

***PROPOSED
2006
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET***

***2006-2011
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM***

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I am pleased to present the Municipality of Anchorage's Proposed 2006 Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) and Proposed 2006-2011 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Every government budget has two parts: the operating budget, which pays for day-to-day services; and the capital budget, which funds public works needs, from roads and snow clearing equipment to public buildings, such as libraries and museums.

As the Municipality continues to deliver essential services as efficiently as possible, we must continue to invest in our city's infrastructure in order to keep our economy healthy and safeguard Anchorage's public safety, transportation and enviable quality of life. This proposed capital budget addresses Anchorage's most basic needs, while providing the means to expand our economy with targeted investments in new economic diversification projects.

With record high oil prices providing the State a surplus exceeding \$1 billion and municipal needs continuing to grow, this capital budget proposal is larger than usual. It focuses on the issues the public tells us are most important: protecting public safety, improving roads and maintaining our community's enviable quality of life and healthy economy. For public safety improvements, we are working to ensure that Anchorage is adequately prepared for any disaster which may befall our community. For transportation, we continue our focus on relieving traffic congestion while recognizing neighborhood needs. For community development, we are seeking an investment in our parks and other recreational facilities which have long been under-funded.

We continue to work with Alaska's congressional delegation and the State Legislature to ensure that Anchorage's essential capital needs are addressed with federal and state funding.

I urge you to review this summary of our community's capital project needs and participate in the budget process as the Anchorage Assembly considers its final action on both the capital and operating budgets during October and November.

Sincerely,

Mark Begich
Mayor

Community, Security, Prosperity

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