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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR NO. 2011-295

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2012 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE
MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE.**

WHEREAS, with nearly half the State's population, Anchorage is the business and transportation hub for Alaska, and what happens in Anchorage effects much of the rest of Alaska, from expansion of the Port of Anchorage to rehabilitation of Project '80s buildings; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage recognizes its dominant role in Alaska's well-being and our citizens have invested millions of dollars in our city through local taxes to improve it for all Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage is grateful to its state legislative delegation for millions of dollars in assistance, including State Revenue Sharing, which we have leveraged to match local investments in improving transportation, commerce, public buildings, roads, and parks and recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage's infrastructure needs remain considerable; with congested roads, deteriorating public facilities, and population growth requiring additional public services; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage's 2012 capital budget needs have been identified through coordinated effort with Community Councils, members of the Assembly, discussions with State Legislators; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage has developed a Legislative Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY HEREBY RESOLVES:

Section 1. That the 2012 Municipality of Anchorage Legislative Program is adopted.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of
_____, 2011.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk

Municipality of Anchorage

2012 State Legislative Program

(State Fiscal Year 2013)

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Mayor Dan Sullivan

November 18, 2011

Dear Governor and Legislators,

It is my pleasure to present you with the Municipality of Anchorage 2012 Legislative Program. We have done our best this year to produce a more concise and readable document so that our priorities are easy to identify and our rationale for the projects and legislation is easily understood.

We understand there are many statewide needs and that you have tough decisions ahead of you. Our priorities are focused on basic infrastructure needs and public safety. Leading our list again this year is the Port of Anchorage expansion project. It is essential that the Anchorage port, that provides more than 80 percent of the goods that enter Alaska, complete its expansion as expeditiously as possible.

We are also seeking your support for our Project 80s facilities upgrades. They are all in need of modernization as they approach 30 years of age.

Road projects represent the majority of our requests, and we have identified the highest priority projects in each legislative district. Our goal is to improve transportation flow through greater connectivity and to maintain our existing road system.

We look forward to working with you in the months ahead. We are available to assist you if you need additional information. I plan on visiting with you in Juneau several times during the session. I truly appreciate all your hard work.

Sincerely,



Daniel A. Sullivan
Mayor

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Priority Capital Budget Requests

Port of Anchorage \$350,000,000

The requested funding is for a scaled back project that will complete the north-end of the Port, which will allow TOTE and Horizon, the main shippers, to safely berth and move cargo. A wet and dry barge dock will also be incorporated for new customers.

Since last legislative session the Municipality has worked diligently to make certain the Port expansion project is better managed and that the project scope accurately reflects the needs of its customers. To that end, the project has been redesigned with potential phases in the future. An oversight committee has been established to monitor construction with representation from the Municipality, the Port, Maritime Administration, and project contractors, which will help ensure quality assurance and quality control, keep costs contained, and construction schedule on track. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been engaged to review the project, including the design, and we are working with the Corps so they become the lead Federal agency managing the construction.

Project 80s Facilities\$17,383,000

» Loussac Library Repairs, Upgrades and Modernization \$1,800,000

The Loussac celebrated its 25-year anniversary in 2011 and the community is working on its vision for the Library's future. In the meantime the facility is in need of various repairs and upgrades that will help modernize it to meet the community's current needs, which includes repairs to the controls and security systems.

» Anchorage Museum – Alaska History Gallery Renovation (Phase I) \$5,000,000

The Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center is planning a major new 15,000 square-foot long-term exhibition that will tell the rich and diverse story of Alaska's history from pre-European contact to the present time. The current Alaska Gallery exhibition was opened in 1986, and for the past 25 years, has become Alaska's most visited museum gallery with nearly 2.5 million visitors during that time. However, the gallery has become static, dated, and is beginning to deteriorate in some areas.

The Museum completed a preliminary conceptual design for the new Alaska History Gallery as part of the museum expansion project, but the project was not included in the expansion budget. The estimated cost of the project is \$15 million, which is based on industry standard for projects of this scope (\$1,000 per square foot).

» Sullivan Arena Parking Lot Expansion and Building Upgrades \$5,190,000

Project will expand the arena parking lot by removing and replacing the North Kosinski baseball fields with an expanded parking lot that includes paving, a walkway to the arena, and lighting. Parking lot is undersized due to location of several high public use facilities

in close proximity. Kosinski baseball fields see limited use due to the development of the South Anchorage Sports Complex. Project also funds needed upgrades to HVAC and security systems.

» **Performing Arts Center Upgrades & Infrastructure Rehab \$2,100,000**

Funding will address needed upgrades to building lighting, heating controls and security systems.

» **Ben Boeke Ice Arena Upgrades \$200,000**

This facility is 28 years old. State funding is requested for capital renovations necessary to protect the State's original investment in this facility that has served Anchorage and Alaska so well. Fire and security systems are necessary for continued public safety. Exterior and interior renovations are necessary to protect the facility, and to insure a continued positive experience for building users. Various mechanical upgrades are necessary as original systems continue to age, leading to failure, and parts becoming obsolete.

» **Egan Center Upgrades \$1,000,000**

Repair or replace escalators and replace man-lift.

» **Dempsey Anderson Ice Arena Upgrade \$250,000**

The Dempsey Anderson Ice Arena is one of Anchorage's early sports venues. Now that the facility is 29 years old state funding is requested for capital renovations necessary to protect the State's original investment in the facility.

