations, and disease detection and treatment. Prevention and control of future disease outbreaks via active disease surveillance, assessment and response within the community	
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Areawide Assembly Section: 9 Legislative District(s): House: 16-32 Senate: I-P CONTACT PERSON: Beverly Wooley, Director, Dept of Health & Human Services, 343-6300	

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Human Services Matching Grant ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Operating Grant STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$1,218,000 LOCAL MATCH: \$270,000 PRIORITY: 2	
ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State of Alaska Human Services Community Matching Grant funds allow the Municipality of Anchorage, Department of Health and Human Services to award grants to local non-profit organizations to provide health and human services within the geographic boundaries of the Municipality of Anchorage. Services provided include basic provision of food; basic provision of temporary/emergency shelter and related services; health support services; or, protective legal services for children and adults in need. Persons needing these human services would suffer serious mental or physical hardship if they were discontinued. This request would restore grant funding at the state fiscal year 2003 level. The award amount the Municipality of Anchorage, Department of Health and Human Services has received has declined significantly from \$1,304,844 in state fiscal year 2002 to \$780,300 in state fiscal year 2004.	
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Areawide Assembly Section: 9 Legislative District(s): House: 16-32 Senate: I-P CONTACT PERSON: Beverly Wooley, Director, Dept of Health & Human Services, 343-6300	

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Intervention for Anchorage's Chronic Public Inebriate ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Operating Grant STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$1,500,000 LOCAL MATCH: None PRIORITY: 3	
ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Municipality of Anchorage is seeking assistance from the Department of Health and Social Services to fund the Pathways to Sobriety Project. This project is a partnership between the Municipal Department of Health and Human Services, Cook Inlet Tribal Council, and the Anchorage Downtown Partnership which bridge Anchorage's chronic public inebriates into detoxification, treatment and permanent housing. A total of 150 clients will be engaged, with a total of 50 successful persons who expect to lead a life of sobriety and productivity. The requested total will complement a request at the federal level. A total of \$1.5 million is requested for 1 ½ years.	
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Areawide Assembly Section: 9 Legislative District(s): House: 16-32 Senate: I-P CONTACT PERSON: Beverly Wooley, Director, Dept of Health & Human Services, 343-6300	

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Assisting Homeless and Near-Homeless Families and Individuals	
ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Operating Grant	
STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$75,000	
LOCAL MATCH: None	
PRIORITY: 4	
ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Municipality is seeking funds to assist homeless and near-homeless persons with rental and security deposits and rental arrears. This will reduce the number of families having to seek emergency shelter, as well as reduce the mobility of children to new schools for the school year. This is an average of \$500 per household. Statistics so far of the homeless, indicate the population which will benefit the greatest are women with children, or single parents with children. This assistance will help the health and well-being of families and communities in Anchorage. A total of \$75,000 is requested to assist approximately 150 households over 1 1/4 years.	
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Areawide Assembly Section: 9 Legislative District(s): House: 16-32 Senate: I-P CONTACT PERSON: Beverly Wooley, Director, Dept of Health & Human Services, 343-6300	

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Homeless Management Information Systems	
ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Operating Grant	
STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$500,000	
LOCAL MATCH: N/A	
PRIORITY: 5	
ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is requiring all communities receiving federal departmental dollars to establish a homeless management information data system that identifies trends and gaps in services for the homeless, and maintains a current count of individuals who receive services. This data management system can help the Municipality seek additional federal dollars to support homeless persons and families. The monies will also help to establish a system of service between local non-profit and state agencies which are currently not linked electronically to manage a data base. Total request to the Alaska Housing and Finance Corporation is \$500,000.	
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Areawide Assembly Section: 9 Legislative District(s): House: 16-32 Senate: I-P CONTACT PERSON: Beverly Wooley, Director, Dept of Health & Human Services, 343-6300	

