



Mayor Suzanne LaFrance
Municipality of Anchorage

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Federation of Community Councils
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Dear Community Council Representatives:

From day one, public safety has been my top priority and bond projects are a critical piece. Last year, for example, the voters approved a levy that will allow us to regularly update our snow removal equipment, so we can keep the roads and sidewalks safe. And this year, the voters will decide whether to buy a new ambulance and fire engine.

To keep the public safe, we need to take care of what we have. Whether we're installing traffic calming near Russian Jack Elementary school, renovating Town Square Park to improve lines of sight, or repairing the roof on the Chugiak Senior Center, capital projects are critical for making sure that our Municipality is safe.

We know our community needs investment. We're facing over \$1 billion in deferred maintenance for roads alone. This growing backlog is made even harder to address because state funding has sharply declined. From 2004 to 2014, the Municipality received roughly \$100 million each year from the State of Alaska for capital projects. But over the past decade, that support has dropped to almost nothing. As a result, we must now make difficult decisions about what to prioritize.

The CIP survey is critical because it gives you a tool to tell the Municipality what projects are most important in your neighborhood. It is a unique opportunity for you to directly contribute to the Municipality's budget process.

The survey will be available online at muni.org/communitycouncilsurveys/homepage/ beginning March 16, 2026. The deadline to complete the survey is June 1, 2026.



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Municipal staff are available to provide survey training and technical support throughout the survey period. If you have questions or need assistance, please reach out to Chelsea Ward-Waller, Capital Improvement Program Coordinator, Public Works, at chelsea.ww@anchorageak.gov or 907.343.8446. Additional resources are available through the Federation of Community Councils.

Thank you for taking the time to provide valuable feedback that serves our whole Municipality.

Sincerely,

Suzanne LaFrance
Mayor