» **Fairview Recreation Center Upgrade \$643,000**

Requested funds will make much needed repairs and upgrades to the Fairview Rec Center, which is an asset to the Fairview community. Requested funds will do the following: make the facility ADA compliant (it was constructed before ADA requirements) (\$25,000); replacement of exterior windows and skylights, which will reduce heating costs (\$40,000); fire alarm panel replacement (\$55,000); furnace/heating upgrades to replace current boilers that are 50% efficient (\$328,000); HVAC system cleaning (\$79,000); provide combustion air in mechanical room (\$16,000); and repair/replacement of flooring (\$100,000).

» **Spenard Recreation Center Upgrades \$1,200,000**

The Spenard Recreation Center is 28 years old and its building systems are wearing out and becoming obsolete. It is a designated emergency shelter. Requested funds will replace the roof and make various code upgrades (\$800,000), and update and install a new boiler that will be dependable and efficient (\$400,000).

Ship Creek Pedestrian Improvements – North C Street to Dam \$4,000,000

This project will construct trails along Ship Creek and install fishing/viewing platforms, storm drain improvements, stairway access for fishermen, and plant vegetation for bank stabilization and water quality. In addition, interpretive signs and fishing access signs are planned. Funding is proposed as a combination of local road bonds, BOEMRE grants, and USCOE matching funds. A

federal grant application has been submitted. The project will likely be funded and constructed in two or three phases. Phase I has been funded with bonds and a BOEMRE grant. State grant funding is proposed for Phase II. Funding is also for master planning for Ship Creek development.

Police Training Center Roof Replacement. \$3,000,000

This is an important training facility for more than 20 state and local law enforcement agencies and organizations. The roof has met its expected life and is in need of replacement. The building also houses the Municipality's data center, which is in need of renovation in order to effectively meet the growing demands of both the Anchorage Police Department and other agencies.

Police In-Car Video/License Plate Recognition Project \$2,600,000

This is the second phase of upgrading in-car digital video in all marked patrol units and specialty response vehicles. The in-car video system will allow for the evidentiary video recording of traffic and other responded incidents. The License Plate Recognition System, that integrates to the video system, will actively search passing license plates for stolen or reason-to-locate vehicles.

South Anchorage Sports Park Facility – Phase I and II. \$4,000,000

Facility will enable year-round park usage in an area that has seen extensive residential growth and is underserved with public recreational opportunities. Phase I funding will provide for design, site preparation, and utility extension at the South Anchorage Sports Park. Phase II will include the construction of a public recreational facility with covered, multi-use athletic courts, restrooms, and concession area.

Transit Center Relocation \$2,500,000

Project will review and design a plan towards the implementation and relocation of the Downtown Transit Center for the future benefit and growth of Anchorage's People Mover's transit system. Project will include site investigation, route restructuring and opportunities for a transit oriented development.

Transportation Planning - University / Medical District \$1,000,000

Planning and preliminary design for additional access to Providence Hospital, University of Alaska Anchorage, and new UAA sports arena.

Capital Budget Requests Detail

Public Safety

Fire

Chugiak Volunteer Fire Departement Replace Water Tender \$400,000

Replace existing water tender, which has a failing pump and limited capacity. This tender was built in 1985 and is operated out of Chugiak Station 32. Replace with a new water tender with tank up to 3,000 gallons, a 1,250 gpm pump and portable tanks.

Land Acquisition for Fire Stations #3 and #9 \$2,000,000

The Municipality has been granted by the State of Alaska funding to construct four Fire Stations. The Municipality is in the process of selecting the sites to construct Fire Stations #3 and #9. Initial response time modeling indicates that the existing Fire Stations are not in the best locations to serve their communities. The original request for funding of these Stations did not consider the cost of acquiring land to build the new facilities. Approval of this request would permit the Municipality to purchase land as needed for these Stations or land for future Fire Stations in accordance with the AFD strategic plan.

Replace 911 Dispatch Center Furniture, Consoles and Workstations. \$250,000

The AFD Dispatch Center provides 911 & radio communications services to the fire department. There are currently five workstations in the center, which are approximately 12 years old. The existing workstations provide improved ergonomics. The replacement workstations would enhance ergonomics and also provide the ability to control environmental factors like reduce noise, improve task lighting, and more heating/cooling control for the user.

Replacement of Fire Engines: First Line Response \$700,000

The National Fire Protection Association recommends a 5-10 year lifespan on front line engines:

Engine 1, 2003, KME (Downtown Station #1)

Engine 3, 2003, KME (Airport Heights Road Fire Station #3)

Engine 5, 2003, KME (Spenard Road Fire Station #5)

Engine 4, 2005, KME (Tudor/McGuinness Fire Station #4)

Engine 6, 2005, KME (Patterson/Debarr Fire Station #6)

Replace Foam Tender. \$110,000

Replace foam tender.

Replacement Hurst/Auto Extrication Equipment \$35,000

Required replacement of worn pumps, shears, spreaders and hydraulic equipment.

Replacement of Water Tenders – Front Line Response Units \$650,000

AFD has a water tender replacement schedule that follows national standards for replacement of front line fire apparatus.

Replacement of Wildland Fire Response Apparatus \$400,000

Replacement of current fleet of wildland fire and remote area fire response apparatus includes modified heavy duty pickup truck with slide-in fire fighting units and mini-pumpers specifically designed to respond to wildland fires along an urban/forest interface where road access is often restricted.

Police

Indoor Range Targeting System Upgrades \$500,000

The current manual targeting system requires an instructor to manipulate individual target lanes to various yardage points in the single lane. Targets are locked in a shooter-facing position and no longer move. The proposed system would allow for computer programmable target scenarios including turning targets, shoot-no-shoot decisions, multiple targets in a single lane, and other scenarios designed to provide more realistic training in a stable and safe environment. One range officer could control this system from the firing line through a handheld device for course alterations to eliminate the probability of memory response to a given training scenario.

Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) Technology Refresh \$2,400,000

Funding would replace aged in-car laptops for marked patrol officers and expand MDT issue to Detective personnel, in an effort to keep pace with expanding technology requirements. The department deploys a total of 470 laptop computers with 40 units held as “hot spares” for replacement or periodic software enhancement rollouts. This project considers the replacement of 1/3 the total units each year.

Next Generation 911. \$935,000

Funding will provide communities with modern 911 services that meet citizen expectations such as graphic, geolocation, real-time text and other modern features. New capabilities include 911 calls from any networked device, faster delivery and more accurate information to responders.

Anchorage currently provides independent emergency dispatch services for the Police, Fire Departments and the Emergency Operations Center and are not integrated in any way. This system will be used to migrate all existing Anchorage 911 dispatch centers to a single consolidated operational model.

APD Expansion Phase I Outdoor Secure Storage..... \$3,800,000

This project addresses the relocation of the Police Department's Outdoor Secure Evidence Storage Lot and associated drainage/landscaping as outlined in the approved campus site expansion plan. The Outdoor Secure Storage Lot will be sized to accommodate a minimum of 300 vehicles and will be privacy-fenced to reduce the appearance impact to the neighboring park users. Drainage walls will be constructed to provide adequate remediation as identified in the approved wetlands permit.

APD Expansion Phase II Indoor Secure Storage \$12,500,000

This project addresses the construction of a police department Indoor Secure Evidence Storage and associated drainage/landscaping as outlined in the approved campus site expansion plan. The Indoor Secure Storage facility will be new construction of a 32,000 sq ft building designed to securely house large evidence items and department-owned mission-essential emergency response specialty vehicles and will be constructed in a manner to be aesthetically pleasing and privacy fenced to reduce the appearance impact to the neighboring park users. Drainage walls will be constructed to provide adequate remediation as identified in the approved wetlands permit.

APD Headquarters Roof Replacement. \$2,000,000

The roof is 27-years old and near the end of its useful life. Leaks have started to occur and replacement is necessary.

Southcentral Law Enforcement Tactical Range – (Phase II)..... TBD

During the 2011 legislative session this project received \$1.5 million for design, which currently is underway. As soon as it is designed, a cost estimate will be provided for Phase II. The range is part of the campus of the Arctic Public Safety Training Institute (PSTI). It will be a dedicated outdoor shooting facility with four individual ranges of different sizes to accommodate various types of firearms including long guns (rifles) and the simultaneous training of multiple agencies.

Transportation

Transit Fleet Expansion/Replacement \$75,000

This project continues the replacement and possible expansion of the 40' buses, vanpool and AnchorRIDES vehicles. An aging transit fleet increases maintenance costs. Replacement vehicles with environmentally-friendly vehicles result in lower maintenance cost, and improved rider safety benefits. This investment is highly cost effective over multiple years by providing alternatives to single occupancy commuting and ensure mobility and independence on our State's most vulnerable populations. Funding is matched by \$2 million in Federal funds and \$110,000 in local funds.

Public Library System

Library RFID Upgrade \$2,500,000

This project converts the library's current system for tracking and sorting materials from barcodes to Radio Frequency Identification (RFID), the system now used for theft-prevention by most major retailers. The project scope includes relabeling the entire library collection of over 710,000 materials, installing a sorting system and conducting electrical and technical upgrades to accommodate the new system, all of which will result in a more efficient system.

Library Materials. \$125,000

The funding requests below will allow each Library to purchase materials for their respective Neighborhood Library collections. The materials added to Anchorage Public Library (APL) not only benefit local users but add to the pool of resources available to library users statewide. The Anchorage Public Library loans over 1.6 million items per year to patrons in Anchorage and across the state.

Chugiak-Eagle River Library Materials	\$25,000
Girdwood Library Materials	\$25,000
Loussac Library Materials	\$25,000
Mountain View Library Materials	\$25,000
Muldoon Library Materials	\$25,000

Parks and Recreation

Anchorage Football Stadium Building, Turf Replacement \$1,500,000

The Anchorage Football Stadium is home to a variety of high school and community-sponsored football and soccer games. Players throughout the State of Alaska play on this field for a variety of athletic games and events. Part of the requested funds will replace the stadium's building, which has significant structural deficiencies and significant interior wall cracking from slab settlement. The necessary repairs and retrofit to bring the building into conformance with current code would cost more than a new building of the same size. Remedial repairs to the existing building will not address the significant seismic design deficiencies. The current artificial turf is at the end of its life and needs to be replaced and upgraded to the new industry standards to prevent athlete's against being injured due to the condition of the field's turf.

Campbell Creek Trail Surface and Safety Improvements \$150,000

Funds will be used to pay for design and construction costs required for trail resurfacing, signage, amenity upgrades, drainage improvements and safety upgrades.

Chester Creek Trail Surface and Safety Improvements \$150,000

Funds will be used to pay for design and construction costs required for trail resurfacing, signage, amenity upgrades, drainage improvements and safety upgrades.

Cuddy Family Midtown Park – Playground for All & Oval Rink Improvements . . \$250,000

The Playground for All and the speedskating oval rink are located in Cuddy Family Midtown Park. The goal of the project is to complete a new, safe, accessible, eco-friendly and low maintenance playground facility for children, toddler age through 12 years of age, that encourages physical fitness and development, social interaction, creative and cognitive growth and imaginative play. Funding would also go toward finishing the oval rink's lighting system, access and permanent storage projects.

