

PROPOSED ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN COMMENTS ON 2020 HLB WORK PROGRAM AND 2021-2025 HLB MANAGEMENT PLAN

Acquisition of Municipal Entitlement Lands:

- Continue to express TCC strong support for conveyance of State of Alaska-owned lands to the Municipality of Anchorage (as per the Municipal Entitlements Act and subsequent actions) — and thank HLB for continuing efforts to work with the State on this important land acquisition directive for our community.
- Ensure acquisition of Municipal Entitlement Lands is included in both the 2020 Work Program and the 5-Year Management Plan
- Continue to request inclusion in the Plan of the parcels TCC has long-advocated to be transferred to the Municipality, due to their high value as public use and natural open space areas.

Specifically:

- State of Alaska-owned lands being used as public parks/natural open spaces/recreational areas:
 - Parcels #21 & #68 — where Point Woronzof Overlook/sections of the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail are located
 - Parcel #77 — Little Campbell Lake Park
 - Parcel #78 — land adjacent to Kincaid Park
 - Parcel #113 — DeLong Lake Park
 - A portion of Parcel #71 — northern section of Connors Bog Park
- Kloop Snow Disposal Site is also located within Parcel #71.

HLB Management of Conservation Easements:

- Ensure language is retained from previous Plans with regard to HLB management of Conservation Easements

Tony Knowles Coastal Trail/Parcels 4-032, 4-033 & 4-034

- Request inclusion in the 2020 Work Program Potential Transfer section portions of the HLB land west of the Airport (it is in the Draft 2021-2025 Plan, but is not in the current 2020 Draft)
 - This was included in the 2019 Work Program
- TCC worked very hard to get specific language in the 2019/5 Yr. Plan regarding transfer of land west of the Airport to Parks for park dedication, but...
 - Need to ensure amendment language passed by the Assembly for the 2019/5-Yr. Plan aligns with Draft language in the current Draft (initial review looks like it doesn't in some places).
 - *For example:*
 - Ensure there is no reference to do the above transfer will be done “as funding is available” — the Assembly specifically deleted similar language when approving this year’s Plan.
 - Plan needs to specifically refer to this area as identified as “Parks/Natural Areas” in the 2040 Land Use Plan — just as the Draft Plan refers to the area the Clitheroe Center is located in as “community” land (actually “Community Facilities or Institutions”).

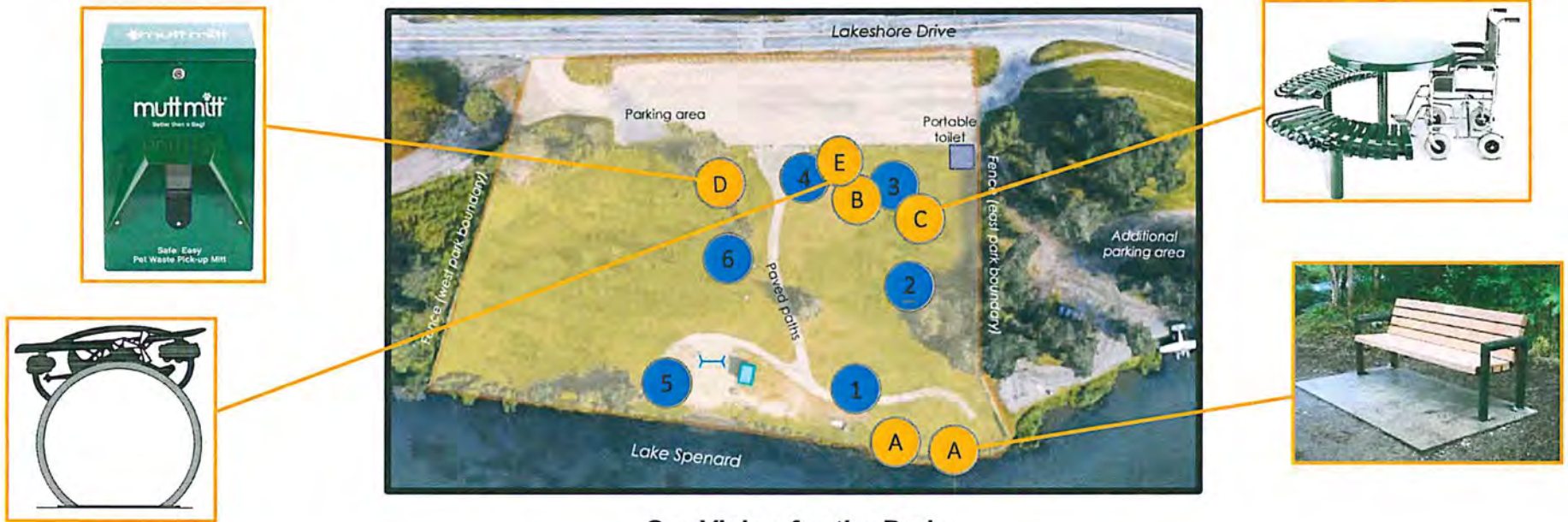
Other Relevant Comments:

- Comment on any other relevant comment consistent with TCC already-approved positions on HLB land/HLB Plan.

Grammatical/Formatting Throughout the Document:

While reviewing the Draft HLB Plan, if any grammatical/formatting items are identified; they will be added as a postscript to these comments.

Spenard Beach Park Improvements – Site Plan & Amenity Placement



Our Vision for the Park

Phase I: 2019 Challenge Grant		Long Term Goals:	
A	(2) 6FT Wood and Steel Park Bench	1	Interpretative signs with park history, 3 benches facing lake.
B	(1) Solid Steel Round Picnic Table	2	Play installation, shaped like or made of a small plane fuselage. Backless bench for observing.
C	(1) ADA (Americans with Disabilities) Solid Steel Round Picnic Table	3	Picnic area with multiple tables. One table ADA accessible.
D	New dog waste station	4	Relocate Muni park sign from middle of park.
E	New bike rack (shaped like float plane) – bike rack has already been donated by Cook Inlet Housing	5	Replace swing set and install backless benches for observing.
F		6	Remove or relocate existing kiosk and dog waste station from middle of park.

TURNAGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

c/o Federation of Community Councils
1057 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 100
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

TO: Municipality of Anchorage Planning and Zoning Commission
FROM: Turnagain Community Council
DATE: Monday, November 18, 2019
RE: PZC Case # 2019-0142, Proposed Lot Coverage Allowance for Front Porches

Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the following proposed ordinances.

Comments on PZC Case 2019-0142 (Porches)

1. Overall, we appreciate efforts by the Planning Department to make our neighborhoods safer, more connected and encouraging more attractive, “friendly” design of homes, such as having front porches. We understand this proposal currently only applies to single-family homes. We believe that it is worth exploring whether implementing a policy like this could be applied to other housing types also: for example, duplexes, attached townhouses or other houses typically built with garages in front. Turnagain, like many neighborhoods, has a mix of housing types in our area, and we would want the same benefits for all of our council.
2. Related question to #1: We would like to know how, if at all, this policy would impact setbacks. Would it allow encroachment into a setback from the front lot line, or side lines? We support maintaining existing setback requirements as much as possible. And, we wondered specifically if setbacks posed a challenge for implementing this for multi-unit housing.
3. We recommend not using the word “encourage” in the name of the ordinance. While the policy is stated as being to encourage this type of design, the policy is simply allowing this. We recommend a more neutral term such as “allow.”
4. We understand there are limited ways to address this in the code, but we are concerned about enforcement over time, and whether this would be misused to extend enclosed porches or arctic entries. For example, in year 1 homeowner uses this policy and builds an additional 180 square foot porch. In year 3 to 5, they decide to enclose the porch even though it was only granted as an open-air porch. Does this require approval by the Municipality, similar to other home additions, or would a person simply be able to do this? If it requires approval, we imagine that the Municipality could see that they previously were allowed this additional coverage, and could deny the application. If it does not, or if a person chooses not to get a required approval, this could be easily misused to create larger square footage in a two-step process. Again, we understand and support the intent, but at minimum it should be considered how to mitigate this loophole.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

Cathy L. Gleason
Turnagain Community Council President

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TO: Municipality of Anchorage Planning and Zoning Commission
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RE: PZC Case #2019-0143, Alternative Landscaping Requirements

Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the following proposed ordinance.

