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the Request of the Mayor
Prepared by: Municipal Clerk's Office
For reading: January 11, 2011

CLERK'S OFFICE

AMENDED AND APPROVED

Date: 1-11-11

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2010-364(S)**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2011 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE
MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE.**

WHEREAS, with nearly half the State's population, Anchorage is the business and transportation hub for Alaska, and what happens in Anchorage effects much of the rest of Alaska, from expansion of the Port of Anchorage to rehabilitation of Project '80s buildings; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage recognizes its dominant role in Alaska's well-being and our citizens have invested millions of dollars in our city through local taxes to improve it for all Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage is grateful to its State Legislative delegation for millions of dollars in assistance, including Revenue Sharing, which we have leveraged to match local investments in improving transportation, commerce, public buildings, roads, and parks and recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage's infrastructure needs remain considerable; with congested roads, deteriorating public facilities, and population growth requiring additional public services; and

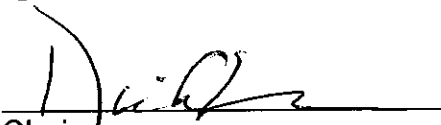
WHEREAS, Anchorage's 2011 capital budget needs have been identified through coordinated effort with Community Councils, members of the Assembly, discussions with State Legislators; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage has developed a Legislative Program, now, therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY HEREBY RESOLVES:

Section 1. That the 2011 Municipality of Anchorage Legislative Program as revised is adopted.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 11th day of January, 2011.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 39-2011

Meeting Date: January 11, 2011

1 **From:** CHAIR TRAINI

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3 **Subject:** S-version changes to the Legislative Program

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5 The Assembly Legislative Committee met and made the following changes to the
6 2011 State Legislative Program:

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8 p. 23, 4th paragraph from bottom insert "reasonable", between "recoup a" and
9 "portion"

10 p. 24, DELETE "Alaska Medical Leave Act"

11 p. 18, Between Eagle River Ln and Mountain View, insert "Artillery Rd. Land
12 Acquisition; Dist 17; \$4,500,000"

13 p. 16, (Alpha listing) insert "Artillery Rd. Land Acquisition; Dist 17; \$4,500,000"
14 (*This project involves state-owned roads and the Municipality requests that
15 Federal Funds be appropriated.)

16 **Traini Amendment #1 to the 2011 Legislative Program:**

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18 *Insert on Page 22, "Requests for New or Amended Legislation":*

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20 **"Finance**

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22 • **Continuation of the Alaska Senior Benefits Payment Program:**

23 Authorization under AS 47.45.301—47.45.309 to make payments to eligible
24 seniors has been repealed effective June 30, 2011 under a "delayed repeal"
25 enacted by session law in 2007. The MOA supports continuation of the Alaska
26 Senior Benefits Payment Program which provides monthly cash assistance on a
27 sliding scale from \$125 to \$250 to Alaska residents 65 and older, provided the
28 household income does not exceed 175% of the annual federal poverty guideline
29 for Alaska. (The 2010 Alaska annual federal poverty guideline of \$13,530 for a
30 single member household and \$18,210 for a two-member household equate to
31 cut-off limitations of \$23,678 for a single senior household and \$31,868 for a
32 two-member senior household, respectively.) High energy costs and the current
33 economic environment adversely affect seniors on lower fixed incomes, who may
34 have no way to supplement current income or cut costs. Current law provides
35 sufficient fiscal protection without legislative repeal of the program: Cash
36 assistance provided under the Alaska Senior Benefits Payment Program is
37 explicitly subject to appropriation under AS 47.45.302(c). The program should
38 not be made subject to sunset June 30, 2011. The sunset should be extended
39 or repealed."
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2 **Flynn Amendment #1 to the 2011 Legislative Program:**

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4 *Insert on Page 24, "More Effective & Efficient Government" (similar to language*
5 *included in the 2010 Legislative Program):*
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7 "Local Control:

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9 Support legislation changing state policy from 'opt-in' to 'opt-out' for school
10 districts conducting the At Risk Youth Behavior Survey, or
11 substantially similar data collection. The information is necessary
12 for local allocation of resources."
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16 **Flynn Amendment #2 to the 2011 Legislative Program:**

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18 *Insert on Page 9, "Operating Budget Requests & Priorities":*
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21 **"Public Community Planning:**

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23 Fairview Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy study (Fairview Community
24 Council's request). \$35,000 Page 21"
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27 Insert on Page 21, **"Public Community Planning \$35,000**

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29 Fairview Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy study has been requested by the
30 Fairview Community Council to match with other funds for
31 adequate funding to carry out the scope of work."
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34 **Gutierrez Amendment #1 to the 2011 Legislative Program:**

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36 Insert on page 9 "Operating Budget Requests and Priorities":
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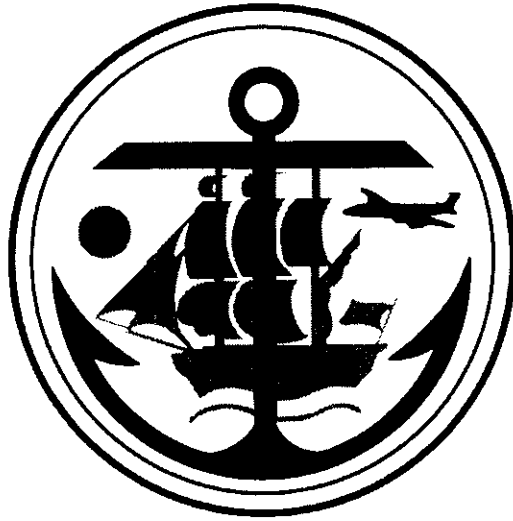
38 **"Public Community Planning:**

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40 East Side District Plan Development (Northeast Community Council request)
41 \$85,000 Page 21"
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44 Insert on Page 21, **"Public and Community Planning: \$85,000**

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46 Development of the Eastside District Plan is underway. Several community
47 councils are participating in the planning process with the Northeast
48 Council acting as the lead. Additional funding would allow the
49 Municipality of Anchorage to provide adequate staff support
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51 Respectfully submitted: Barbara E. Gruenstein, Municipal Clerk