Davis Park Athletic Field Upgrades \$500,000

Upgrade the Davis Park Little League field and multipurpose fields and related park amenities.

Delaney Park – Repair and Restore the Train to Safe Playground Use \$250,000

Funds will be used to restore Train Engine 556 located in Delaney Park to safe playground use. Municipal tax dollars are being used for asbestos abatement of Engine 556. New funds are need to restore the train to safe playground use to ensure that all Alaskan children are allowed to safely climb on and play in the train as generations have before them.

Downtown - Fairview Area Neighborhood Park – Safety Upgrades \$83,000

Funding will implement the comprehensive playground and neighborhood park upgrades as requested by Downtown and Fairview area park users and community councils. This multi-year funding request would be used to systematically complete neighborhood parks over the next six years and leverage private funding. The plan elements include the rehabilitation/replacement of existing facilities and the development of complementary park amenities to enhance the neighborhood park experience.

Elderberry Park Rehabilitation & Safety Upgrades. \$300,000

Funds will be used to pay for the design, engineering and construction expenses required for the rehabilitation of Elderberry Park.

Girdwood Town Site – Update Master Plan \$80,000

The Girdwood Valley Community has requested an update of the Townsite’s master plan.

Greenbelt Trail Bridge Rehabilitation – Fixing Or Replacing Failing Bridges . . . \$250,000

Funds from this grant would be combined with Anchorage Park Foundation dollars and municipal bonds to implement a multi-year, comprehensive repair program to address serious safety and security concerns on 250 miles of paved greenbelt trails. The plan elements will include the rehabilitation/replacement of existing trails and bridges, asphalt patching, resurfacing, amenity upgrades and signage/wayfinding. Funds will also be used to conduct a condition assessment to replace the current with energy efficient lights for the purpose of reducing energy consumption and light pollution.

Kincaid Park Outdoor Center – High And Low Ropes Challenge Course. . . . \$150,000

Funds will be used to pay for site selection, design, equipment, and installation of a challenge course in Kincaid Park Outdoor Center.

Loretta French Ball Fields Upgrades \$250,000

Funds will be used to upgrade Loretta French ball fields.

Mid-Town Anchorage Area Neighborhood Park – Safety Upgrades. \$88,000

Funding will implement the comprehensive playground and neighborhood park upgrades as requested by Mid-Town Anchorage area park users and community councils. This multi-year funding request would be used to systematically complete neighborhood parks over the next six years and leverage private funding. The plan elements will include the rehabilitation/replacement of existing facilities and the development of complementary park amenities to enhance the neighborhood park experience.

Northeast Anchorage – Skate Park. \$250,000

Funds will be used for planning, site selection, and designing a new skate and bike park in the northeast area of Anchorage.

Northeast Anchorage Area Neighborhood Park – Safety Upgrades \$83,000

Funding will implement the comprehensive playground and neighborhood park upgrades as requested by Northeast Anchorage area park users and community councils. This multi-year funding request would be used to systematically complete neighborhood parks over the next six years and leverage private funding. The plan elements will include the rehabilitation/replacement of existing facilities and the development of complementary park amenities to enhance the neighborhood park experience.

Rover's Run/Mellen's Way Reroute \$75,000

Funds will be used to reroute trail away from bear habitat and corridors. Current trail runs along the bear corridors resulting in frequent human to bear encounters.

Ruth Arcand Equestrian Trail \$25,000

Funds will be used rehabilitate trail.

Southwest Anchorage Area Neighborhood Park – Safety Upgrades \$83,000

Funding will implement the comprehensive playground and neighborhood park upgrades as requested by Southwest Anchorage area park users and community councils. This multi-year funding request would be used to systematically complete neighborhood parks over the next six years and leverage private funding. The plan elements will include the rehabilitation/replacement of existing facilities and the development of complementary park amenities to enhance the neighborhood park experience.

Spenard Area Neighborhood Park – Safety Upgrades \$83,000

Funding will implement the comprehensive playground and neighborhood park upgrades as requested by Spenard Area park users and community councils. This multi-year funding request would be used to systematically complete Spenard's neighborhood parks over the next six years and leverage private funding. The plan elements will include the rehabilitation/replacement of existing facilities and the development of complementary park amenities to enhance the neighborhood park experience.

Tony Knowles Coastal Trail Surface and Safety Improvements \$1,000,000

The Tony Knowles Coastal Trail was built in the 1980s and now needs significant repair. Last year a portion of the funding needed was received; however, additional funds are needed to continue the rehabilitation project.

Tour of Anchorage Bridge Replacement – Phase I \$100,000

Funds will be used for the design, engineering and permitting for the replacement of the Tour of Anchorage Bridge. In 2009, the bridge was assessed as failing and in need of immediate repair and replacement. This trail is an important north-south connector through Far North Bicentennial Park, the route of the popular Tour of Anchorage ski race and part of the national ski-marathon series and of the Iditarod. The loss of this bridge would adversely impact the skiing, dog sledding, biking, and running communities.

Facility Upgrades

Anchorage Golf Course \$1,150,000

The building systems are wearing out due to age and major maintenance is required for the entire golf course. Funds will be used to remodel the kitchen, replace roof and replace HVAC.

CBERRRSA Sand Storage Building \$1,200,000

This appropriation would fund construction of a new winter sand storage building for Chugiak/ Birchwood/Eagle River Rural Road Service Area (CBERRRSA) maintenance yards at Hiland Storage Site.

