



April 7, 2026 Ballot Proposition FACT SHEET

Proposition 6

Anchorage Areawide Service Area **Public Safety Improvements and Transit Improvements** **\$8,990,000**

These bonds would pay the costs of Areawide Public Safety and Transit Improvements in the Areawide Service Area. (AO 2026-2))

Projects

	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
1 Anchorage Signal System, Signage, and Safety Improvements Annual Program	\$1,500	\$80
2 Areawide Life Safety Roads	\$750	\$0
3 Fire Ambulance Replacement Annual Program	\$1,140	\$0
4 School Zone Safety Annual Program	\$1,200	\$2
5 Traffic Calming and Safety Improvements Annual Program	\$2,700	\$70
6 Transit Facilities, Centers, and Bus Stop Improvements Annual Program	\$150	\$0
7 Transit Fleet/Support Equipment/Support Vehicle Replacement & Expansion	\$1,550	\$0
Total	\$8,990	\$152

Project Descriptions - Public Safety - Fire

Fire Ambulance Replacement - \$1,140,000

Programmed replacement of Areawide Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Medical Intensive Care Unit (MICU) ambulances to provide basic and advanced life support services and transport critically ill and injured patients throughout the Municipality of Anchorage. Replacement of MICU ambulances will be in accordance with the Anchorage Fire Department's (AFD) vehicle replacement plan. Ambulances are heavily used and incur high levels of mileage and are replaced approximately every 7 years.

Project Descriptions – Public Safety - Signal, Signage, and Traffic Calming and Safety

Anchorage Signal System, Signage, and Safety Improvements - \$1,500,000 (plus \$80,000 O&M annually)

This program reconstructs and upgrades the Anchorage traffic system within the Municipality of Anchorage. This project is part of an annual program to construct priority improvements that will improve safety and traffic flow as identified by the Traffic Engineering Department through its annual review of traffic and crash data. Improvements may include replacing and/or upgrading signals, turning lanes and lights, signs, site assessment devices, traffic detection loops, and any other equipment needed to upgrade the system. Design and construction funding are proposed annually through road bonds. Because of age, many traffic signal and sign facilities in Anchorage have deteriorated to the point that replacement is required to keep the system operating. Upgrades, primarily related to technological advancements, are available to improve system efficiency and reduce annual operation and maintenance costs.

Areawide Life Safety Roads - \$750,000

The location(s) considered are data-driven and provide dual benefits: improving evacuation safety for residents while simultaneously enhancing first responder access and operational effectiveness. In their current condition, these neighborhoods pose significant



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challenges to emergency response, where narrow or winding single-access roads limit ingress for fire apparatus and hinder evacuation routes. By making these critical improvements, the Municipality will reduce overall life-safety risk (including wildfire), ensure residents have safer evacuation options, and provide firefighters, law enforcement, and emergency medical services (EMS) with the ability to respond more quickly, operate more effectively, and protect lives and property with reduced exposure to risk. These areas are, therefore, the most immediate priorities for life-safety access improvements across the Municipality's wildland-urban interface, directly supported by Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) data and essential for safeguarding both the public and the responders who serve them.

School Zone Safety - \$1,200,000 (plus \$2,000 O&M annually)

The project will upgrade and/or modify school zone signage, signals, and markings to meet Federal, State, and Local requirements. Projects may also include improvements to the School Walking Routes. The Traffic Engineering Department monitors and identifies optimal locations for safety improvements. Population changes and area development can dramatically impact traffic patterns of nearby schools requiring installation of various traffic calming features. The effort to improve safety around the Anchorage area schools is envisioned as a joint funding effort of local road bonds and state grants, although the Municipality has not received State funding for this project in the past couple of years. The operations and maintenance (O&M) costs are the anticipated amount to operate and maintain the improvements.

Traffic Calming and Safety Improvements - \$2,700,000 (plus \$70,000 O&M annually)

This program delivers traffic calming and safety improvements on neighborhood and collector streets throughout the Municipality. Projects are identified and prioritized by the Traffic Engineering Department and informed by public input that highlights locations of concern and community support. Annual funding covers the design and construction of proven traffic calming measures that slow vehicle speeds and reduce the frequency and severity of crashes. The program is envisioned as a joint funding effort using local road bonds and state grants, with recent state grants helping fund improvements in a few neighborhoods. The operations and maintenance (O&M) funding will be used to maintain the improved infrastructure.

Project Descriptions – Public Safety – Transit Improvements

Transit Facilities, Centers, and Bus Stop Improvements Annual Program - \$150,000

This project funds the upgrade of bus stop sites to meet both the federally mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and the operational needs. Typical improvements include, but are not limited to bus shelters, benches, trash receptacles, landscaping, grading, paving, utility relocations, lighting, curb adjustments, drainage, constructing paths, and construction/reconstruction of turnouts/bus stops/facilities/centers. Additionally, this project supports an on-going effort to provide major transit facilities key areas of the city and major destinations. The Anchorage Comprehensive Plan and 2040 Land Use Plan (LUP) identified neighborhood, town, regional commercial, and city centers that function as focal points for community activities with a mix of retail, residential, and public services and facilities. Anchorage Talks Transit coordinated with the LUP and implemented a frequent bus network along transit supportive development corridors. These corridors should provide pedestrian connections to surrounding neighborhoods and transit. Existing and future facility improvements along these corridors and in areas like Midtown, Downtown, U-Med, Dimond Center and Muldoon, are vital to the implementation of these community planning documents.

Projects can be found in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

- Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions (AMATS) FFY 2019-2022, FFY 2023-2026, FFY 2027-2030

Transit Fleet/Support Equipment/Support Vehicle Replacement & Expansion- \$1,550,000

This project funds improvements and expansion to existing transit and paratransit fleets - demand response and fixed route service. Typical support equipment includes but is not limited to a ticket reader and issue attachment, which issues passenger passes on the bus; security systems; transit/signal improvements for headway enhancements; mechanical equipment and other improvements for facilities; mobile display terminals and vehicle communications, radios, and location systems. This project also funds the purchase of replacement vehicles and equipment to support operation of the transit system. Typical purchases include pickup racks, maintenance trucks with special equipment, supervisor vehicles, shift change vehicles, forklifts, sweepers, and bus access snow removal equipment.



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Costs Associated with Bond Approval

Bond Principal Amount	\$8,990,000
Estimated Annual Cost of Debt Service	\$662,496
Annual Increased Operations and Maintenance Costs	\$152,000

Estimated Annual Property Tax Increase for \$100,000 of Assessed Property Value:

To Retire Debt	\$1.54
Operations and Maintenance Costs	\$.35
Total	\$1.89

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It is the expectation of the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) that the general obligation bonds proposed for April 7, 2026, will be used to make capital improvements as noted. Information contained herein describes how MOA expects to use the bond proceeds. However, as project development progresses, changes in scope, project feasibility, phasing, timeline, or estimated costs may occur that result in acceleration, delay, or adjustments related to the above projects.