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Senior Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan for the Municipality of Anchorage
ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Operating Grant
STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$100,000
LOCAL MATCH: N/A
PRIORITY: 6
ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Given the growing number of seniors in the Municipality of Anchorage, it would be prudent to conduct a full needs assessment, followed by a strategic plan to address the findings. The needs assessment would provide the foundation for the strategic plan, which in turn would act as a blueprint for services. The Municipality of Anchorage provided for a preliminary "senior study" 5 years ago. Although the document has been useful as a springboard of discussion over the last several years, its limited scope has prevented it from being an adequate foundation on which to build a strategic plan for aging services. As the Municipality of Anchorage is Alaska's largest jurisdiction, the findings of the needs assessment and the recommendations of the strategic plan would be of use to the entire state in overall planning for senior services. Done correctly, both the needs assessment and the strategic plan could put Alaska far ahead of other states in its ability to deal with aging issues proactively. A total of \$100,000 is requested.
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Areawide Assembly Section: 9 Legislative District(s): House: 16-32 Senate: I-P CONTACT PERSON: Beverly Wooley, Director, Dept of Health & Human Services, 343-6300

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Senior Information and Referral Services
ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Operating Grant
STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$125,000
LOCAL MATCH: N/A
PRIORITY: 7
ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: There is little coordination between entities that provide services to seniors in the Municipality. Multiple non-profit social service organizations concentrate on specific needs, but often do not engage in active case management with one another. This leads to a hodge-podge of services and no central source of information and referral for seniors and their families. Currently, the Anchorage Senior Center has one (1) part-time position funded through the Older Americans Act. This is insufficient to meet the growing needs of the senior population of the Municipality. Ongoing operational funds to make this position full time would enable greater coordination between senior agencies. It would also make it possible to staff a "senior information & assistance" telephone line located at the Anchorage Senior Center. This ability would facilitate seniors and their families' access to a single point of entry into aging services. A total of \$125,000 (approximately \$60,000 Yearly Operational and a 1 time \$65,000 cost to upgrade existing communications at the Anchorage Senior Center) is requested.
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Areawide Assembly Section: 9 Legislative District(s): House: 16-32 Senate: I-P CONTACT PERSON: Beverly Wooley, Director, Dept of Health & Human Services, 343-6300

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Limited Senior Transportation (Fixed Community Route)

ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Operating Grant

STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$135,000

LOCAL MATCH: N/A

PRIORITY: 9

ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

As in other parts of the country, transportation continues to be an issue for many seniors in the Municipality of Anchorage. Alaska's severe weather only exacerbates the potential problems. Current transportation options for seniors who do not have access to a vehicle or a safe bus stop, are limited primarily to medical and grocery-shopping trips provided by the AnchorRides system. As in most parts of the United States, the Municipality's paratransit system is well-meaning, but cumbersome.

Keeping seniors engaged in their communities requires building an accessible transportation system that includes options for social activities. These are just as critical to the health and well-being of seniors as food and doctor's visits. It is also a way to tap the resource potential of senior volunteerism to an extent that has not been fully exploited to date.

A one-year pilot program providing one passenger van and one driver would allow enough time to evaluate both the effectiveness of the program for seniors and for the community at large. A total of \$135,000 is requested for a one (1) year pilot.

POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:

Community Council: Areawide

Assembly Section: 9

Legislative District(s):

House: 16-32

Senate: I-P

CONTACT PERSON: Beverly Wooley, Director, Dept of Health & Human Services,
343-6300