Clitheroe Center Roof Replacement \$400,000

This facility continues to be used for substance abuse programs. In 2008, \$435,000 was used to create a secure Detox Program in the facility. The roof is well past its useful life and needs replacing.

Municipal Facility Safety/Code Upgrades \$3,477,000

Funds would go toward various safety and code upgrades to Municipality of Anchorage facilities.

Facility	Description	Amount
Health		175,000
Animal Control	Repaint kennel floor and replace vinyl flooring	
Anchorage Senior Center	Replace ceiling tile, Carpet replacement, and Install handicap accessible phones	
Fire		320,000
Station 1/Admin	HVAC renovation	
Vehicle Maintenance	Replace boiler	
Station 14	Repair entry slab	
Training Center	Repair / remedy drainage problem	
Girdwood Fire Station	Remodel bathrooms	
Station 11	Install trough floor drain on apparatus addition	
APD HQ	Repaint exterior/Upgrade HVAC systems	350,000
Parks and Recreation		870,000
South Park Maintenance	Reapply urethane roof covering	
Centennial Park	Replace storage building	
Fairview Recreation Center	Update security system, Replace PA system, Electrical upgrades in kitchen	
Spenard Recreation Center	Replace entry doors and Upgrade sound system	
Spenard/Fairview/Other	Seismic sprinkler bracing, facility retrofits and Emergency seismic gas shutoff valves	
Dimond High Pool	Renovate interior/replace galvanized water piping	
Warehouse facilities / Shops to include: Transit Maint., Fleet Maint., Fire Maint., Kleop Station, Other facilities	Personal fall safety protection	200,000
Fleet Maintenance	Replace/upgrade handler	450,000
Transit - Warm Storage	Install barriers along East side of building, Upgrade lighting, pain	162,000
Control Center - Kleop Station	Emergency generator, switching installation, safety upgrades	450,000
Transit Maintenance, Clitheroe, APD, Dimond Data and other MOA facilities	Electrical, plumbing, lighting, ADA code upgrades, security	500,000
TOTAL		\$3,477,000

NPDES Stormwater Equipment \$1,250,000

Provide funding for acquisition of two Waterless Street Sweepers and one Vactor Truck to enable MOA to meet mandated permit requirement for stormwater management under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Stormwater Permit Phase II implemented February 2010.

Permit Center Parking Lot Completion (as required by MOA code) \$1,100,000

A paved parking lot is required for the Municipal Permit Center. Certificate of occupancy cannot be issued until parking lot is paved. Appropriation is to complete paving/landscaping south parking lot.

Filtration System for Public Pools \$1,000,000

Replacing pool filtering systems will increase the efficiency and safety of the pools. A new system will allow filter media to be replaced without closing pool.

New Municipal Public Health Facility \$2,000,000

The Health facility, which was first built in 1960 as a three-story hospital, expanded to five floors and is currently used to house the majority of the Municipality of Anchorage's Health and Human Services Department. It continues to serve the residents of Anchorage as a major health care clinic. The facility still has much of the floor space configured as a hospital. The Municipality will be looking for a new location for the department. Requested funds will assist with the re-location and tenant improvements at the new site.

Porcupine Building Roof Replacement \$325,000

The Porcupine facility was purchased from the State of Alaska. The roof is completely worn out and the roof drain system must be replaced due to ice damage.

Transit Security/Facility Improvements \$500,000

This grant will fund transit security and facility improvements for the People Mover campus at 3600 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue and other transit locations. It will provide a comprehensive security system for transit facilities, and building upgrades to include power, communication needs, secure access, lighting and public safety.

Underground Tank/Soil Contamination Site Remediation \$1,050,000

Three major underground sites have been identified that require remediation: The Brother Francis Shelter compound, the Bering Street Fleet Maintenance Shop complex, the Transit Maintenance complex, and other MOA facilities. The Brother Francis Shelter compound site is found to be the most wide-spread of underground contamination. The Shelter will be given first priority for clean-up efforts as funding becomes available.

Operating Budget Requests

Public Health

Human Services Community Matching Grant (HSCMG) \$1,805,000

The grant helps address critical needs within Anchorage. To ensure this, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) requires that projects funded are in one of the following categories: basic provision of food, basic provision of temporary/emergency shelter and related services, health support services, or protective legal services for children and adults.

Support Budget Increment to SOA DHSS/DPH/Section of Public Health Nursing to the Department of Public Health in Anchorage..... \$616,000

The amount of funding currently provided by the SOA has not enabled the MOA to increase staffing levels in order to meet the overall community need in Anchorage for public health nursing services. According to benchmarks from around the nation, Anchorage currently operates at 25% of the necessary number of public health nurses (PHN) needed to meet community demands, based on a recommended standard of one PHN to 5,000 population ratio. Additionally, Anchorage public health nurses often service Alaska residents in addition to the Anchorage community since Anchorage is the health service hub for Alaskans.

Public Safety

Alaska Domestic Violence Prevention Project (ADVPP) Funding\$1,670,198

Project goals are two-fold: to hold domestic violence offenders accountable and increase victim safety. The project does have a statewide impact with outreach to victims in more than 25 communities. Since its inception in 2006, results of this multi-agency approach have been impressive, with recidivism decreasing by 55 percent, significant decreases in number of days to serve arrest warrants while simultaneously increasing arrests among those violating parole conditions, and more.

Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Matching Funds \$350,000

Sexual Assault exams are vital to the prosecution of this crime. MOA funds roughly \$350,000 through tax supported; however the cost of the program is much higher and there is not a general reimbursement stream to support the forensic exam. Additional funding is requested to assist with maintaining a 24/7 response for adult sexual assault exams.