**Municipality of Anchorage
2011 State Legislative Program
(State Fiscal Year 2012)**

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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
2011 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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Letter from Mayor Dan Sullivan
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Priority Capital Budget Items

The Municipality of Anchorage respectfully requests financial support of these priority projects:

PORT OF ANCHORAGE INTERMODAL EXPANSION PROJECT	\$20,000,000
Total project cost for marine terminal redevelopment is \$1 billion. Project partners are SOA, MOA, POA, MARAD and port stakeholders. Completion of the north extension will move current container and general cargo operations off the old, deteriorated facility, while creating additional acreage, barge berths and other facility improvements. Surface transportation design documents are complete with all authorizing permits in place. Construction schedule in 2012 includes completion of the wet and dry barge berth facilities and a rail extension to those facilities, utility installation, fendering and mooring, surface improvements and cathodic protection. For additional detail, see attachments A and B on pages 25-26.	
POINT MACKENZIE SHOAL STUDY COST SHARE	\$500,000
Funding for this project will fulfill the cost share for a US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) study to determine composition, consistency and provide direction for a long-term solution of the growing Point MacKenzie shoal. The shoal impedes navigation in a vital shipping lane and poses severe wintertime challenges to container ships, petroleum ships, and other vessels that call on ports in Upper Cook Inlet. Funds are requested to go directly to USACE.	
PROJECT '80s RENEWAL	\$9,782,000
See narrative page 7.	
INTERGOVERNMENTAL DATA CENTER RENOVATION & ROOF REPLACEMENT	\$3,000,000
Located in West Anchorage, this facility provides conditioned data storage for the MOA and is working actively with Anchorage School District (ASD). Additionally, it is an important training facility for more than 20 state and local law enforcement agencies and organizations. The roof needs replacement and the data center portion of the facility needs to be renovated to accommodate both the MOA and ASD's co-location of their respective data centers.	
POLICE IN-CAR DIGITAL VIDEO FOR MARKED PATROL UNITS AND SPECIALTY RESPONSE VEHICLES	\$4,000,000
An in-car video system will allow for the evidentiary video recording of traffic and other responded incidents. The system has the ability to integrate with a license plate recognition system that will actively search passing license plates for stolen or "reason to locate" vehicles. Benefits of funding this grant request include: Officer safety – the recent homicide of a Seattle police officer was solved almost exclusively with in-car video, from not only the involved officer but also the responding officers; Effective, efficient prosecution – when cases include video and audio of a suspect's actions, s/he is far less likely to go to trial and use up court, defense, and prosecutorial time and resources; Community relations – when the community and the officers know that all the cars are capturing video, it increases confidence in the officer's actions and allows the department to prove actions taken were appropriate.	

SOUTHCENTRAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TACTICAL RANGE **\$1,500,000**

This range will be a dedicated outdoor shooting facility with four individual ranges of different sizes to accommodate various firearms and simultaneous training of multiple agencies. A site adjacent to the Birchwood Public Shooting Range has been selected, approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission and is secured under lease. The facility will be available to other law enforcement entities, including Alaska State Troopers.

SOUTH ANCHORAGE SPORTS PARK SITE PREPARATION & UTILITY EXPANSION **\$4,000,000**

Phase I funding will provide for design, site preparation, and utility extension at the South Anchorage Sports Park. Phase II will include the construction of a public recreational facility with covered, multi-use athletic courts, restrooms and concession area. Facility will enable year-round park usage in an area that has seen extensive residential growth and is underserved with public recreational opportunities. See attachment C on page 27.

EAGLE RIVER/CHUGIAK SENIOR CENTER MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS/EXPANSION PHASE I **\$4,200,000**

Chugiak Senior Center is a 100,000 sq. ft. facility, built in 1975, owned by the MOA. Fulfillment of this Phase I request will provide needed maintenance and enhancements, with specific improvements to include covered carports and parking lot maintenance; Engineering assessment of septic system; Landscape upgrades; Steel outbuilding. Much of the grant will renovate and upgrade the kitchen and dining room, both of which do not meet current community needs. The center provides 150-200 meals per day, and the need is increasing.

Project '80s Renewal

Funding is required to address deferred maintenance needs of original "Project '80s" investments. Funding will revitalize and improve the useful life of buildings and enhance participant experiences.

Total Package Request: \$9,782,000

- **LOUSSAC LIBRARY** **\$5,000,000; AREAWIDE**
With more than 850,000 visitors a year, few upgrades have been addressed since the building's completion in 1986. Reconstruction is necessary to meet user needs and to avoid public safety issues with the entrance. Improvements expected are a redesigned entrance that creates a public commons and a south-facing gathering space for community events. Inside, visitors will find a new lobby, teen center, information commons, upgraded children's area, high-tech Wilda Marston Theatre and revitalized Ann Stevens Reading Room; and repairs to the roof, upgraded security and HVAC systems and indoor book drop.
- **SULLIVAN ARENA** **\$2,000,000; AREAWIDE**
Fire and security systems are necessary for continued public safety; exterior and interior renovations are needed, including HVAC, interior water lines, repair, and sprinkler bracing, and mechanical upgrades to replace original systems that age has rendered many parts obsolete.
- **ANCHORAGE MUSEUM AT RASMUSON CENTER** **\$1,500,000; AREAWIDE**
The Museum's collections storage area is more than 40 years old in some areas and is outdated and insufficient in space and security. Project improvements include: Collections Storage Replacement (lower level storage demolition and reconstruction, install compact storage system, install painting storage system, install lockable steel collections cabinets, upgrade collections and warehouse shelving) and Facility & HVAC System (replace permanent atrium object cases, atrium and auditorium improvements, replace/upgrade electrical and electronic equipment, and install cooling unit to existing chillers).
- **PERFORMING ARTS CENTER** **\$732,000; AREAWIDE**
Problems remain with parapet capping that needs to be addressed to protect the roof and the building. Funds will also provide replacement alarm systems and fire curtains, cooling system frequency drives, heating pumps and upgrades to security cameras.
- **BEN BOEKE ICE ARENA** **\$300,000; AREAWIDE**
Funding will upgrade necessary fire and security systems for public safety and will benefit 10 youth hockey teams, two figure skating clubs, four adult hockey associations, 116 adult recreational hockey teams, open skate and learn-to-skate program users, and statewide athletes participating in tournaments and competitions.
- **DEMPSEY ANDERSON ICE ARENA** **\$250,000; AREAWIDE**
A new refrigeration system is needed to insure that the facility can continue to be used for its intended purpose. Parts are becoming increasingly difficult to find and are growing in expense. Funds will also replace the sound system on Rinks 1 and 2. The original investment in this facility was made in 1983.