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3	Abbott Loop Road Upgrade - 68th Avenue to Abbott Road (State Bond Proposal)	\$15,000,000	4 - 3
4	Anchorage Museum of History and Art - Expansion	\$15,000,000	4 - 4
5	Jewel Lake Road and Strawberry Road Signalization	\$1,300,000	4 - 5
6	Eagle River/Chugiak Road and Drainage Rehab	\$700,000	4 - 6
7	88th Avenue Upgrade - Toloff Street to Lake Otis Parkway	\$250,000	4 - 7
8	Port Intermodal Expansion Project	\$431,000	4 - 8
9	Planning & Development of Hillside District Plan	\$500,000	4 - 9
10	Girdwood Road Service Area Road and Drainage System	\$70,000	4 - 10
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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Dowling Road Extension/Reconstruction – Minnesota Dr to Old Seward Highway (State Bond Proposal) ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: New Road STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$25,000,000 LOCAL MATCH: None PRIORITY: 1	ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project would reconstruct and extend Dowling Road, a major arterial, from Old Seward Highway west to meet Raspberry Road and the Minnesota/Raspberry interchange, providing a needed east-west corridor from the Jewel Lake/Sand Lake area east to Lake Otis Boulevard and ultimately, to Abbott Loop/Bragaw/Tudor area. (See project Dowling Road Extension-Laurel Street to Abbott Loop Road). Improvements are expected to include pavement, curbs, a bridge over Campbell Creek, storm drains, lighting, pedestrian facilities and landscaping. Preliminary engineering has been funded. Funding requested would provide for design, easement acquisition, utility relocation and construction.
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Taku Campbell Assembly Section: 3, 4 Legislative District(s): House: 25, 29 Senate: M, O CONTACT PERSON: Howard C. Holten, Municipal Engineer, 343-8109	

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GRANT REQUEST-CAPITAL BUDGET

ISSUE/PROJECT NAME:	Dowling Road Extension - Laurel Street to Abbott Loop Road (State Bond Proposal)
ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE:	New Road
STATE GRANT REQUEST:	\$10,250,000
LOCAL MATCH:	None
PRIORITY:	2
ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	This project would upgrade and extend Dowling Road from Laurel Street (just east of Lake Otis Boulevard) to meet Abbott Loop/Bragaw currently under development. This missing link would extend the Dowling east-west corridor east to Abbott Loop/Bragaw and thus to Tudor (north) or Abbott Road (south). Improvements are expected to include pavement, curbs, storm drains, lighting, pedestrian facilities and landscaping. Preliminary engineering has been funded. Funding requested would provide for design, easement acquisition, utility relocation and construction.
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:	Community Council: Abbott Loop Assembly Section: 4 Legislative District(s): House: 24, 30 Senate: L, O
CONTACT PERSON:	Howard C. Holtan, Municipal Engineer, 343-8109

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GRANT REQUEST-CAPITAL BUDGET

ISSUE/PROJECT NAME:	Abbott Loop Road Upgrade - 68th Avenue to Abbott Road (State Bond Proposal)
ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE:	Road Improvement
STATE GRANT REQUEST:	\$15,000,000
LOCAL MATCH:	None
PRIORITY:	3
ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	This project would upgrade an arterial, Abbott Loop Road, to include pavement, curbs, storm drains, lighting, pedestrian facilities and landscaping. Design is funded and underway for this state route. Requested funding would insure that this segment of this north/south arterial is constructed to meet projected transportation needs resulting from connection of Abbott Road (south) with Tudor Road (north).
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:	Community Council: Abbott Loop Assembly Section: 4 Legislative District(s): House: 30 Senate: O
CONTACT PERSON:	Howard C. Holtan, Municipal Engineer, 343-8109

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Anchorage Museum of History and Art -Expansion ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Facility construction STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$15,000,000 LOCAL MATCH: \$26,000 PRIORITY: 4	
ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Build an addition and renovate the present facility, install/build exhibitions, add new spaces for science galleries: Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History Arctic Studies Center, the Imagination, and expanded art and history galleries. This project will be jointly funded in partnership with private, state and federal funds. In 2003, a \$5,000,000 State grant was received, funded with State General Obligation bonds approved by voters and sold in 2003. This project will be jointly funded with private, state and federal funds. Total project funding is estimated at \$86,000.	
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Anchorage Area-wide Assembly Section: All Legislative District(s): House: 16-32 Senate: I-P CONTACT PERSON: Patricia Wolf, Director, Anchorage Museum of History and Art	