Pathways to Sobriety Project \$627,560

Pathways is a public safety project that responds to the estimated 250 chronic homeless public inebriates who are a threat of harm to themselves and private citizens in Anchorage. This population commits an average of four misdemeanors each year with common violations including, trespassing, assault, destruction of property and urinating in public. Project results will be posted in the form of quarterly and annual reports at www.muni.org.

24/7 Sobriety Monitoring \$70,000

This increment would allow continuation of “Partners for Progress 24/7” the sobriety monitoring test site in Mid-Town Anchorage that is currently being used to monitor alcohol abstinence in child neglect and abuse and domestic violence cases in which the crime is primarily driven by alcohol abuse. It has been developed in cooperation with a multi-agency committee including the MOA prosecutor and public defender, APD, Municipal Wellness Court Judge, AWAIC, DMV, DOC and others.

Requests for Legislation

Finance

Senior Citizen/Disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption Offset: State law (AS 29.45.030(e) - (l)) requires local governments to exempt from taxation the first \$150,000 of assessed value of residential property for residents over age 65 and disabled veterans with a 50% or greater service-connected disability. Since 1997, the state has not reimbursed local governments for this statutory requirement. In tax year 2011 this mandate exempted \$1.7 billion in Anchorage property from taxation that resulted in \$26 million in lost property tax revenue. The result is that others paid higher taxes to make up for the \$26 million.

The Municipality of Anchorage seeks an option by which if the assessed value for properties exempted under AS 29.45.030 (e) - (l) is greater than the community's Revenue Sharing payment, the community would receive the higher amount.

Fiscal Plan: State fiscal stability is vital to the future of Alaska's communities, families, and private sector. The MOA urges the Legislature to develop and implement fiscal and economic policies that will provide the stability required for the private sector to confidently invest and create good paying jobs for Alaskans. In doing so, it will be important to engage communities in discussing the trade-offs and choices that will be needed to achieve a level of spending Alaska can afford and recurring sources of stable revenue to pay for it.

Unfunded Mandates: The MOA strongly urges the SOA take financial responsibility for the mandated and unfunded required exemptions described by AS.29.45.030 that shifts the costs of protecting and serving such properties to all other local taxpayers. While such exemptions are broadly supported, Anchorage taxpayers who are not eligible for such exemptions bear an overwhelming and increasing burden for such properties in comparison to other cities and local communities in Alaska.

Revenue Sharing: The MOA supports revenue sharing to the maximum extent possible with a one-time COLA, based on the cumulative Anchorage CPI for 2007 through 2010, and annual adjustments thereafter.

State's Erosion of Property Tax Base: When the SOA purchases privately owned property and buildings, it lowers the MOA's tax base. In recent years, the state has purchased office buildings and associated land with an assessed value of \$78 million. For example, in 2010 the MOA lost \$1.2 million in property tax revenue in just this one year. Legislation is requested that requires the SOA to compensate a local government when it removes property from property tax rolls in a mechanism similar to a "payment-in-lieu-of-taxes."

PERS: The MOA supports the current formula funding Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), and is opposed to any legislation that increases its costs and the state or local municipality liability.

Energy

Natural Gas: Support legislation that promotes natural gas development in the Cook Inlet, and modernizes aging Railbelt electrical transmission facilities.

Oil Production: The MOA strongly supports all efforts to maximize oil production to maintain Trans Alaska Pipeline Service (TAPS) viability; and encourages a competitive analysis be performed to address the existing regulatory and fiscal framework to identify whether Alaska is globally positioned to attract maximum development.

Private Sector Development

AKRR Lease Extension: The MOA supports legislative approval to extend the maximum Alaska Railroad property lease term from 55 to 95 years. The opportunity for a 99-year lease would accommodate existing and potential Alaska Railroad real estate customers who have repeatedly expressed support for a longer lease term and ultimately help private sector development in Anchorage.

Film Credits: MOA supports extending the Alaska Film Production Incentive Program if the level of credits available under the program incentivizes the appropriate local investment and economic benefit that was intended by the program.

Public Safety

Synthetic Cocaine (AKA “Bath Salts”): There is a new synthetic drug on the streets, which is sold in smoke shops and elsewhere most commonly called “bath salts.” The situation is similar to the synthetic cannabinoid (“incense”) issue we addressed last year. These products are packaged to appear that they are not intended for ingestion, but everyone knows otherwise, “Bath salts” produce a high similar to methamphetamine. People who ingest this product often become quite violent, and are extremely difficult to overpower and control. As of this writing, the active ingredients of this drug have just been temporarily listed by the DEA on its schedule of controlled substances, and a municipal ordinance banning the drug has been introduced at the Anchorage Assembly. Any law Anchorage passes will only be a misdemeanor, however. The Alaska Statutes need to be amended, as they were for synthetic cannabinoids last session, to create felony consequences for possession and use of this new synthetic street drug.

Involuntary Commitment: Amend AS 47.27.190 on Involuntary Commitment, Section (a) by adding language to make the statute more consistent with AS 47.37.180 on Emergency Commitment.

Prosecution Surcharge: Under the philosophy that cost-causers should be cost-payers, add a surcharge for prosecution similar to that for law enforcement to allow law departments to capture at least a portion of the funds expended in the interest of public safety. Under AS 12.55.039, a surcharge is assessed to defendants in the amount of \$75, \$50, or \$10, depending on the type of offense.

Indigent Defense Fee: Make the indigent defense fee assessed to defendants post-conviction or plea a mandatory, not discretionary, fee to allow local jurisdictions to capture at least a portion of the funds expended.