Capital Budget Requests

For project narratives, please see page number listed.

For road projects, see pages 16-19.

PROJECT LIST	DISTRICT	AMOUNT	PAGE
AFD command response vehicles replacement	Areawide	\$140,000	10
AFD Cook Inlet water rescue team light rescue boat and boat repair	Areawide	\$260,000	11
AFD CPR compression devices	Areawide	\$140,000	11
AFD fire investigator vehicle	Areawide	\$55,000	11
Anchorage Football Stadium concession & locker room upgrade	Areawide	\$1,000,000	14
Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center	Areawide	\$1,500,000	7
Ben Boeke Ice Arena	Areawide	\$300,000	7
CBERRRSA Sand Storage Buildings construction/purchase	Areawide	\$850,000	16
Chugiak Volunteer Fire Department State 32 tender replacement	16,17,32	\$450,000	11
Delaney Park Repairs Phase II - safety and community enhancements	Areawide	\$600,000	14
Dempsey Anderson Ice Arena	Areawide	\$250,000	7
Eagle River/Chugiak Senior Center major improvements Phase I	Areawide	\$4,200,000	6
Facility upgrades/deferred maintenance projects	Areawide	\$2,577,000	16
Flat Top parking lot expansion	Areawide		15
Fleet Maintenance Heavy Duty Shop	Areawide	\$5,000,000	15
	16, 17, 18, 25,		
Girdwood Volunteer Fire Department air equipment replacement	32	\$175,000	11
Intergovernmental Data Center renovation and roof replacement	Areawide	\$3,000,000	5
Library collections enhancement	Areawide	\$300,000	13
Loussac indoor book-drop construction	Areawide	\$600,000	13
Loussac Library RFID technology implementation	Areawide	\$2,500,000	13
Loussac Library	Areawide	\$5,000,000	7
Margaret Eagan Sullivan Park (Westchester Lagoon) improvements	Areawide	\$100,000	15
Mulcahy outdoor ice hockey rinks replacement	Areawide	\$250,000	15
Multi-Use athletic fields improvement	Areawide	\$600,000	14
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Storm water equipment purchase	Areawide	\$916,000	16
Neighborhood parks upgrades	Areawide	\$500,000	14
North C Street & Ocean Dock Road Intersection/Ramp	18, 32, Areawide	\$300,000	16
Northwood street maintenance building and major repair	Areawide	\$3,000,000	12
Ocean Dock road access	Areawide	\$600,000	12
Performing Arts Center	Areawide	\$732,000	7
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Point MacKenzie Shoal Study cost share	Areawide	\$500,000	

PROJECT LIST	DISTRICT	AMOUNT	PAGE
Police in-car digital video for marked patrol units and specialty response vehicles	Areawide	\$4,000,000	5
Public Health Facility renovation or relocation	Areawide	\$500,000	17
Port of Anchorage Intermodal Expansion Project	Areawide	\$20,000,000	5
South Anchorage Sports Park site preparation and utility expansion	Areawide	\$4,000,000	6
Southcentral Law Enforcement Tactical Range	Areawide	\$1,500,000	6
Sullivan Arena enhancements	Areawide	\$2,000,000	7
Sullivan Arena parking lot expansion	Areawide	\$3,700,000	16
Trails and safety improvements	Areawide	\$1,000,000	14
Transit commuter vanpool vehicle replacement	Areawide	\$700,000	12
Transit Fleet replacement	Areawide	\$3,000,000	12
Transit maintenance facility roof repair/replacement	Areawide	\$3,000,000	16
Transit operations restoration/expansion	Areawide	\$750,000	12
Transit security and facility Improvements	Areawide	\$2,500,000	12
U-Med Multi-Modal Improvements Phase III construction	Areawide	\$1,500,000	12
University Lake Park safety and community enhancements	Areawide	\$500,000	15
Waldron Subdivision Tract A1	Areawide	\$4,000,000	13

Operating Budget Requests & Priorities

For project narratives, please see pages page number listed.

PROJECT LIST	AMOUNT	PAGE
Public Health:		
Support SOA DHSS/DPH/Section of Public Health Nursing increase to provide greater parity in funding Anchorage's Community Health Grant	\$1,500,000	21
Human Services Community Matching Grant (HSCMG) increased funding for Anchorage through the existing SOA DHSS operating budget grants and contracts	\$1,034,137	21
Public Works:		
Meet mandated Alaska Pollution Discharge Elimination System (APDES) Phase II permit requirements for storm water management	\$731,000	21
Public Safety:		
Domestic Violence Prevention Project (ADVPP) funding	\$1,670,198	22
Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) matching funds	\$350,000	22
Pathways to Sobriety ("Pathways")	\$627,560	22
State criminal justice system increased funding		22
Public Transportation Funding Mechanism:		
Establish a statewide pool allocated to communities to support public transportation.		22

Public Community Planning

Fairview Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Study (Fairview Community Council request)	\$35,000	22
Eastside District Plan Development (Northeast Community Council request)	\$85,000	23

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST NARRATIVE:

Public Safety

CHUGIAK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **\$450,000; DISTRICTS 16, 17, 18, 25**
STATION 32 TENDER REPLACEMENT

This grant will replace a tender that is necessary to serve the growing Chugiak-Eagle River communities.

COOK INLET WATER RESCUE TEAM LIGHT **\$260,000; AREAWIDE**
RESCUE BOAT AND BOAT REPAIR

There is no backup for the current NIAD rigid hull watercraft. Cook Inlet water rescue is not a primary function of AFD; however, due to lack of resources by other entities and agencies, AFD does respond to calls and would like to upgrade its water asset to a "safe boat," the industry standard, and used by the United States Coast Guard for surface water rescues.

GIRDWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **\$175,000; DISTRICTS 16, 17, 18, 25, 32**
AIR EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

This project will replace the inventory of 25 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, bringing the Girdwood Fire Department to national safety standards and maintaining compatibility with Anchorage Fire Department and Chugiak Volunteer Fire Department.

AFD CPR COMPRESSION DEVICES **\$140,000; AREAWIDE**

AFD currently operates seven Autopulse CPR compression devices deployed on fire engine companies, and on e device with the Chugiak Volunteer Fire Department and Girdwood Fire Department, respectively. The fleet of nine devices is reaching the end of its service life resulting in increased maintenance, operating costs and decreased operational reliability. Funding will replace the existing inventory.

AFD COMMAND RESPONSE VEHICLES REPLACEMENT **\$140,000; AREAWIDE**

This grant funding would provide replacement for two AFD command response vehicles operating with more than 100,000 miles each. Command response vehicles are used by battalion chiefs to respond to complex emergencies where they provide incident command, safety, and supervisory oversight of crews. Command response vehicles are also used to transport life-safety equipment and tools between emergency scenes and public safety facilities.

AFD FIRE INVESTIGATOR VEHICLE **\$55,000; AREAWIDE**

This grant will fund a reliable (one-ton) 4x4 vehicle that will store basic hand tools, an evidence sampling kit, lighting equipment and generator. This vehicle will allow fire resources to stay in service and to respond to emergency calls for services, which they would otherwise be unavailable. The vehicle will also provide the investigator with a mobile platform to respond to calls for services from other departments in accordance with the tri-borough agreement, and will allow fire resources to return to service more quickly from a fire scene.

Transportation

TRANSIT FLEET REPLACEMENT

\$3,000,000; AREAWIDE

This grant will replace up to six 40-foot People Mover buses and up to nine AnchorRIDES wheelchair-accessible vehicles. Funding will result in completing the replacement of all aging People Mover buses.

\$2,900,000 ANNUALLY (OPERATING) + \$750,000 (CAPITAL); AREAWIDE

TRANSIT OPERATIONS RESTORATION/EXPANSION

Alaska is one of only a few states that fail to provide operating support to public transportation. If fulfilled, this request will acquire two buses to implement a service restoration and expansion program, resulting in an overall system that is more competitive. Once fully implemented, the majority of local routes will operate every half-hour, six-days-a-week during peak business hours, additional service will be available on key arterials, reducing congestion and improving travel times for all commuters.

TRANSIT SECURITY & FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

\$2,500,000; AREAWIDE

This grant will fund transit security and facility improvements for the People Mover campus at 3600 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., and other transit locations. It will provide a comprehensive security system for transit facilities, and building upgrades to include power, communication needs, secure access, lighting and public safety. Such measures will go a long way to ensure safe and controlled access to MOA assets.

U-MED MULTI-MODAL IMPROVEMENTS PHASE III CONSTRUCTION

\$1,500,000; AREAWIDE

Phase III construction funding will improve pedestrian and vehicle safety, promote mobility, and increase transit access in the high-activity University and Providence Hospital (U-Med) District. More than half of People Mover's daily bus trips in the Anchorage Bowl travel through this area (70,000 people daily, on average). This project has many proponents.

TRANSIT COMMUTER VANPOOL VEHICLE REPLACEMENT

\$700,000; AREAWIDE

The Share-A-Ride program that promotes vanpool service removes more than 260,000 auto trips from the Glenn and Seward Highways annually. The request replaces up to 12 vehicles that are operating beyond their useful life that is 4-6 years. Currently, 54 vans bring almost 900 commuters into and out of the Anchorage Bowl each week and there is a significant wait list of those who want to join. Each vanpool participant pays approximately \$130 a month to support operations and maintenance so that no local tax support is required.

OCEAN DOCK ROAD ACCESS IMPROVEMENT \$600,000; DISTRICTS 18, 23, AREAWIDE

Design Ocean Dock road to improve pedestrian, vehicular, freight and charter bus access and safety at railroad crossings, intersections; enhance circulation and signage in this industrial area. Coordinate with the State of Alaska DOT&PF, Port of Anchorage, Cruise Line/Tourism industries, Alaska Railroad, the public and private industry.

**NORTH C STREET & OCEAN DOCK ROAD
INTERSECTION/RAMP IMPROVEMENTS**

\$300,000; DISTRICT 23, AREAWIDE

Design intersection safety improvements – multiple railroad crossings at this location. Coordinate with the State of Alaska DOT&PF, Port of Anchorage, Cruise Line/Tourism industries, Alaska Railroad, the public and private industry.

Public Library System (PLS)

RFID TECHNOLOGY IMPLEMENTATION

\$2,500,000; AREAWIDE

Leading retailers use Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) for theft prevention and operational efficiencies. An investment in this technology will allow for deployment within PLS for automation of tracking and sorting materials. Fulfillment of this request will allow PLS to re-label its entire inventory of more than 710,000 items, install a sorting system and conduct electrical and technical upgrades to accommodate the new system. RFID will provide enhanced taxpayer satisfaction through speedier check-in and checkout, and will increase worker productivity and maximize use of materials available. The project will also complement PLS's project to install an indoor book-drop and sorting station at the Loussac Library.

LOUSSAC INDOOR BOOK-DROP CONSTRUCTION

\$600,000; AREAWIDE

To complement the RFID request above and with a goal of increasing PLS worker productivity, the MOA requests funds to create a drive-up book drop with a conveyor belt system to deliver returned materials directly to the sorting facility inside Loussac Library. Historically, most workers' comp claims at the library come from employees whose job it is to physically empty outdoor book drops. Through this labor-intensive process, staff members push empty bins outside to the drops, pull out full bins, replace them with empty bins and push full bins inside.

LIBRARY COLLECTIONS ENHANCEMENT

\$300,000; AREAWIDE

This project requests funds to enhance the library's capacity to purchase materials. Materials added to PLS benefit local users but also add to the pool of resources available to statewide. PLS loans more than 1.5 million items per year to patrons. PLS receives considerable private funding for its collection; state funding will be leveraged for additional private dollars to bring the library's collection budget up to nationally accepted standard levels.