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Jewel Lake Road and Strawberry Road Signalization ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: New Construction-Traffic Signalization STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$1,300,000 LOCAL MATCH: \$5,411,000 PRIORITY: 5	
ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Traffic studies for the Strawberry Road Upgrade project indicate that a signal is needed at the Jewel Lake Road Intersection. Jewel Lake Road is a state owned facility and state grant funding is needed. If the Strawberry Road Upgrade design is not completed in time for 2004 construction, the option of 2004 delivery of the signal improvements is being pursued.	
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Sand Lake Assembly Section: 3 Legislative District(s): House: 27 Senate: N CONTACT PERSON: Howard C. Holian, Municipal Engineer, 343-8109	

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Eagle River/Chugiak Road and Drainage Rehab ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Road Improvements STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$700,000 LOCAL MATCH: \$920,000 PRIORITY: 6	ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project would reconstruct and upgrade local roads within the Chugiak Birchwood Eagle River Rural Road Service Area (CBERRRSA). The local road board would identify specific projects. Many existing roads within the CBERRRSA are unpaved and require extensive maintenance effort to control dust, remove ice, and address drainage. The primary focus of funded projects will be maintenance reduction and service improvement. This funding request is part of an ongoing program to address road and drainage needs in House Districts 16, 17, 18 & 32. Funding requested would be used for design and construction of roadway projects in calendar year 2004 and 2005. This grant request would be combined with \$380,000 in local road service area funds for a 2004 funding total of approximately \$1,620,000.
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Eagle River, South Fork, Eagle River Valley, Chugiak, Birchwood, Eklutna Valley Assembly Section: 2 Legislative District(s): 16 17 18 32 House: H, I, P Senate: H, I, P CONTACT PERSON: Howard C. Holtan, Municipal Engineer, 343-8109	

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: 88th Avenue Upgrade - Toloff Street to Lake Otis Parkway ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Road Improvement STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$250,000 LOCAL MATCH: \$500,000 PRIORITY: 7	ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: PM&E is developing a pavement rehab project on Lake Otis Parkway between 68th Avenue and Abbott Road, with construction planned in 2006 with AMATS funding. This project includes some intersection work at 88th Avenue and construction funding for 88th Avenue, west to Toloff Street, has been proposed in the draft AMATS 2004-2006 TIP. State grant funding for design is required to deliver this in conjunction with the pavement rehab project.
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Abbott Loop Assembly Section: 4 Legislative District(s): House: 29 Senate: O CONTACT PERSON: Howard C. Holtan, Municipal Engineer, 343-8109	

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME:	Planning & Development of Hillside District Plan
ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE:	Study
STATE GRANT REQUEST:	\$500,000
LOCAL MATCH:	None
PRIORITY:	9
ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	This project will provide planning for road and infrastructure development. Planning funding is proposed for 2004.
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:	Community Council: Abbott Loop, Basher, Bear Valley, Glen Alps, Hillside East, Huffman/O'Walley, Mkd-Hillside, Rabbit Creek, Assembly Section: 6 Legislative District(s): 30 31 32 House: O, P Senate: O, P
CONTACT PERSON:	Howard C. Holtan, Municipal Engineer, 343-8109

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Girdwood Road Service Area Road and Drainage System ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Road Improvements STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$70,000 LOCAL MATCH: \$30,000 PRIORITY: 10	ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project would reconstruct and upgrade local roads within the Girdwood Road Service Area. The Girdwood Valley Board of Supervisors will identify specific projects. Many existing roads in Girdwood are unpaved and require extensive maintenance to control dust, remove ice, and address drainage. The primary objective of this funding request is maintenance reduction and service improvement. The project is part of an ongoing \$100,000 annual program to address road and drainage needs in Girdwood. Funding requested would be used for design and construction of roadway projects in calendar years 2004 and 2005. This grant request would be combined with \$30,000 in local Road Service Area funds for a 2004 funding total of approximately \$100,000.
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Girdwood Valley Assembly Section: 6 Legislative District(s): House: 32 Senate: P CONTACT PERSON: Howard C. Holtan, Municipal Engineer, 343-8109	