Partial Recovery of Money for Public Records Request: Allow political subdivisions to recoup a reasonable portion of the costs of legal review of documents prior to release in response to a public records request. This would better meet the needs of the public while also narrowing searches for better results.

Traffic Fine Increase: Increase fines for violating traffic laws from \$300 to \$500 as a deterrent to potential offenders while also addressing inflation. (It has been more than 25 years since the fine has increased.)

Increased Fine Destroying Public Property: Increase fines for those who destroy or deface public property.

Ignition Interlock: In 2010 the Legislature created a law requiring ignition interlock devices for drivers convicted of operating vehicles while under the influence. Some technical fixes are required to strengthen the impact of this law.

More Effective and Efficient Government

Online Notices: Much of state law requires public notification to happen in print form. Due to the heavy personal usage of online resources, the MOA cites this as one example of an opportunity where efficiencies can be gained in governments throughout Alaska by moving to online postings: “According to AS 29.45.330 Foreclosure list... (2) publish the foreclosure list for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation distributed in the municipality or, if there is no newspaper of general circulation distributed in the municipality, post the list at three public places for at least 30 days.” The MOA argues that with increased online use, the circulation requirements for these public notices are outdated.

Allow Use of Technology for Summons: Adjust AS 09.05.060 that allows video service of summons as “personal service” in certain misdemeanor cases, such as shoplifting and/or theft. In order to achieve both time and financial savings, the MOA requests this change to allow APD to use modern technology to achieve greater results. “Personal Service” could be achieved by use of a live video feed that would allow an officer at headquarters to observe and record the service of the summons, a service that is physically accomplished by the store’s safety/security officer.

DNA Evidence: The MOA would like to change provisions of Title 12 concerning preservation and retention of DNA evidence to address burdens the newly adopted provisions place on local law enforcement agencies, and funding the programmatic changes required by those provisions.

Legal Response: Change state law so that political subdivisions get the same 40 days to answer complaints that SOA gets. Current law requires 20 days and puts a significant burden on attorneys who could use the additional time to investigate more effectively and respond to cases.

Legal Response: Change state law so that political subdivisions can “replace” and “stand in for” employees who are sued, just as the SOA gets to do for its employees when sued in their official capacities. This would result in both a simplified process and lower litigation costs.

Immunity: Change state law so that political subdivisions can assert official immunity.

Road Project Priorities

Road Project	Amount	District
120th Ave Upgrade - Johns Rd to Old Seward Hwy	\$7,000,000	31
27th Ave Pedestrian Safety - Minnesota Dr to Blueberry St	\$500,000	25
35th Ave and McRae St Upgrade - Wisconsin St to Spenard Rd	\$4,675,000	26
59th Ave Exit - West Dowling Rd to Arctic Blvd	\$3,000,000	25
84th Ave Extension/Upgrade - Spruce St to Elmore Rd	\$3,000,000	30
A St/48th Ave Extension/Upgrade - 51st Ave to Cordova St	\$4,000,000	24
Academy Dr/ Vanguard Dr Area Traffic Circulation Improvements - Brayton Dr to Abbott Rd	\$7,800,000	29
Arctic Blvd Reconstruction Phase III - 36th Ave to Tudor Rd	\$8,000,000	25
ARDSA Residential Pavement Rehabilitation - Abbott Loop and Taku/Campbell Areas	\$3,000,000	29, 30
ARDSA Residential Pavement Rehabilitation - Anchorage Hillside Area	\$3,000,000	31, 32
ARDSA Residential Pavement Rehabilitation - Downtown and Mid-town Areas	\$3,000,000	23, 24
ARDSA Residential Pavement Rehabilitation - Mountain View and Muldoon Area	\$3,000,000	19, 20
ARDSA Residential Pavement Rehabilitation - Sand Lake, Bayshore/Klatt, and Oceanview Areas	\$3,000,000	27, 28
ARDSA Residential Pavement Rehabilitation - Spenard and Turnagain Areas	\$3,000,000	25, 26
ARDSA Residential Pavement Rehabilitation - U-Med District and Scenic Foothills Area	\$3,000,000	21, 22
ARDSA Street Light Improvements	\$500,000	Areawide
Arlberg Ave Upgrade - Garmisch Rd to Aspen Mountain Rd	\$2,400,000	32
Bancroft Subd Area Road and Drainage Rehab	\$8,000,000	24
Baxter Rd Pavement Rehabilitation - Tudor Rd to Northern Lights Blvd	\$2,400,000	21