Comments on PZC Case 2019-0143 (Landscaping)

1. We support the intent of this ordinance, and thank the Planning Department for working to identify good ways to incentivize retention of native and existing vegetation on a site. We have also observed the tendency to completely clear a site during development, and understand the risks to water quality, soil stability, aesthetics and neighborhood character that completely clearing a site brings. We hope these policies help accomplish that goal!
2. We support the inclusion of cottonwoods as acceptable species to remain onsite during development. While they have downsides and are not the most desirable landscaping tree, mature trees should be retained whenever possible.
3. We support the extension of the allowable growing season as it relates to developments to September 15.
4. We considered in existing code where other changes could be made to further support keeping native vegetation, especially trees, as they provide a great deal of benefit and take the longest time and resources to replace. We recommend reducing the minimum caliper of deciduous trees from 6 inches to 4 inches [AMC 21.07.080F(1)(d)], as an amendment in this ordinance. We understand that the intent is to only protect mature trees; however, we understand that 4 inches is typically larger than the trees available in a commercial nursery, and a tree of that size can reasonably be considered mature—especially the species of trees typical in Alaska, like birch or aspen. We believe this is also a worthwhile change to consider, supporting the general goal of incentivizing retention of existing vegetation, particularly trees.
5. We observed in some of the agency comments that there is potential conflict between this change and other codes, related to stormwater requirements and the Design Criteria Manual. We strongly encourage the Planning Department and other relevant departments to explore ways to implement this change or make other adjustments to code to accommodate it. This seems like a worthwhile change to make, given that climate change is extending the growing (and development) season. Do not let this conflict between the codes be a barrier to making common-sense change.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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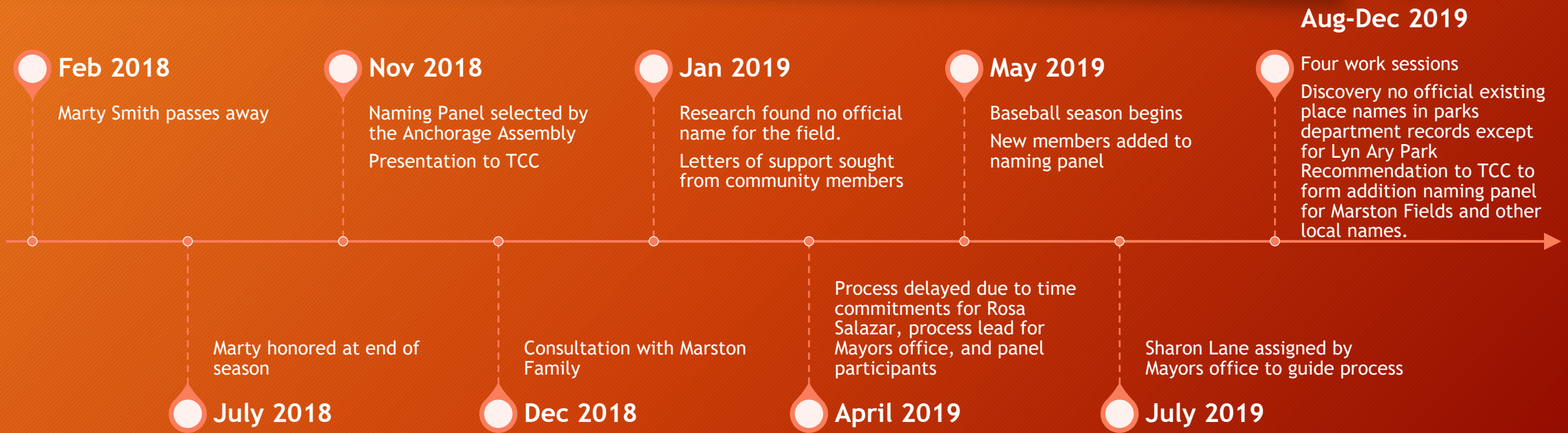
Martin “Marty” Smith Citizen Naming Panel

