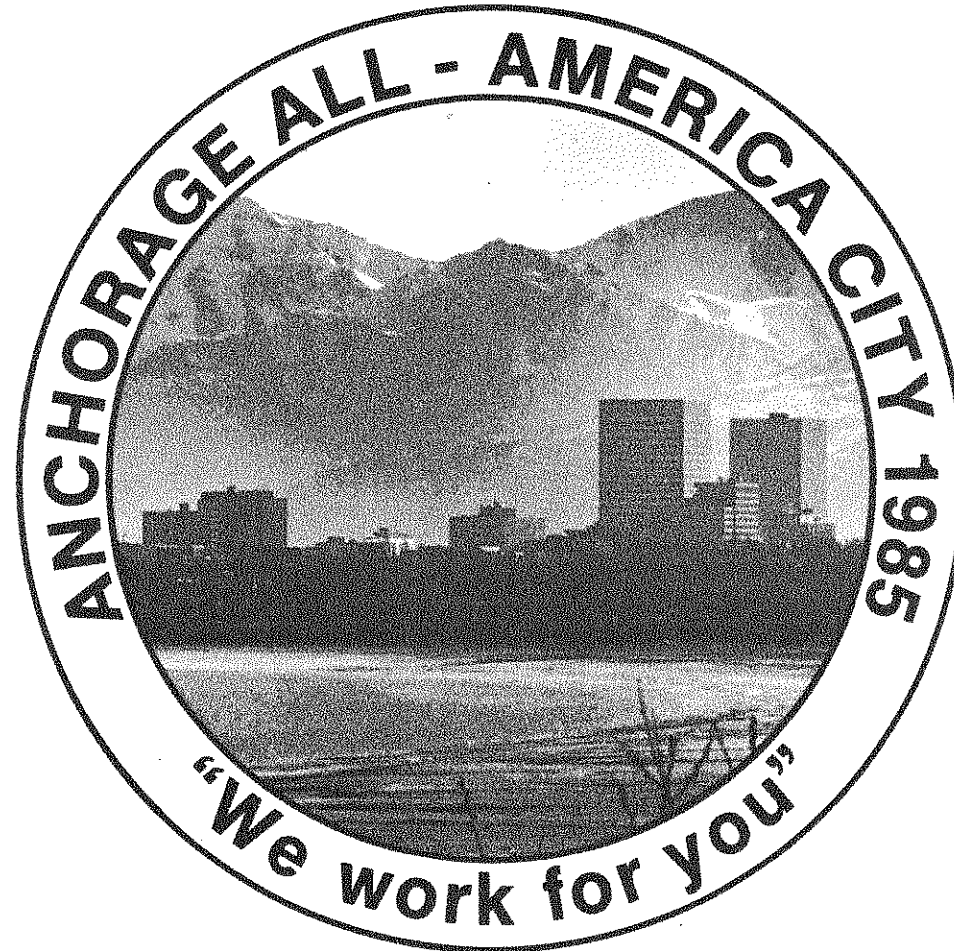


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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Dear Residents of Anchorage:

In the past two years, our community has made terrific progress both in completing the cultural and recreational facilities of the Project 80's era, and in shifting focus "back to the basics" -- to new and improved roads, sewers, solid waste, wastewater treatment, police headquarters, neighborhood parks and the Eklutna Water Project.

Our 1986 Capital Improvement Budget continues this back to the basics emphasis, adding a new program category to address the heightened community concern for water quality. The budget reflects considerable input from community groups and special task forces.

There is a significant change from last year's budget which I would like to bring to your attention. With the decline in state oil revenues, we have acknowledged that an achievable capital development program must be based on a realistic level of state funding requests and a greater reliance on traditional local sources such as municipal bonds. The total Capital Improvement Program (excluding Utilities) for 1986-91 is \$558.2 million, compared to last year's six-year program of \$836.4 million.

The proposed state funding for 1986 parallels the unfunded portion of our 1985 state request: Accelerated Roads and the Eklutna Water Project. Those are community-wide priorities, carefully established and reconfirmed. Projects of a more local nature such as neighborhood streets, parks, sewers and drainage are proposed for local bond funding. This balance between state funding of community-wide projects and local funding for neighborhood priorities is both practical and economically feasible.

While it has been exciting for Anchorage to use oil dollars for "crowning touches" like the Headquarters Library, Museum and Performing Arts Center, there is also an exciting challenge in building the foundation for healthy neighborhoods and basic services. Without good transportation, clean water, neighborhood recreation, open space and public safety, Anchorage residents could hardly enjoy the benefits of beautiful natural surroundings and world-class cultural facilities.

I am pleased to present this 1986 Capital Improvement Budget to the people of Anchorage.

Sincerely,

Tony Knowles
Mayor

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