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Intersection Safety Improvements ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Road Safety Improvements STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$560,000 LOCAL MATCH: \$500,000 PRIORITY: 11	ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project would construct priority intersection safety improvements. Project locations are those identified in the Highway Safety Improvement Program of the State Department of Transportation & Public Facilities. Locations proposed for 2004 safety improvements include Alaska Railroad Crossing Upgrades at 100th Avenue, 104th Avenue, and 120th Avenue. Design and construction funding is proposed annually.
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Bayshore/Klatt Assembly Section: 6 Legislative District(s): House: 29 31 Senate: O, P CONTACT PERSON: Howard C. Holtan, Municipal Engineer, 343-8109	

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Girdwood Forest Fair Park ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Facility Improvement STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$80,000 LOCAL MATCH: None PRIORITY: 12
ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Site design, replace and upgrade play equipment, upgrade turf areas, upgrade parking.
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Girdwood Valley Assembly Section: 6 Legislative District(s): House: 32 Senate: 1 CONTACT PERSON: Carolyn Bloom, Administrative Officer, Parks & Beautification 343-4501

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Girdwood Iditarod Trail Upgrades ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Trail facilities design and construction STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$200,000 LOCAL MATCH: None PRIORITY: 13
ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Make trail improvements to the Iditarod Trail segment running through Girdwood Valley.
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Girdwood Valley Assembly Section: 6 Legislative District(s): House: 32 Senate: 1 CONTACT PERSON: Carolyn Bloom, Administrative Officer, Parks & Beautification 343-4501

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Hillside Limited Road Service Areas (LRSA) Road and Drainage System Rehabilitation

ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Road Improvements

STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$140,000

LOCAL MATCH: \$60,000

PRIORITY: 14

ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project would reconstruct and upgrade local roads within Limited Road Service Areas (LRSA's) on the Hillside in south Anchorage. Funding would be made available to LRSAs submitting requests and providing the required local match. The LRSA road boards will identify specific projects.

Many existing roads on the Hillside are within LRSA's but remain unpaved and require extensive maintenance effort to control dust, remove ice, and address drainage. The primary objective of this funding request will be maintenance reduction and service improvement. The projects proposed are part of an on-going \$200,000 annual program to address road and drainage needs on the Hillside.

Funding requested would be used to fund design and construction of roadway projects in calendar years 2004 and 2005.

This grant request would be combined with \$60,000 in local road service area funds for a 2004 funding total of approximately \$200,000.

POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:

Community Council:

Bear Valley, Rabbit Creek, Glen Alps, Huffman/O'Malley, Hillside, Hillside East, Abbott Loop

Assembly Section:

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Legislative District(s):

House: 30 31 32

Senate: O, P

CONTACT PERSON:

Howard C. Hollan, Municipal Engineer, 343-8109

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Continue state funding for the required match for Federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality programs

ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Legislation

STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$323,000

LOCAL MATCH: \$2,907,000

PRIORITY: 15

ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Anchorage is considered an air quality "non-attainment" city. The Federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) program is therefore a critical program. Anchorage places significant emphasis on public transportation and transit-related program/projects to mitigate its congestion and air quality problems. CMAQ programs require a 10% match for Federal funds, which has historically been provided by the State of Alaska. (SOA). When SOA released the current State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), funding was not included for the match for CMAQ programs. The following 2004 Transit programs were affected:

Transit Centers/Facilities (\$1 M) – This project supports ongoing efforts to provide major transit facilities. With changing travel patterns in the Anchorage area, the need for local transit hubs has increased. Hubs provide safe, convenient centers for bus riders to transfer between buses, eliminate the need to travel to the downtown bus accommodation center, and reduce travel time. Delivery of public transportation services enhanced by transit centers will encourage neighborhood "feeder service". This service would bring passengers directly to buses from major employment locations.