Turnagain Community Council Presentation

December 6, 2019

- Sharon Lane - Mayor’s office representative
- Citizen Naming Panel Members:
 - ❖ Rachel Christy
 - ❖ Davin Holen
 - ❖ Patricia Kozler
 - ❖ Patricia Redmond

Citizen Naming Panel Process to honor Marty Smith at The Marston Fields in Lyn Ary Park



Marty Smith Diamond Citizen Naming Panel Process continued...



Dec 2019

Public Meeting



January 9, 2020

Parks & Rec Commission Meeting



January 14, 2020

Present to Anchorage Assembly

Marty Smith

- Lifelong resident of West Anchorage.
- Played baseball in the Spenard League.
- Coach for numerous teams who played at Lyn Ary Park.
- Umpire.
- Anchorage West Little League President.
- Planner for field improvements that add overall esthetics to Lyn Ary Park for a variety of users.
- Avid volunteer at Aquarian Charter School and The Covenant House.
- Represents the best of us who volunteer our time for our youth.

Providence Alaska Medical Center

[Preview YouTube video Providence Generations II](#)

[Providence Generations II](#)

The video highlights Marty's history in connection with his hometown Anchorage.

Spenard, Alaska

All-Stars

Spenard



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Minors





Juniors Team

Seniors





Family Time



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February 16, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I grew up in Anchorage, playing softball in gravel lots in the low-slung light of the midnight sun, with my dad as a volunteer coach—and with windbreakers over uniforms to protect from the rain and mosquitos. I've watched how we've grown as a community, and how our recreation culture has grown with us, though the DIY, rugged, resilient flavor remains. My dad taught me to love baseball, for its patience and emotion, for its belief in the underdog; it ain't over 'til it's over. Baseball reminds me of Alaska that way.

More than 25 years ago, I met Marty Smith; he married my childhood friend. Marty loved baseball, too. Our family and his would sometimes meet up at Seattle Mariners' games—he was a fellow optimist, like so many baseball fans, always thinking this could be the year. Marty put his love of baseball into a love of community, coaching as a volunteer and serving as a board member as he worked to build Anchorage West Little League and the Spenard Little League, for all those kids in Alaska who love baseball, despite the distance from the giant stadiums and the major leagues. For Marty, baseball was about joy. He was loyal to joy in so many ways. I never saw Marty without a smile.

Marty Smith was an Alaskan, loving that volunteer spirit, bush planes and the outdoors. It was the place where he gave back. He raised a family here and he inspired hundreds of kids by caring about them and giving them things to love here.

Naming public spaces is complex. There are many deserving people. But, to me, Marty's dedication exemplifies what is intended in naming Alaskan places—it's a legacy not just to one person, but also to a generous spirit, to a long-term commitment and dedication to the people of this place. I can think of no better way to honor Marty's legacy and to honor that Alaskan spirit than to name the northwest ballfield at Lyn Ary Park Marty Smith Memorial Field. It honors all of us who believe in growing up here.

I think of the kids who will read Marty's name on the sign and know that someone cared—about kids, about baseball, about kindness, about community, and about giving oneself to make something better for others. His legacy is in their joy of the game, in each step up to or call at the plate, in the wait for the pitcher's throw, in the anticipation, in the long, graceful arc of the home run, and in the pat on the backs of teammates and opponents, with the mumbled salute of "good game."

