



# *Introduction*

## *A Vibrant Future for East Anchorage*

East Anchorage is known for its extensive park system, eclectic neighborhoods, regional shopping center, medical facilities, two universities and the joint army and air force installation. These assets, along with the people, the area's striking natural views, and its proximity to jobs, schools and regional destinations make it a desirable place to live. It is vital that East Anchorage retain these important qualities, long into the future, so that future generations can also thrive in this special place. Throughout its development, the East Anchorage District Plan was designed to reflect the desires and vision of the area's residents and business owners. In this way, the Plan provides a meaningful and relevant foundation for the district's future.

## *The Role and Purpose of the Plan*

The overarching goal of the Plan is to enhance the quality of life for existing and future East Anchorage citizens by planning smartly for future population growth and other changes in the district. To accomplish this goal, the Plan first captures the community's vision of the future, and then provides tools and priority strategies to achieve it. The Plan addresses specific topics including transportation, housing and economic development, and describes existing conditions and areas that need improvement. Collectively, the tools and strategies included in the Plan are meant to guide future development and investment decisions and take the best advantage of new opportunities so that the City is prepared to deal with future growth, in a way that aligns with the community's vision.



East Anchorage is well positioned to capitalize on its many strengths and opportunities. By doing so, the district will move towards its shared vision of sustained economic growth, expanded education and job training opportunities, and well connected destinations in and around the district. The Plan provides specific recommendations to enable residents and property owners to take advantage of these opportunities as they arise.

## *Document Overview*

1. Existing Conditions in the District
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