Birch Rd Safety Improvements - O'Malley Rd to Huffman Rd	\$1,200,000	31
Birchtree/Elmore LRSA Road and Drainage	\$750,000	32
Bluebell Dr at Golden View Dr Intersection Safety	\$1,000,000	32
Branche Dr Reconstruction - 74th Ave to 76th Ave	\$800,000	29
C St at 20th Ave Area Drainage	\$5,000,000	23, 25
Campbell Airstrip Rd Upgrade - Mile 0.3 to Mile 0.7 (Pedestrian/Bike Trail)	\$5,000,000	30
Campbell Creek at Greenhill Way Water Quality	\$1,500,000	27
Campbell Woods Subd Area Drainage	\$2,000,000	28
CBERRRSA Residential Pavement Rehab - Chugiak, Birch- wood, and Eagle River Areas	\$3,000,000	16, 17, 18
Chester Creek Flooding - Lagoon to A St	\$1,000,000	25, 26
Chugiak-Eagle River Areawide Aquifer Study	\$500,000	16, 17, 18, 32
Chugiak-Eagle River Areawide Drainage Plan	\$500,000	16, 17, 18, 32
Citation Rd Upgrade - Eagle River Lp Rd to Eagle River Ln	\$8,000,000	17
College Gate Elementary School Pedestrian Safety	\$470,000	22
Cordova St Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements – 3rd Ave to 16th Ave	\$1,000,000	23
Dimond Blvd Upgrade - Jodphur Rd to Sand Lake Rd	\$7,500,000	27
Duben St Upgrade - Muldoon Rd to Bolin St	\$3,000,000	19
Eagle River Ln Upgrade - Eagle River Rd to Ptarmigan Blvd	\$700,000	17, 32
Eagle River / Chugiak Road and Drainage Rehab	\$1,400,000	16, 17, 18, 32
Eagle River Traffic Mitigation – Business Blvd to Eagle River Rd.	\$7,500,000	17
East Dowling Rd Pedestrian Overpass at Elmore Road	\$1,500,000	24, 30
East High School Area Pedestrian Access and Safety Improve- ments	\$250,000	22
Egavik Dr/Denali St Area Storm Reconstruction	\$3,000,000	24
Elmore Rd Extension - Abbott Rd to O'Malley Rd	\$3,500,000	30, 31

Flooding, Glaciation, and Drainage Matching Program	\$5,000,000	Areawide
Foothills East Subdivision Area Street Reconstruction	\$5,000,000	19
Girdwood Airport Access Road Reconstruction	\$3,600,000	32
Girdwood RSA Road and Drainage System Rehabilitation	\$2,500,000	32
Golden View Dr Intersection and Safety Upgrades - Rabbit Creek Rd to Romania Dr	\$14,000,000	32
Hartzell Rd Upgrade - 79th Ave to Dimond Blvd	\$1,500,000	30
Heights Hill Drainage and Surface Rehab Improvements	\$500,000	32
Hightower Rd Upgrade - Alyeska Hwy to Community Center	\$800,000	32
Hillside Drainage Improvements	\$300,000	30, 31, 32
Hillside LRSA Road and Drainage System Rehabilitation	\$280,000	30, 31, 32
Homestead Rd Extension - Oberg Dr to Voyles Blvd	\$700,000	16
Intersection Safety and Congestion Relief Matching Program	\$5,000,000	Areawide
Jewel Lake Rd Drainage and Pedestrian Improvements - 82nd Ave to 88th Ave	\$2,500,000	27
Kachemak Pl/Cir Area Drainage - 100th Ave to Amber Bay Lp	\$750,000	28
Lake Otis Pkwy at Lake Otis Elementary Pedestrian Overpass ADA Study	\$100,000	22
Lake Otis Pkwy Expansion - 15th Ave to Northern Lights Blvd	\$5,000,000	22, 23
Lake Otis Pkwy Surface Rehab - Campbell Creek to 68th Ave	\$4,000,000	24
Lakeview Terrace Subdivision Area Street Reconstruction	\$6,000,000	28
Mountain Air Dr/Hillside Dr Extension	\$2,700,000	32
Mountain Park/Robin Hill LRSA Road and Drainage	\$250,000	31
Mountain View Dr and McCarrey St Intersection Safety	\$1,100,000	18, 20
Muldoon Rd at Duben St Pedestrian Safety	\$800,000	18, 19
Northern Lights Blvd Pedestrian Safety - Lois Dr West to Captain Cook Estates Cir	\$920,000	26
Northern Lights Blvd Surface Rehab - Boniface Pkwy to Muldoon Rd	\$1,700,000	22

Northwood Dr Extension - Dimond Blvd to Strawberry Rd	\$7,800,000	27
Northwood Dr Pavement Rehab - Raspberry Rd to Strawberry Rd	\$1,700,000	27
Oberg Rd Safety Trail - Deer Park Dr to Homestead Rd	\$250,000	16
Oberg Rd Upgrade - Glenn Hwy to Glacier Vista	\$2,200,000	16
Old Seward Hwy Surface Rehab - 34th Ave to Tudor Rd	\$1,500,000	24
Old Seward Hwy Surface Rehab - International Airport Rd to Dowling Rd	\$2,300,000	24
Old Seward Hwy/Int'l Airport Rd Area Storm Reconstruction	\$4,500,000	24
Pavement Rehab Matching Program	\$6,000,000	Areawide
Pedestrian Safety and Rehab Matching Program	\$1,000,000	Areawide
Penland Pkwy Surface Rehab/Drainage - Airport Heights Rd to Bragaw St	\$4,000,000	20, 22
Pioneer Dr Upgrade - Muldoon Rd to Resurrection Dr	\$2,000,000	21
Reka Dr Southside Separated Pedestrian Facility - Bragaw St to Pine St	\$200,000	22
School Zone Safety	\$500,000	Areawide
Ship Creek Pedestrian Improvements - North C St to Dam	\$4,000,000	23
Ship Creek Trail Erosion Control	\$1,000,000	Areawide
Spenard Rd Reconstruction Phase II - Hillcrest Dr to Benson Blvd	\$9,000,000	25
Sperstad Subdivision Area Road Reconstruction	\$4,100,000	25
Spruce St Upgrade/Extension - Dowling Rd to 68th Ave	\$6,200,000	30
Sylvan Dr Reconstruction RID - Fairweather Dr to Old Seward Hwy	\$600,000	24
Tablelands Subdivision Area Road and Drainage Improvements	\$3,000,000	16
Traffic Calming and Safety Improvements	\$500,000	Areawide
Viburnum Dr Reconstruction RID	\$3,100,000	30
Yosemite Dr Area Drainage	\$5,300,000	32