Knowing Marty's legacy is honored through the naming of the ballfield would remind me and so many others of the things we love and the things we value.

I strongly encourage and support the efforts of Marty's family, friends, co-workers, teammates and others to create Marty Smith Memorial Field.

Sincerely,

Julie Decker

ANCHORAGE MUSEUM

25 Letters of Support

Citizen Naming Panel Request your vote to honor
Marty Smith

Marty Smith Diamond at The Marston Fields in Lyn Ary Park

Location

Lyn Ary Park Master Plan

Figure 4: Master Plan Graphic - Proposed Future Conditions



Gateways and Access Points (size denotes importance)

- Primary Gateway
- Secondary Gateway
- Access Point
- Forest, Natural Noise and Green Buffers
- Proposed Pathway Upgrade

Partial Park Boundary

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| | Partial Park Boundary |
| | Existing/Proposed |
| | Table Locations |
| | Bike Rack Locations |
| | Litter Bin Locations |
| | Dog Refuse Station Locations |
| | Bleacher Locations |
| | Bench Locations |



December 3rd, 2009 - TCC Approved Edition

VOTE



Tonight, is going to be great. Our community learned together about the Citizen Naming Panel Process. Tonight we will vote to honor Marty Smith at a place he loved dedicating his time.

Thank you for the time TCC and Citizen Naming Panel committed to this project.

I want to start by introducing who is here tonight:

We have Marty's kind, loving and beautiful Family: Shannon, Emily, Ian and Sean and Marty's Mother Heather Smith.

Sharon Lane – May be related to Lois Lane, reporter/detective. She took on the Panel's Project in August. She is a great leader and keeping us on track.

The Marty Smith Citizen Naming Panel Members consist of a group of four full time Anchorage residents, of a combined 152 years in Alaska, with most of those years in Turnagain.

Myself – I work in the biopharmaceutical industry for the past 22 years. I spend most of my volunteer hours as secretary for AWLL and at my son's school and activities.

Rachel Christy - long-time friend of the Smith Family and Owner of Alaska Blooms. She spends her volunteer hours at Bible Study Fellowship International, ASD, Big Brothers and Big sisters.

Patricia Redmond – May need no introduction at TCC. Pat is not only an active member at TCC she serves on many commissions in our community. She is a true historian, a wonderful grandmother and friend.

Davin – Recently retired AWLL treasurer and head dirt hauler and lawn mower who worked hard to keep the lawn at Lyn Ary green and the fields maintained for all users. Davin is an anthropologist and university professor and proud father of a 4rd generation Anchorage resident. Davin volunteers' countless hours to our Turnagain community through the Russian Immersion Program.

As we go into the brief slide presentation, please know that we will send the powerpoint to the TCC board, and they are welcome to post them with the minutes.

Here is a slide on the process for the Marty Smith Citizen Naming panel. It began a year ago. We are happy to be here today. What kept this process going...Let me share what motivated me:

Marty coached my nephew for three years. In February, my nephew William and I spoke in detail about Marty and his coaching style. Recently, I had my son in the Duclos orthodontist chair, we started talking baseball. Jack jumped on the opportunity to support honoring Marty at the ball fields. Jack played baseball with Marty. Excerpt from Jack Duclos letter in September 2019: Marty in the 1980s...

He always had a calm demeanor and offered words of encouragement no matter what situation our team found ourselves in.

William's quote about Marty:

Marty calmed me down in the big moments. He was relaxing. He kept me focused.

I am going to turn the presentation over to Davin to address the process, the next steps, and a tribute to Marty Smith.