Parks & Recreation

WALDRON SUBDIVISION TRACT A1

\$4,000,000; AREAWIDE

Funding will allow for the transfer of a 16.9 acre vacant tract of land located one block south of Tudor road on the east side of Shelikof Street currently owned by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southcentral Alaska and zoned PLI. The current appraisal is \$4,320,000, and is currently listed at that price. If the transfer occurs, the Boys & Girls Clubs has offered, under a mutually acceptable agreement and terms to maintain the property and oversee usage scheduling by athletic groups, resulting in no additional operating costs.

**ANCHORAGE FOOTBALL STADIUM CONCESSION
& LOCKER ROOM UPGRADE**

\$1,000,000; AREAWIDE

The concession building and locker room facility at the Anchorage Football Stadium has been closed due to serious structural deficiencies. State funds will be used to replace the building to operate revenue-generating concessions and locker rooms, and will replace field turf, and provide electrical upgrades. Anchorage School District, Soccer Federation, and Anchorage's Boys & Girls Clubs support the project.

TRAILS & SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

\$1,000,000; AREAWIDE

Funds from this grant will be combined with municipal bonds to implement a multi-year, comprehensive repair program to address serious safety and security concerns on 250-miles of paved greenbelt trails. Plan elements will include rehabilitation/replacement of existing trails and bridges, asphalt patching, resurfacing, amenity upgrades and signage/way finding. Improvements are expected at Far North Bicentennial Park multi-use trails, Rover's Run, Tour of Anchorage bridge replacement and trail rehabilitation; Coastal Trail rehabilitation from 2nd to 9th Ave.; Earthquake Park to 9th Ave.; Earthquake Park to Kincaid Park; and Ruth Arcand multi-use trails for tread and drainage repair.

MULTI-USE ATHLETIC FIELDS IMPROVEMENT

\$600,000; AREAWIDE

Anchorage has 110 athletic fields that serve local and statewide needs for healthy sports activities. Funds will be used to match private contributions to rehabilitate existing fields to a reasonable standard and increase park amenities to offer quality spectator and player use. Specific projects to benefit from this funding include, Delaney Park multi-use/soccer field rehabilitation; Nunaka Valley field improvements; Chuck Albrecht Sports Complex Improvements; Abbott-o-Rabbit complex improvements; Davis Park field improvements; Abbott Loop Soccer Field rehabilitation; De La Vega Complex; and Kosinski baseball complex.

**DELANEY PARK REPAIRS PHASE II
SAFETY AND COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENTS**

\$600,000; AREAWIDE

One of Anchorage's oldest and most celebrated parks, Delaney Park will benefit from state funding that will repair the outdoor hockey rink, basketball courts and other active recreation areas. Turf upgrade and repair is planned for the most heavily used areas of the park. The project is supported by APF, Friends of the Parkstrip, and Community Council District 1.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS UPGRADES

\$500,000; AREAWIDE

Funding will continue the comprehensive playground and neighborhood park upgrades identified by the Anchorage Park Report Card. This is part of a multi-year request that will systematically complete all neighborhood parks in the next six-years and leverage a combination of private, Rasmuson Foundation, Anchorage Park Foundation, municipal and state funding.

**UNIVERSITY LAKE PARK SAFETY
AND COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENTS**

\$500,000; AREAWIDE

Located between Alaska Pacific University and the Alaska Native Medical Center, state funds for this project address key needs, including safe and adequate parking, amenities for off-leash dogs, and lake and stream protection. Initial improvements include, parking and pedestrian access improvements; upgrades to trails; park amenity upgrades including, benches and trash receptacles, fencing, signage, water access; and landscaping stabilization and re-vegetation of the lake and stream banks. APF and Anchorage Unleashed support the project.

MULCAHY OUTDOOR ICE HOCKEY RINKS REPLACEMENT

\$250,000; AREAWIDE

Funds will be used for demolition, removal and rebuild of two outdoor skating rinks, and will replace boards. Volunteer help is expected and contributions will be leveraged. Commitments exist from the Scotty Gomez Foundation (\$50,000) and Anchorage Parks Foundation through a challenge grant (\$50,000).

**MARGARET EAGAN SULLIVAN PARK
(WESTCHESTER LAGOON) IMPROVEMENTS**

\$100,000; AREAWIDE

Project improvements are necessary at this heavily used downtown park, and state funds will be leveraged to earn additional private dollars. Project improvements include constructing an age-separated children's playground; upgrades to ADA accessibility standards; installing safety lighting to the Trail Watch headquarters/Covey Café; providing parking and pedestrian safety improvements, and providing winter access to the skating area.

FLAT TOP PARKING LOT EXPANSION

Flat Top is one of the state's most heavily utilized recreational areas. The current parking lot is insufficient to meet the demands of recreationists, and it creates a significant public safety hazard for homeowners in and around the area. The existing roadway is too narrow to allow emergency vehicles to pass through as overflow vehicles often park along this corridor. State funding should be allocated to address these issues and to provide additional community access.

Facility Upgrades

FLEET MAINTENANCE HEAVY DUTY SHOP

\$5,000,000; AREAWIDE

The MOA would like to purchase the existing Fleet Maintenance Facility located at 4333 Bering Street. It is currently rented under a triple-net lease agreement.

GIRDWOOD INDUSTRIAL PARK

\$1,500,000; AREAWIDE

As population of the valley and Alyeska Resort continues to grow, so is the need in Girdwood for an established industrial site available for light- to medium-scale industrial uses. Heritage Land Bank owns a parcel of land currently being used by Chugach Electric, Solid Waste Services and local Girdwood contractors. Funding will be used for preliminary planning and design so that Heritage Land Bank can sell this property to an industrial park developer

SULLIVAN ARENA PARKING LOT EXPANSION **\$3,700,000; AREAWIDE**

The Sullivan Arena parking lots are currently inadequate for major community and statewide events, necessitating the need for additional capacity. This project will level and build lots on Kosinski ball fields 1 and 2 at the north end of the existing complex. It will also provide an important safety feature for users with the addition of a covered walkway.

NORTHWOOD STREET MAINTENANCE **\$3,000,000; AREAWIDE**
BUILDING MAJOR REPAIR

This warm storage facility provides 60,000 square-feet for approximately 104 pieces of heavy equipment. It was constructed over the old Northwood landfill. As garbage decomposes the floor, floor drain and methane recovery systems are sinking into the landfill. The structural system that ties the facility together is failing. Funds are proposed to remove the existing floor system, install additional steel piling, and install a new drain and methane recovery system that will be supported by the new structural floor system alleviating the problem.