Transit Operations Expansion (\$1.47 M) – This is the most critical item because it includes the route expansion initiated in July 2003, which includes service to Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, and the proposed service expansions to Eagle River and the Hillside in 2004. Because this is an operating expense, we cannot bond for the match.

Youth Employment Program (\$150 K) – This program complements the Transit Enhancement Program, which plans and implements bus stop improvements. This program provides valuable work experience for youth aged 16-21 and includes landscaping, snow removal in the winter months, and maintenance and installation of bus stop furniture and other shelter improvements.

POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:

Community Council: Anchorage

Assembly Section: All

Legislative District(s):

House: 16-32

Senate: I-P

CONTACT PERSON: Thomas Willson II, Director, Public Transportation; 343-8484

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Radio Communications Upgrade

ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Equipment

STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$1,300,000

LOCAL MATCH: None

PRIORITY: 16

ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Municipality of Anchorage is a cooperative partner of the Alaska Land Mobile Radio (ALMR) Project. The goal of ALMR is to create communication partnerships across federal, state and local jurisdictions to build and manage an interoperable land mobile radio system in Alaska. This system will provide immediate, on demand, secure capable radio communications for public safety and emergency response professionals from all levels of government within the state in conducting day to day, mutual aid and homeland security activities.

The ALMR is part of a national, federal initiative.

The Municipality of Anchorage is migrating to ALMR and expects to be fully integrated with the Project 25 standards based system by 2007. An upgrade of all municipal portable radios is necessary to complete this project in order to meet our 2007 ALMR integration.

Projected total cost for replacement ALMR compatible (Project 25/TIA 102 standard) radios is approximately \$9M. Migration to these radios should begin in 2004 and is dependent on adequate funding. Projected costs per replacement radio will average \$2,500 per unit with necessary accessories.

	2004 Request	2005 Request	2006 Request
APD	\$250,000 (100 radios)	\$250,000 (100 radios)	\$500,000 (200 radios)
AFD	\$250,000 (100 radios)	\$250,000 (100 radios)	\$375,000 (150 radios)
DHHS	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transit	\$250,000 (100 radios)	\$125,000 (50 radios)	\$0
EOC	\$50,000 (20 radios)	\$50,000 (20 radios)	\$50,000 (20 radios)
Maint.	\$125,000 (50 radios)	\$125,000 (50 radios)	\$125,000 (50 radios)
ASD	\$125,000 (50 radios)	\$125,000 (50 radios)	\$125,000 (50 radios)
TOTALS:	\$1,300,000	\$925,000	\$1,175,000

Alternate sources of funding will be sought to complete the fleet of radios. State support as requested above would represent approximately 60% of our total costs for replacement portable and mobile radios required for ALMR migration.

POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:

Community Council: Areawide

Assembly Section: All

Legislative District(s):

House: 17-32

Senate: I-P

CONTACT PERSON: Heather Handyside, Emergency Planning, 343-4546

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Lower Fire Lake Dam

ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Reconstruction

STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$400,000

LOCAL MATCH: None

PRIORITY: 17

ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Needs analysis/design has been funded by the State of Alaska. The requested grant would fund restoration of the dam in 2004.

POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:

Community Council: Eagle River, South Fork, Eagle River Valley, Chugiak, Birchwood, Eklutna Valley

Assembly Section: 2

Legislative District(s):