Turnagain Community Council – Senator Gray-Jackson’s Report

Governor’s Budget

- On or before December 15th, the Governor is expected to release his proposed budget for the next fiscal year.
 - As you know, his proposed budget this past year irresponsibly slashed vital state services such as the University system, Medicaid, the Ferry system and more, without much say from the public. This year, we are hoping that the Administration listens to the hundreds of Alaskans that have expressed they want to see a different budget proposal. Many of us are more than prepared to fight for a responsible budget that reflects Alaskan’s values.
 - During the next session, I hope to maintain my seats on the Labor and Workforce development, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development (DCCED) and the Health and Social Services (HSS) finance subcommittees.
 - HSS is the largest department and probably touches the lives of the most Alaskans, including the 1 in 3 that receive Medicaid. Unfortunately, Medicaid saw the bulk of the department cuts.
 - Last year, the Administration had a lot of big talk about slashing services without hurting everyday families. I don’t believe this was the case because we heard from students, teachers, health professionals, Pioneers and more about how the proposed budget disrupted their livelihoods.
 - During this year’s budget process, we will be thoroughly examining each department budget and making sure the Administration did their homework during the process.
 - After the Governor’s budget is released on the 15th, I will send an e-news with details and breakdowns so be on the lookout and feel free to call us if you have questions.

Capital Budget

- The Capital Project Submission & Information System (CAPSIS) is now open until mid-February so I am encouraging my community councils to consider what projects they might want to submit for consideration.
- The Capital budget has been relatively thin the last few years due to the State’s current fiscal climate, but it is important that projects are noted so that when the fiscal climate recovers, we can address the most pressing projects. The

reality – even without current funding, listing needed projects serve as placeholders for the future.

Constituent Coffee

- This Saturday, at Black Cup Coffee, 341 E. Benson Blvd., I will be hosting a constituent coffee from 12:00 – 1:30, so please join me to share your views on what is important to you during this next legislative session.

I hope you are enjoying my monthly E-newsletter. If you're not receiving them, please send your email address to my staff at Keith.Bauguess@akleg.gov.

Happy Holidays to you and your families!

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Alaska State Legislature

Representative Matt Claman

April 2019 Community Council Update

Constituent Survey Results — Thank you to everyone who completed year's constituent survey. As we work toward a responsible action plan to address the state's financial challenges, feedback from our West Anchorage community remains one of our best sources of information. We have compiled the information and analyzed the results. You can see the comprehensive survey results here: <http://akhouse.org/?p=6476>. Here are some of the highlights:

- Over 68% of constituents gave the Governor's FY2020 budget proposal an F grade;
- 73% of constituents strongly oppose the Governor's proposal to reduce school district funding by 23%;
- 76% of constituents think Alaska should continue to fully support Medicaid expansion;
- In considering the state budget, the district prioritized public education, public safety, health & human services, and early education. Our district showed the lowest priority for oil and gas tax credits, paying a \$3,000 dividend, and investing in mega-projects;
- Friends and neighbors support using Permanent Fund earnings to pay the costs of state government using the Percent of Market Value ("POMV") approach established in SB 26, which passed in 2018. Support of the SB 26-POMV approach means we must determine the state's spending priorities and paying a \$3,000 dividend conflicts with other spending concerns;
- The district strongly supports public education and strongly opposes cuts to K-12 education funding and to the Base Student Allocation as proposed by the Governor; and
- Constituents strongly support continuing Medicaid expansion and maximizing federal matching funds to support health care for Alaskans.

Budget Update — On February 13, the Governor released his FY20 budget containing a \$1.7 billion reduction in overall funds. Public response to the Governor's proposed budget has been very negative. In the vast majority of emails, letters, and phone calls to my office, West Anchorage constituents are expressing concerns with the proposed cuts to education, public safety, health services, and transportation. At the series of community budget meetings the House Finance Committee held across the state, just over 1,000 people commented on the Governor's budget proposal, and of those who did, 990 voiced opposition to the Governor's drastic cuts.

In response to feedback from across the state, the House Finance Committee has decided to use last year's budget (excluding any one-time expenditures), also called the "FY20 adjusted base," as the starting place for this year's budget. This decision means the House Finance Committee's proposed budget would flat fund many essential state services.