TRANSIT MAINTENANCE FACILITY **\$3,000,000; AREAWIDE**
ROOF REPAIR/REPLACEMENT

Funds will replace the roof that is 30-years old and currently leaking, compromising the structure.

FACILITY UPGRADES/DEFERRED MAINTENANCE PROJECTS **\$2,577,000; AREAWIDE**

A number of capital maintenance projects across the MOA have been deferred for far too long. Consistent with Governor Parnell's priorities to address this backlog, the MOA is submitting this request to deal with issues for the inventory of buildings up to 30-years-old. Projects include upgrades to fire stations, police headquarters, recreation centers, parks and recreation facility, Anchorage Senior Center, transit buildings and the Dimond High School pool.

NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM **\$916,000; AREAWIDE**
(NPDES) STORM WATER EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Federal requirements call for the MOA to perform three full summer sweeps, increasing maintenance costs and wear and tear on the maintenance fleet. Phase II of the NODES federal requirement also includes annual inspection and cleaning of storm water catch basins, of which there are approximately 15,000 in Anchorage. Funding will support the acquisition of two Waterless Street Sweepers and one VectorTruck to enable the MOA to meet these requirements.

CBERRRSA SAND STORAGE BUILDINGS **\$850,000; AREAWIDE**
CONSTRUCTION/PURCHASE

Chugiak/Birchwood/Eagle River Rural Road Service Area needs a new storage facility. The new building will enclose winter sand piles to reduce the need for chlorides mixed into the sand that could otherwise leach into wetlands, and is consistent with federal storm water permit requirements. The total mileage affected exacerbates the need; maintained roads extend from Hiland to Eklutna, totaling more than 180 miles.

PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITY RENOVATION OR RELOCATION**\$500,000; AREAWIDE**

The existing facility was built in 1960 as a three-story hospital that was later expanded to five floors. Today, the public health facility houses the majority of the MOA's Health and Human Services departments and Anchorage's residents as a major health care clinic. All of the building's components have reached or are near their reasonable design life expectancy. Funds will pay for moving costs at a better-suited location, or will provide critical tenant improvements at the existing location.

Roads (Alpha)

PROJECT LIST	DISTRICT	AMOUNT
121st Ave storm - Mary Dr to Ellen Cir	28	\$1,200,000
27th Ave Pedestrian Safety – Minnesota Dr. to Blueberry Street	25	\$500,000
32nd Ave Upgrade - Muldoon Rd to Brookridge Dr	21	\$3,000,000
35th Ave and McRae St. upgrade - Wisconsin St to Spenard Rd	26	\$6,000,000
73rd Ave/74th Ave waterline extension	30	\$1,300,000
75th Ave/Margaret Cir area drainage	27	\$3,000,000
84th Ave extension/upgrade - Spruce St to Elmore Rd	30	\$8,000,000
88th Ave Upgrade - Spruce Brook St to Elmore Rd	30	\$3,000,000
9th Ave reconstruction Phase II - Cordova St to LaTouche St.	23	\$3,600,000
Academy Dr/Vanguard Dr area traffic circulation improvements - Brayton Dr. to Abbott Rd	29	\$8,300,000
Alexander Ave. Drainage	22	\$250,000
Arctic Blvd reconstruction Phase III - 36th Ave to Tudor Rd	25	\$8,000,000
ARDSA street light improvements	Areawide	\$500,000
Arlberg Ave upgrade - Garmisch Rd to Aspen Mountain Rd	32	\$2,400,000
Arlberg Ave extension	32	\$3,500,000
Artillery Rd./Eagle River Rd./ Old Glenn Interchange Land Purchase and Planning	17	\$4,500,000 ¹
Alyeska Highway Trail Rehabilitation	32	\$2,500,000
Birch Rd safety improvements - O'Malley Rd to Naknex Ln	31	\$1,200,000
Birchtree/Elmore LRSA road and drainage	32	\$750,000
Bluebell Drive at Goldenview intersection	32	\$1,000,000
Brooks Drive/Cross DR/Chugiak Drive upgrade and alignment	16	\$7,000,000
Campbell Woods Subd area drainage	28	\$2,000,000
Chugiak-Eagle River areawide aquifer study	16	\$500,000
Chugiak-Eagle River areawide drainage plan	16	\$500,000
Citation Road Sidewalk eagle River Ln to Eagle River Rd	16	\$8,000,000
Eagle River area snow disposal site	16	\$1,500,000
Eagle River Ln upgrade - Eagle River Rd to Ptarmigan Blvd	17	\$700,000
Eagle River/Chugiak road and drainage rehab	16	\$1,400,000

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Egavik Dr/Denali St area storm reconstruction	24	\$3,000,000
Eklutna River bridge replacement at the Old Glenn Hwy	16	\$6,500,000
Fish Creek Trail - Northwood Dr to Spenard Rd	26	\$325,000
Flooding, glaciation and drainage matching program	Areawide	\$5,000,000
Furrow Creek at Clippership Ct and Mariner Dr Culvert upgrades	28	\$400,000
Girdwood airport access road reconstruction	32	\$3,600,000
Girdwood RSA road and drainage rehab	32	\$2,500,000
Hartzell Rd reconstruction - 79th to Dimond Blvd	30	\$5,000,000
Hightower Road upgrade - Alyeska Highway to Community Ctr	32	\$800,000
Hiland Road resurfacing	16	\$1,600,000
Hillside Drainage improvements	29	\$300,000
Hillside LRSA's road and drainage system rehabilitation	30	\$280,000
Homestead Rd extension - Oberg Dr to Voyles Blvd	16	\$700,000
Intersection safety and congestion relief matching program	Areawide	\$5,000,000
Mountain Air Dr/Hillside Dr extension	32	\$1,400,000
Mountain Park/Robin Hill LRSA road and drainage	31	\$1,900,000
Mountain View area traffic and pedestrian safety	20	\$500,000
Northern Lights Blvd pedestrian safety - Lois Dr west to Captain Cook Estates Cir	26	\$920,000
Northern Lights Blvd sound barrier fence phase III - Seward Hwy to Lake Otis Pkwy	23	\$1,000,000
Northwood Dr pavement rehab - Raspberry Rd to Strawberry Rd	27	\$1,700,000
Old Seward Hwy Surface rehab - 34th Ave to Tudor Rd	24	\$1,500,000
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Penland Pkwy Surface Rehab/Drainage - Airport Heights Rd to Bragaw St	20	\$5,800,000
Peters Creek drainage basin flood mitigation	16	\$300,000
Pine St./4th Ave. storm reconstruction phase II - Debarr Rd to Boniface Pkwy	20	\$4,000,000
Rogers Park elementary overpass on Northern Lights Blvd safety upgrades study	23	\$100,000
Ship Creek trail erosion control	23	\$1,500,000
Sylvan Dr reconstruction RID - Fairweather Dr to Old Seward Hwy	24	\$600,000
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2011 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM
OPERATING BUDGET NARRATIVE**

