



# April 7, 2026 Ballot Proposition FACT SHEET

## Proposition 8

### **Chugach State Park Access Service Area** **Access Improvements** **\$1,720,000**

These bonds would pay for access and trail improvements in the Chugach State Park Access Service Area. (AO 2026-6 (S))

#### **Projects**

	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
1 CASA: Basher Trailhead Parking Lot	\$1,500	\$75
2 CASA: Extend Lost Cabin Trail	\$150	\$0
3 CASA: Stewart Trail Wayfinding and Signage	\$70	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,720</b>	<b>\$75</b>

#### **Project Descriptions**

##### CASA: Basher Trailhead Parking Lot - \$1,500,000 (plus \$75,000 O&M annually)

The project will construct a new trailhead parking lot connected to Basher Drive on Municipal property, located adjacent to and west of the existing small, primitive (16 vehicle) parking lot on State Park land that provides access to Chugach State Park. The Basher Trailhead is the only Chugach State Park designated trailhead adjacent to and serving east and north Anchorage residents. The existing trailhead parking lot currently accommodates only 16 cars. On many weekends and holidays the trail users fill the small lot and overflow parking occurs along Campbell Airstrip and Basher roads, restricting access for neighborhood residents. The current trailhead parking lot is constructed on a curve where visibility of pedestrians and oncoming traffic is poor when cars are parked along the road, creating traffic safety concerns. Funding will be used to construct a new parking lot with a proposed capacity of up to 60 vehicles. The project will include a toilet facility and an information kiosk. Funding will be used for construction of the project within the newly created Chugach State Park Access Service Area (CASA).

##### CASA: Extend Lost Cabin Trail - \$150,000

This project will design and construct a short trail that will connect the proposed new Basher Trailhead parking lot to the existing trail from the existing parking lot. The new trail will provide a route for users parking at the new trailhead to access the existing trail system. The trail connection is needed to avoid requiring trail users to walk along the shoulder of Basher Drive.

##### CASA: Stewart Trail Wayfinding and Signage - \$70,000

This project will install a kiosk and informational signage at the beginning of the Stewart Trail. The signage will inform users about the trail, the underlying easement, and private property adjacent to the trail. Wayfinding signage may be installed at appropriate locations.

#### Costs Associated with Bond Approval

Bond Principal Amount	\$1,720,000
Estimated Annual Cost of Debt Service	\$126,751
Annual Increased Operations and Maintenance Costs	\$75,000



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

To Retire Debt	\$0.34
Operations and Maintenance Costs	<u>\$0.20</u>
Total	\$0.54

*This bond will be voted on and if approved, would impact the property taxes of properties within this service area. Property taxes of properties outside this service area should not be impacted by the passage of this bond.*

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*It is the expectation of the Municipality of Anchorage 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.*