Moving forward, the House Majority is committed to passing a responsible, balanced budget that does not draw from state savings and, in keeping with Senate Bill 26, draws from the Permanent Fund Earnings Reserve Account (ERA) at a sustainable rate to support dividends and the essential costs of state government.

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**Ted Steven Anchorage International Airport
December 2019**

- 1. Lake Hood Seaplane Base Frozen Lakes:** Winter operations are soon to be in effect, and we are requesting everyone's help to spread the reminder to please stay off the ice. The frozen lakes remain restricted active runway surfaces all winter for ski operations. For further information please contact the Lake Hood Office at 907-266-2410.
- 2. Airport Concessions:** Denali Pretzels recently opened serving hot pretzels, Kaladi Brothers Coffee and Krispy Kreme doughnuts located pre-security across from Ravn Alaska ticket counters. A post-security location will be opening soon.
- 3. ANC Police & Fire:**
 - **Free Hands Only CPR Training:** Qualified staff from Alaska Regional Hospital and Airport Police and Fire will provide training on how to be an active bystander, learn hands only CPR, use of AED, and also early detection of signs and symptoms for early heart attack care. On December 3rd, 2019, 6 sessions will be offered. Each session will take about 30-45 minutes. This class will meet in the Main Lobby of Ted Stevens Airport - North Terminal Badging Office located at 4600 Postmark Dr, Anchorage, AK 99502. Parking will be validated. Please note that this course is practical only and will not provide certifications or course completion cards. To reserve your space or learn more about the event, call 264-1722 or visit alaskaregional.com/calendar.
 - **Commission for Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA):** The Anchorage Airport Police Department is undergoing an international accreditation process - the first of its kind for any law enforcement agency in Alaska. Anyone wishing to provide feedback or comment is encouraged to do so. As part of the assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session Tuesday, December 10th, 2019. A teleconference will be held from 2:00pm to 4:00 pm, with a public hearing beginning at 5:00 pm. The session will be conducted in the Field and Equipment Maintenance Complex Conference Room, located at 5740 DeHavilland Avenue off Postmark Drive, Anchorage. To learn more, visit notice.alaska.gov/195987
- 4. Passenger Drop-off/Pick-up:** This holiday season we are reminding the public when you pick up/drop off passengers at the airport the driver of the vehicle must always stay with the vehicle. Vehicles on the curb cannot be left unattended and are subject to a Police citation and a TSA fine. The curb is for active loading and unloading of passengers. Sitting and waiting for someone is not allowed. South Terminal parking garage is free up to 30 minutes. Just prior to entering the airport, a cell phone lot is also available to those awaiting arrivals.
- 5. Cell Phone Parking Lot:** If you're picking up passengers, there is a free cell phone lot available for drivers to wait until arriving passengers have deplaned, collected luggage and called to be picked up outside Baggage Claim. The cell phone lot is located in a designated area of the DOTPF Central Region Headquarters parking lot - just two-minutes away from both the South and North Terminals. Directions to the lot: From International Airport Road driving west to the airport, turn right at the Aviation Avenue exit and follow signs to the lot. Drivers must stay with their vehicles. Parking along International Airport Road is strictly prohibited. (Map on the back.)
- 6. Terminal Music Performances:** Throughout the holiday season various elementary schools and musical groups will be performing for the traveling public near the screening checkpoint. A schedule of performances will be posted on the airport website at anchorageairport.com.

"To Keep Alaska Flying and Thriving."

7. **Real ID:**

- Beginning October 1, 2020, every air traveler 18 years of age and older will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license, state-issued enhanced driver's license, or other acceptable form of ID to fly within the United States. If your Alaska driver's license does not have a star in the top right corner it is not REAL ID compliant. For more information, visit doa.alaska.gov/dmv/.
- By January 2020 Alaskans will be able to avoid the lines at the DMV and get their Real ID at ANC. ANC and Alaska DMV are partnering to ensure every Alaskan traveler has their REAL ID or other acceptable forms of ID required to travel. Information on operation timing and location coming soon.