The Municipality of Anchorage requests the following funds be included in the state's operating budget, consistent with Mayor Sullivan's priorities:

PUBLIC HEALTH

- **SUPPORT SOA DHSS/DPH/SECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING INCREASE TO PROVIDE GREATER PARITY IN FUNDING ANCHORAGE'S COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING GRANT** **\$1,500,000**

SOA operates and fully funds Public Health Centers in most communities, with the exception of four where services are provided by a local entity via a grant that does not fully fund the costs. While funding of state-run public health centers has increased in response to salary, benefit and other increases, the grant provided to Anchorage does not currently cover the cost of providing the service. The MOA asks SOA to provide sufficient funds to cover costs of operating public health services on behalf of the State.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMUNITY MATCHING GRANT (HSCMG) **\$1,034,137**

The grant helps address critical needs within Anchorage. To ensure this, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) requires that projects funded are in one of the following categories: basic provision of food, basic provision of temporary/emergency shelter and related services, health support services, or protective legal services for children and adults.

PUBLIC WORKS MANDATES

- **MEET MANDATED ALASKA POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (APDES) PHASE II PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR STORM WATER MANAGEMENT** **\$731,000**

New and/or expanded storm water management programs require public funding to meet permit conditions and avoid potential costly fines, including conditions to sweep streets, inspect, and clean storm drain structures more frequently, implement and map a storm water management system, and accomplish new storm water reporting requirements as conditions of the permit.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Despite a 2002 increase in state alcohol taxes, state funding for alcohol treatment programs has remained flat or declined in the intervening years. The MOA supports funding for alcohol-related mitigation, such as:

- **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROJECT (ADVPP) \$1,670,198**

Project goals are two-fold: to hold domestic violence offenders accountable and increase victim safety. The project does have a statewide impact with outreach to victims in more than 25 communities. Since its inception in 2006, results of this multi-agency approach have been impressive, with recidivism decreasing by 55 percent, significant decreases in number of days to serve arrest warrants while simultaneously increasing arrests among those violating parole conditions, and more.

- **SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM (SART) MATCHING FUNDS \$350,000**

Matching funds will allow for additional criminal prosecution of sexual assault offenders and for care of victims following sexual assaults. The MOA is requesting the SOA support this effort as SART services are provided to other agencies within the SOA who do not have SART programs or that ask for assistance.

- **PATHWAYS TO SOBRIETY ("PATHWAYS") \$627,560**

Pathways is a public safety project that responds to the estimated 250 chronic homeless public inebriates who are a threat of harm to themselves and private citizens in Anchorage. This population commits an average of four misdemeanors each year with common violations including, trespassing, assault, destruction of property and urinating in public. Project results will be posted in the form of quarterly and annual reports at www.muni.org.

- **STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM INCREASED FUNDING**

Timely justice is important to community safety and offender rehabilitation; increased funding for more judges, prosecutors and public defenders is necessary. Under the rubric "justice delayed is justice denied", the longer it takes to bring offenders in and prosecute them, the more opportunity for additional acts of violence.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FUNDING MECHANISM

Alaska is one of only two states not providing operating funds for local public transit service. The MOA supports the establishment of a statewide pool allocated to communities under a formula or ratio based on ridership, or some similar standard.

Public Community Planning

\$35,000

- **Fairview Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy study** (Fairview Community Council's request). Fairview Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy study has been requested by the Fairview Community Council to match with other funds for adequate funding to carry out the scope of work."

\$85,000

- **Eastside District Plan Development** (Northeast Community Council request)
Development of the Eastside District Plan is underway. Several community councils are participating in the planning process with the Northeast Council acting as the lead. Additional funding would allow the Municipality of Anchorage to provide adequate staff support

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**REQUESTS FOR NEW OR AMENDED
LEGISLATION**

Finance

- ✓ **Fiscal Plan:** State fiscal stability is vital to the future of Alaska's communities, families, and private sector. The MOA urges the Legislature to develop and implement fiscal and economic policies that will provide the stability required for the private sector to confidently invest and create good paying jobs for Alaskans. In doing so, it will be important to engage communities in discussing the trade-offs and choices that will be needed to achieve a level of spending Alaska can afford and recurring sources of stable revenue to pay for it.
- ✓ **Unfunded Mandates:** The Moa strongly urges the SOA take financial responsibility for the mandated and unfunded required exemptions described by AS.29.45.030 that shifts the costs of protecting and serving such properties to all other local taxpayers. While such exemptions are broadly supported, Anchorage taxpayers who are not eligible for such exemptions bear an overwhelming and increasing burden for such properties in comparison to other cities and local communities in Alaska. The MOA urges the legislature to resist passing mandates to local governments that are unfunded.
- ✓ **Revenue Sharing:** The MOA supports revenue sharing to the maximum extent possible with a one-time COLA, based on the cumulative Anchorage CPI for 2007 through 2010, and annual adjustments thereafter.
- ✓ **State's Erosion of Property Tax Base:** When the SOA purchases privately owned property and buildings, it lowers the MOA's tax base. In recent years, the state has purchased office buildings and associated land with an assessed value of \$78 million. The result is that in 2010 the MOA lost \$1.2 million in property tax revenue—in just this one year. Legislation is requested that requires the SOA to compensate a local government when it removes property from property tax rolls in a mechanism similar to a "payment-in-lieu-of-taxes".
- ✓ **PERS:** The MOA supports the current formula funding Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), and is opposed to any legislation that increases its costs and the state or local municipality liability.
- ✓ **Continuation of the Alaska Senior Benefits Payment Program:** Authorization under AS 47.45.301—47.45.309 to make payments to eligible seniors has been repealed effective June 30, 2011 under a "delayed repeal" enacted by session law in 2007. The MOA supports continuation of the Alaska Senior Benefits Payment Program which provides monthly cash assistance on a sliding scale from \$125 to \$250 to Alaska residents 65 and older, provided the household income does not exceed 175% of the annual federal poverty guideline for Alaska. (The 2010 Alaska annual federal poverty guideline of \$13,530 for a single member household and \$18,210 for a two-member household equate to cut-off limitations of \$23,678 for a single