House: 18

Senate: 1

CONTACT PERSON: Howard C. Holian, Municipal Engineer, 343-8109

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Lower Hillside Area Storm Drainage ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Drainage Improvements STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$70,000 LOCAL MATCH: \$30,000 PRIORITY: 18	
ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project consists of design and/or construction of drainage improvements identified in the Hillside Drainage Study. Improvements are expected to include culvert installation and replacement, ditching, and storm drain installation. The Hillside Drainage Study was funded to examine drainage patterns and problems in the Lower Hillside Area of Anchorage (approximate study area boundaries are: North boundary-Abbott Road; South boundary-Rabbit Creek/Clarks Road; East boundary-Top of Hillside; West boundary-Abbott Loop/Bragaw/Elmore Road). The completed study identified existing problems, explored options and identified solutions. Total cost of proposed solutions is approximately \$1 million. Funding to complete the proposed projects will continue to be requested annually. The requested SFY 2005 funding is part of the on-going program to address the drainage needs of the Lower Hillside area. Funding requested will be used for design and construction in 2004 and 2005. This grant request would be combined with \$30,000 in Limited Road Service Area funds for a 2004 funding total of approximately \$100,000.	
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Huffman-O'Malley, Mid-Hillside, Rabbit Creek Assembly Section: 6 Legislative District(s): House: 30 31 32 Senate: O, P CONTACT PERSON: Howard C. Holtan, Municipal Engineer, 343-8109	

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Northern Lights Blvd Sound Barrier Fence - Seward Hwy To Lake Otis Parkway ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Roadway enhancement STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$600,000 LOCAL MATCH: None PRIORITY: 19	
ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project will construct a sound barrier fence. Design and construction funding is proposed for 2004. Specific details on the fence design and location will be determined through the public involvement element of the design process.	
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Rogers Park Assembly Section: 4 Legislative District(s): House: 23 Senate: L CONTACT PERSON: Howard C. Holtan, Municipal Engineer, 343-8109	

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Pintail at Huffman-Intersection Safety	
ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Safety Improvements	
STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$450,000	
LOCAL MATCH: None	PRIORITY: 20
ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project would construct intersection safety improvements. Pintail Street is the primary access route for a large private school. The high volume of turning movements on Huffman Road related to school traffic raises safety concerns. Design has been funded by 2001 State grant. Construction funding is proposed for 2004.	
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Huffman-O'Malley Assembly Section: 6 Legislative District(s): House: 31 Senate: J CONTACT PERSON: Howard C. Holtan, Municipal Engineer, 343-8109	

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Raspberry Road Extension-Minnesota Drive to Rovenna Street	
ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Road Improvements	
STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$1,300,000	
LOCAL MATCH: \$1,550,000	PRIORITY: 21
ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This minor arterial is a missing transportation link and the municipality plans to construct the Rovenna Street to Arctic Boulevard link in 2004. Construction funding for the state's larger project to connect Raspberry Road to Dowling Road in this area is not expected before 2010. In 2003, the project was a high priority in our 70/30 program which has been discontinued.	
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Taku-Campbell; Sand Lake Assembly Section: 3 Legislative District(s): House: 25 27 Senate: M, N CONTACT PERSON: Howard C. Holtan, Municipal Engineer, 343-8109	

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Westside District Plan ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Study STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$500,000 LOCAL MATCH: None PRIORITY: 22	ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project will provide planning for road and infrastructure development in the areas of Sand Lake, Spenard, and Turnagain Community Councils. Planning funding is proposed for 2004.
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Sand Lake, Spenard, Turnagain Assembly Section: 3 Legislative District(s): House: 25-27 Senate: M, N CONTACT PERSON: Howard C. Holtan, Municipal Engineer, 343-8109	

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Johns Road Park Acquisition at Coast ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Park Acquisition STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$500,000 LOCAL MATCH: None PRIORITY: 23	ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Acquire neighborhood and greenbelt park. Acquire parkland on the south coastal bluff at the end of Johns Road.
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Bayshore/Klatt Assembly Section: 6 Legislative District(s): House: 28 Senate: N CONTACT PERSON: Carolyn Bloom, Administrative Officer, Parks & Beautification 343-4501	

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ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Girdwood Bike Trail/Walkway ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Trail facilities design and construction STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$1,500,000 LOCAL MATCH: None PRIORITY: 24
ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Rehabilitate existing bike trail that parallels Alyeska Highway from Seward Highway to Arlberg Road and construct underpass.
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Community Council: Girdwood Valley Assembly Section: 6 Legislative District(s): House: 32 Senate: 1 CONTACT PERSON: Carolyn Bloom, Administrative Officer, Parks & Beautification 343-4501