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Dear Residents of Anchorage,

I am pleased to present to you and the Assembly the Proposed 1995 General Government Capital Improvement Budget and 1995-2000 General Government Capital Improvement Program.

Since submitting the Preliminary Capital Budget at the end of August 1994, relatively few changes to the document have occurred. More specifically, adjustments were made to bring the capital budget in line with the current draft of the 1995-1997 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The final TIP is not expected to be approved by the AMATS Policy Committee until early October 1994, at which time the Assembly Ordinance/Resolution will be revised accordingly. Additional changes between the preliminary and proposed document include updated Public Works cost estimates to reflect ADA required improvements, as well as the addition of two projects which benefit the Police Department and the Emergency Operations Center.

I believe that Anchorage should focus its capital resources on public safety, transportation and well maintained, aesthetically pleasing facilities which enhance our quality of life, contribute to tourism and address our priority recreational needs. The capital budget/program has been developed to reflect the goals of my Administration as well as the needs of the community. The 1995 Capital Improvement Budget emphasizes Anchorage's highest priority capital needs. The 1995-2000 Capital Improvement Program emphasizes the need to maintain existing infrastructure and the need to enhance the quality of life in Anchorage.

We have incorporated several key projects and themes into the Proposed Capital Improvement Budget/Program. For example, the Anchorage Sports Complex is an important project which will provide recreational opportunities for the benefit of all of Anchorage, especially our City's young people. While the prevention of crime is one of my major objectives, it is also a goal of this Administration to provide our youth with an increasing number of alternatives to gang activity and street crime.

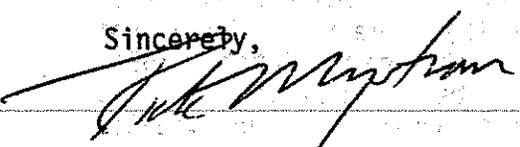
Economic development projects which help to develop a stronger year-round economy are also a primary goal of my Administration. A key example of economic development is the Glacier-Winner Creek All Season Resort which would involve a government-private sector partnership to increase winter tourism while providing additional recreation opportunities for Anchorage residents.

Many of the funding sources cited in the Proposed Capital Improvement Budget/ Program are contingent upon future approval by either Anchorage voters or State Legislators. A number of bond proposals are anticipated for the April 1995 election including Police, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, and Property and Facility Management. In addition, we would intend to use a significant amount of these bond funds as a local match in order to obtain additional funds from the State.

Current trends regarding State capital grant funding appear to indicate the need for local communities to reduce their expectations. In response, the Proposed 1995 Capital Improvement Budget reflects a significantly greater share of local funding for projects and is actually one-third less than the prior year's budget. My Administration is also in support of continuing the concept of the State's 70/30 Capital Matching Grant Program. This program provides a basis for providing matching grant funding for the highest priority capital projects requested by local communities. The State FY96 Capital Matching Grant application was approved by the Assembly on September 6 and will be submitted to the State by the October 1 statutory deadline.

I believe that by improving and maintaining the city's infrastructure, residents will take even more pride in their city and tourists and new industries will be further attracted to Anchorage. My proposed capital plan strives to meet the highest priority needs of our community.

Sincerely,



Rick Mystrom
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