senior household and \$31,868 for a two-member senior household, respectively.) High energy costs and the current economic environment adversely affect seniors on lower fixed incomes, who may have no way to supplement current income or cut costs. Current law provides sufficient fiscal protection without legislative repeal of the program: Cash assistance provided under the Alaska Senior Benefits Payment Program is explicitly subject to appropriation under AS 47.45.302(c). The program should not be made subject to sunset June 30, 2011. The sunset should be extended or repealed.

Energy

- ✓ **Natural Gas:** Support legislation that promotes natural gas development in the Cook Inlet, and modernizes aging Railbelt electrical transmission facilities.

- ✓ **Oil Production:** The MOA strongly supports all efforts to maximize oil production to maintain Trans Alaska Pipeline Service (TAPS) viability; and encourages a competitive analysis be performed to address the existing regulatory and fiscal framework to identify whether Alaska is globally positioned to attract maximum development.

Private Sector Development

- ✓ **Film Credits:** Because of the proven economic benefits that film production is providing Alaskan communities, MOA supports extension of the Alaska Film Production Incentive Program and full funding of the transferable film production tax credits for Alaska corporations.

- ✓ **Little Davis Bacon:** Consistent with the Alaska Municipal League priority, the MOA supports raising the limit from \$2,000 to \$50,000 on Little Davis Bacon projects.

Public Safety

- ✓ **Drug Legislation:** The MOA has identified the need for strong legislation that criminalizes the use of Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) mimicking drugs or synthetic marijuana products, to include the incense commonly sold as "Spike", "Spice" or "K2".

- ✓ **Involuntary Commitment:** Amend AS 47.27.190 on Involuntary Commitment, Section (a) by adding language to make the statute more consistent with AS 47.37.180 on Emergency Commitment.

- ✓ **Fees:** Under the philosophy that cost-causers should be cost-payers, add a surcharge for prosecution similar to that for law enforcement to allow law departments to capture at least a portion of the funds expended in the interest of public safety. Under AS 12.55.039, a surcharge is assessed to defendants in the amount of \$75, \$50, or \$10, depending on the type of offense.

- ✓ **Fees:** Make the indigent defense fee assessed to defendants post-conviction or plea a mandatory, not discretionary, fee to allow local jurisdictions to capture at least a portion of the funds expended.
- ✓ **Fees:** Allow political subdivisions to recoup a reasonable portion of the costs of legal review of documents prior to release in response to a public records request. This would better meet the needs of the public while also narrowing searches for better results.
- ✓ **Fees:** Increase fines for violating traffic laws from \$300 to \$500 as a deterrent to potential offenders while also addressing inflation (it has been more than 25-years since the fine has increased).
- ✓ **Fees:** Increase fines for those who destroy or deface public property.
- ✓ **Ignition Interlock:** In 2010, the legislature created a law requiring ignition interlock devices for drivers convicted of operating vehicles while under the influence. Some technical fixes are required to strengthen the impact of this law.

More Effective & Efficient Government

- ✓ **Personal Service:** Adjust AS 09.05.060 that allows video service of summons as "personal service" in certain misdemeanor cases, such as shoplifting and/or theft. In order to achieve both time and financial savings, the MOA requests this change to allow APD to use modern technology to achieve greater results. "Personal Service" could be achieved by use of a live video feed that would allow an officer at headquarters to observe and record the service of the summons, a service that is physically accomplished by the store's safety/security officer.
- ✓ **Title 12:** The MOA would like to change provisions of Title 12 concerning preservation and retention of DNA evidence to address burdens the newly adopted provisions place on local law enforcement agencies, and funding the programmatic changes required by those provisions.
- ✓ **Legal Response:** Change state law so that political subdivisions get the same 40 days to answer complaints that SOA gets. Current law requires 20 days and puts a significant burden on attorneys who could use the additional time to investigate more effectively and respond to cases.
- ✓ **Legal Response:** Change state law so that political subdivisions can "replace" and "stand in for" employees who are sued, just as the SOA gets to do for its employees when sued in their official capacities. This would result in both a simplified process and lower litigation costs.
- ✓ **Immunity:** Change state law so that political subdivisions can assert official immunity.
- ✓ **Local Control:** Support legislation changing state policy from 'opt-in' to 'opt-out' for school districts conducting the At Risk Youth Behavior Survey, or substantially similar data collection. The information is necessary for local allocation of resources.

- ✓ **Online Public Meeting Notices:** Much of state law requires public notification of meetings to happen in print form. Due to the heavy personal usage of online resources, the MOA cites this as one example of an opportunity where efficiencies can be gained in governments throughout Alaska by moving to online postings: *"According to AS 29.45.330 Foreclosure list... (2) publish the foreclosure list for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation distributed in the municipality or, if there is no newspaper of general circulation distributed in the municipality, post the list at three public places for at least 30 days."*
- ✓ **Alaska Family Medical Leave Act:** The MOA urges the Legislature to look at the burdensome administrative cost and time associated with running AFMLA concurrent with the Federal Medical Leave Act. The existing law pre-dates the Federal Family Medical Leave Act and applies only to public employers. A Uniform Code would be beneficial in streamlining the process and reducing cost.

Appendices

PORT ATTACHMENTS HERE THEN SPORTS PARK ATTACHMENT (PLEASE!)