



# April 2, 2024 Ballot Proposition FACT SHEET

## Proposition 6

### **Anchorage Areawide Service Area** **Public Safety and Transit** **\$4,560,000**

These bonds would pay for capital improvements to acquire new replacement ambulances, acquire and replace transit vehicles and support equipment, undertake signal system, signage, traffic calming and safety improvements, and undertake school zone safety improvements, bus stop improvements, and improvements to transit facilities and centers and allow for increases in the municipal tax cap for annual operations and maintenance (O&M) costs in the Anchorage Areawide Service Area. (AO 2024-8(S) as Amended)

#### **Projects**

	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M		Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
Anchorage Signal System, Signage, and Safety Improvements	\$500,000	\$5,000	Traffic Calming and Safety Improvements	\$1,000,000	\$120,000
Fire Ambulance Replacement	\$700,000	-	Transit Facilities, Centers, and Bus Stop Improvements	\$960,000	-
School Zone Safety	\$500,000	-	Transit Fleet/Support Equipment/Support Vehicle Replacement & Expansion	\$900,000	-
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,560,000</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>

#### **Project Descriptions - Public Safety**

##### Fire Ambulance Replacement - \$700,000

Programmed replacement of Areawide Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Medical Intensive Care Unit (MICU) ambulances to provide basic and advanced life support services and transport patients throughout the Municipality of Anchorage. Replacement of MICU ambulances will be in accordance with the Anchorage Fire Department's vehicle replacement plan. Ambulances are heavily used and incur high levels of mileage. Ambulances are replaced approximately every 7 years.

#### **Project Descriptions - Public Transportation**

**Note: Bond proceeds will provide a 9.03% to 20% match to Federal funds that will be available to help fund each project.**

##### Transit Facilities, Centers, and Bus Stop Improvements - \$960,000

This project funds the upgrade of bus stop sites to meet both the federally mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and the operational needs. Typical improvements include, but are not limited to; bus shelters, benches, trash receptacles, landscaping, grading, paving, utility relocations, lighting, curb adjustments, drainage, constructing paths, and construction/reconstruction of turnouts. Typical facility activities include design/engineering, upgrades, rehabilitation, and construction/reconstruction not limited to safety, security, facility equipment, structures, underground storage tanks, parking lots, sidewalks, and drainage. Additionally, this project supports an on-going effort to provide major transit facilities in key areas of the city and major destinations.

##### Transit Fleet/Support Equipment/Support Vehicle Replacement & Expansion - \$900,000

This funding will be used for the improvements and expansion to existing transit and paratransit fleets, demand response and fixed route service. Typical support equipment includes, but is not limited to: fareboxes, ticket readers with issue attachments that issue passenger passes on the bus; security systems; transit/signal improvements for headway enhancements; mechanical equipment and other improvements for facilities; mobile display terminals and vehicle communications, radios, and location systems. This project also funds the purchase of replacement vehicles and equipment to support operation of the transit system. Typical purchases include pickup racks, maintenance trucks with special equipment, supervisor vehicles, shift change vehicles, forklifts, sweepers, and bus access snow removal equipment.



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#### **Project Descriptions – Signal, Signage, and Traffic Calming and Safety**

##### Anchorage Signal System, Signage, and Safety Improvements - \$500,000 (plus \$5,000 O&M annually)

This program reconstructs and upgrades the Anchorage traffic system within the Municipality of Anchorage. This project is part of an annual program to construct priority improvements that will improve safety and traffic flow as identified by the Traffic Engineering Department through its annual review of traffic and crash data. Improvements may include replacing and/or upgrading signals, turning lanes and lights, signs, site assessment devices, traffic detection loops, and any other equipment needed to upgrade the system. Design and construction funding are proposed annually through road bonds. Because of age, many traffic signal and sign facilities in Anchorage have deteriorated to the point that replacement is required to keep the system operating. Upgrades, primarily related to technological advancements, are available to improve system efficiency and reduce annual operation and maintenance costs. This bond contains \$500,000 for these upgrades.

##### School Zone Safety - \$500,000

This program evaluates the walking/biking corridors throughout Anchorage that students use for access to their schools. Specific improvements will be identified and prioritized by the Traffic Engineering Department in conjunction with public involvement and the Anchorage School District. Many projects have already been completed with funding from this program. Improvements include new sidewalk installation, repair of existing sidewalks or making them American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant, and the installation of signage to enhance safety along these walking routes. This bond includes \$500,000 for design and construction of improvements.

##### Traffic Calming and Safety Improvements - \$1,000,000 (plus \$120,000 O&M annually)

This program evaluates the implementation of the traffic calming program and safety improvements throughout the Municipality of Anchorage. Specific improvements will be identified and prioritized by the Traffic Engineering Department in conjunction with public involvement. Design and construction funding are proposed annually. On many neighborhood and collector roads, vehicles are driven above posted speeds which can create unsafe situations. Traffic calming measures are typically used to slow traffic. This bond includes \$1,000,000 for design and construction of improvements.

##### Costs Associated with Bond Approval

Bond Principal Amount	\$4,560,000
Estimated Annual Cost of Debt Service	\$349,785
Annual Increased Operations and Maintenance Costs	\$0

##### Estimated Annual Property Tax Increase for \$100,000 of Assessed Property Value:

To Retire Debt	\$0.93
Operations and Maintenance Costs	\$0.33
Total	\$1.26

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*It is the expectation of the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) that the general obligation bonds proposed for April 2, 2024 will be used to make capital improvements as noted. Information contained herein describes how MOA expects to use the bond proceeds. However, as project development progresses, changes in scope, project feasibility, phasing, timeline, or estimated costs may occur that result in acceleration, delay, or adjustments related to the above projects.*