

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
DEPARTMENT GOAL/PROGRAM STATEMENT
Department: Public Works

Department Goal:

The goal of the Department of Public Works is to establish efficient transportation system to accommodate the public needs, serving both internal and external needs with a minimum negative impact on the community; provide a transportation network plan to move people and goods from one point to another while optimizing time, cost and safety with the ultimate aim of serving the citizens of Anchorage; to help provide the Anchorage area with a comprehensive, modern and efficient transportation system. The goal of the Department of Public Works is also to ensure that the natural environment is enhanced, maintained and protected by establishing high quality standards for the protection of soil, vegetation and water with appropriate surveillance and enforcement of these standards.

Accelerated Road Program:

The goal of the Department of Public Works will be obtained through the accelerated design and construction of major arterial and collector streets serving the basic needs of the community. These key projects were included in this category to emphasize their importance and encourage funding support.

Street Improvements:

The goal of the Department of Public Works will be obtained through the construction of improvement of those major arterial and collector streets within the Municipality with the highest priority according to the need and service for the majority of the community, and at the same time constructing and improving as many residential streets as is feasible according to public request. These projects are chosen on the basis of need as established by the Accelerated Road Program, Comprehensive Development Plan, Official Streets and Highways Plan, Transportation Improvement System, input from public meetings and public hearings on the preceding plans.

Drainage Improvements:

The goal of the Department of Public Works will be obtained through the design and construction of major trunk drainage lines and residential lateral storm drainage lines within the community with priority based on need and service benefit to the greatest majority in accordance with the proposals of various storm drainage studies. Emphasis will be placed on applying the latest techniques in water quality management to assure surface water quality levels consistent with Alaska Water Quality Standards (18AAC70). These will be attained through the implementation of control devices for the reduction and elimination of existing pollutants and by exercising preventative type design considerations in new developments. These projects are selected on the basis of need as established by the Comprehensive Development Plan, Flood Plain Reports, Storm Drainage Studies, 208 Areawide Water Treatment Management Plan, public meetings and public hearings on the preceding plans, reports and studies.

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Heavy Equipment Purchases:

\$6,971,000 in state grant funding in the 1984-1989 CIP will provide for replacement of existing heavy equipment and for new heavy equipment for projected expansion of road services in the 1980's.

Roads and Drainage Rehabilitation:

\$9,853,000 in state grant funding in the 1984-1989 CIP will provide for the rehabilitation of approximately 48 miles of roadway.

Street Facilities:

\$18,158,000 in state grant funding in the 1984-1989 CIP will provide snow disposal sites, street maintenance depots, sand storage buildings, railroad crossing rehabilitation and other facilities needed to meet projected expansion of road services in the 1980's.

Special Projects:

This category includes two projects, one requesting funds in 1984 to construct a vehicle fueling depot as a replacement for the facility that will be demolished when the Transit Garage is expanded and another to construct a vehicle maintenance station.

Transportation Safety Improvements:

Funding in the 1984-89 CIP will provide for improvements in three categories: Pedestrian Facilities/Improvements, this project consists of pedestrian overcrossings, trails, sidewalks, walkways and flashing crosswalk signs in areas where high pedestrian volume accesses major roadways. Street lighting: This project will provide needed street lighting both on expanding transportation system and in residential areas. The main benefit of street lighting is increased public safety through reduction in accidents and a reduction in crime. Traffic Improvements will provide for traffic signal timing optimization to utilize the capacity of new and existing intersections without reducing public safety. It will provide for the installation of traffic signals in conjunction with road improvement projects or where traffic flow warrants a traffic signal. It will also provide for revising the configuration of existing roadways and intersections to respond to changing traffic flow demands, thereby, reducing traffic delay and traffic accidents.

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Areawide Communications

The \$3,848,000 requested in the 1984-89 Capital Improvement Projects will upgrade facilities and equipment to accommodate a growing demand for communication services. These upgraded services will improve internal communications within the Municipality.