8. **Airport Recruitment:** The Airport is recruiting for equipment mechanics and operators, as well as facility maintenance positions. Information on these opportunities can be found on Workplace Alaska or through Local 71 at the following web addresses: local71.com/jobs and dot.state.ak.us/anc/about/jobs.shtml. Active recruitments are:

Equipment Operator Journey II	\$23.60/Hr	Class A CDL required at time of application.
Seasonal Equipment Operator Journey II	\$23.60/Hr	Class A CDL required at time of application.
Equipment Operator Journey I	\$22.16/Hr	Class A CDL required at time of application.
Seasonal Equipment Operator Journey 1	\$22.16/Hr	Class A CDL required at time of application.
Heavy Equipment Mechanic	\$23.60-27.10/Hr	Class A CDL required within 90 days of hire.
Electrician	\$26.73-30.68/Hr	Class B CDL required within 90 days of hire.

9. **Sign up for GovDelivery:** Follow the link below to receive emails on DOT related items and visit us on Facebook and Twitter. service.govdelivery.com/accounts/AKDOT/subscriber/new



NO CELL PHONES IN SCHOOL ZONES FACTSHEET*



A new ordinance (law) passed by the Anchorage Assembly on June 20, 2019 makes it unlawful for a driver of any vehicle to talk on a mobile communication device while driving a vehicle within an active school zone or on school grounds, unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used.

1 PURPOSE OF THE LAW

- Student safety is extremely important.
- Distracted driving is dangerous.
- Talking on a cell phone or mobile communication device is distracted driving and jeopardizes student safety in designated school zones.



2 TERMS USED IN THE NEW LAW

A **mobile communication device** is a cellular phone, smart phone, personal data assistant, wireless tablet, computer, or any similar device used for voice or visual communication.

An **active school zone** is a school zone with signage between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. and where the maximum speed is 25 miles per hour or less on the streets permanently or due to a temporary speed reduction indicated by flashing school zone lights.



A **hands-free device** is a phone with speaker capability, an attachment, or other piece of equipment that allows the use of the device without either of the operator's hands.

3 THERE ARE SOME EXCEPTIONS IN THE LAW

- A vehicle is **stopped** OR a mobile communication device is used with a **hands-free device**.
- A mobile communication device is **used to dial 911** and make an emergency call.
- An operator of an **authorized emergency vehicle** is using a mobile communication device while acting in an official capacity.

*This fact sheet is provided as a courtesy to the public to highlight provisions of the law; it is not the law. For specific details of the law and the requirements or prohibitions in the law, please refer to the text of the ordinance (AO No. 2019-51(S)am) or Anchorage Municipal Code section 9.28.055.

NO CELL PHONES IN SCHOOL ZONES FACTSHEET (CONT.)



4 CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS

- A \$500 fine, or
- A class A misdemeanor if a person's driving causes physical injury or death to another person.

5 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- **Why isn't talking on cell phones banned while driving everywhere in Alaska?** The State of Alaska has preempted Anchorage's right to ban talking on a cell phone while driving, but reading or typing a text message while driving is prohibited statewide.
- **Can I call my student when I'm there to pick them up?** Yes, if your car is stopped, then you can call your student on your cell phone. Or, you may call your student on a hands-free device.
- **Do these rules apply *only* when the school zone lights are flashing?** No! Most schools don't have flashing lights. These rules apply in an active school zone, where the speed limit is 25 mph or less, even if temporarily indicated by the flashing lights, and is designated by the signs posted that say "School Zone". If the speed limit is never reduced to 25 mph or less, the street is not in an active school zone and the rules don't apply even if there are signs.
- **How can I be sure if I am in a place where I can legally use my cell phone?** If you are unsure, don't use your cell phone! Pull over, stop, and use your cell phone when you are not driving.



Reviewed by the Municipality of Anchorage Legal Department

If you have additional questions, your Assembly Member's contact information may be found at www.Muni.org/Assembly.