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Date: February 3, 1998
Action: Adopted
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 98-010**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS
AND OTHER LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS FOR 1998**

WHEREAS, the Twentieth Legislature, Second Session, will consider legislative issues and adoption of the State's operating and capital budgets during their session which convened January 12, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly finds it is in the best interest of the Borough to establish priorities for capital projects and other legislative requests which can be submitted to the State for possible funding or legislative action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the Borough priorities shown in the "Kenai Peninsula Borough 1998 Legislative Priority List", incorporated herein by reference, are hereby established as the priorities for capital projects and legislative requests for 1998.

SECTION 2. That a copy of this resolution and accompanying priority list shall be provided to the Governor and all legislators representing the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

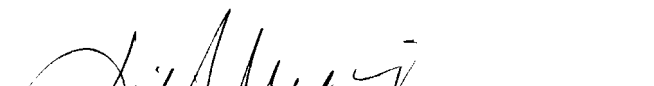
SECTION 3. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY 1998.



Jack E. Brown, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 1998

Legislative Issues

The Kenai Peninsula Borough is in support of the following legislative issues. Details will be provided in position papers and resolutions submitted during the legislative session.

- Support continuation of funding for capital matching grant programs for municipalities as set out in AS 37.06.010 and for major school maintenance projects and school construction as set out in AS 14.11.
- Support implementation of an overall long-range financial plan that would eliminate the fiscal gap and would stabilize revenue at a sustainable level.
- Support education funding and issues as recommended by the Alaska Conference of Mayors, Alaska Municipal League, Alaska School Administrators Association, and Association of Alaska School Boards. The 15-consensus points are listed on the following page.
- Support legislation which provides a fair and equitable solution to deferred maintenance needs of the state and local municipalities. See "Deferred Maintenance" section of this document for Kenai Peninsula Borough deferred maintenance items.

Education Funding

The emphasis of any education bill should be to fix and improve the current formula as specified by the consensus points:

1. Add a new "purpose" statement defining the state's constitutional mandate for education.
2. Support conversion of the "unit" into a per student base allocation while retaining the current formula. The least understandable part of the formula is the concept of the "unit" which relates to a number of students, rather than one.
3. Support the school area Cost Differential Study, a broad salary study, and a study of the impact of enrollment growth, funding of mandates, new technology, and other influences on education in Alaska.
4. Add a biannual process for updating the Area Cost Differential. Area Cost Differentials should be based on:
 - Community level, i.e. individual school, rather than the district level;
 - recognition of unique needs related to size and location of schools; and
 - recognition of the impacts of growth.
5. Instead of annual appropriations for single site school districts, add the adjustment to the formula.
6. Oppose increasing the current four mill minimum or 35% of previous year's basic need local contribution for municipal school districts.
7. Maintain the current local funding cap to avoid further transfers of state education funding responsibility to local taxpayers and further discrepancies to educational opportunities for children in Alaska.
8. Continue to reimburse pupil transportation under a separate program.
9. Maintain bilingual and vocational categorical funding.
10. Reduce special education regulations and "over-identification" by combining specific categories of special education (resource and self-contained), and implementing a process by which districts can request additional funding based on supporting justification and documentation.
11. Provide for a hold-harmless to avoid injury to students.
12. Amend current Alaska Statute 14.17.031(1)(b) to change the 10% student loss threshold to 5%.
13. Support a long-term school construction program with at least a 70/30 match for large municipalities with a sliding scale for small municipalities similar to the Municipal Capital Matching Grant Program.
14. For FY99, increase education funding by at least 3% per student, plus continue to adjust education funding for any changes in enrollment.
15. The formula should include a process to annually adjust the per student allocation so that it actually reflects increases or decreases in the cost of education, including funding for new mandates.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 1998

Operating Budget

1. One Hundred Percent (100%) Entitlement for School Debt Reimbursement for fiscal year 1998/1999 - \$8,845,521
2. Increased Funding for School Foundation
3. Full Entitlement for Pupil Transportation
4. One Hundred Percent (100%) Entitlement for Municipal Road Maintenance (AS 29.60.110)

Capital Budget

Detailed information for school and road projects is provided on the following pages.

1. Maintenance Projects for Various Public Schools and Facilities.
2. Road Priorities for State-Maintained Roads.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
1998 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

1. Prioritized Maintenance Projects for Public Schools and Facilities. Approved by Board of Education on February 2, 1998.

1998 House District 7 Capital Improvement Projects in Priority Order:

Facility	Category*	Project	Cost
District Wide	1	Asbestos Abatement- Sum.98	\$ 40,000
District Wide	1	Lead - Copper Alleviation	20,000
Ninilchik Elem.-High school	2	Reroof Gym and Admin. Section	100,000
Ninilchik Elem.-High school	1	Replace Pool Lockers	7,000
Ninilchik Elem.-High school	1	Add DEC Water Reserves	10,000
District Wide	2	Carpet Replacement	227,000
Homer High School	1	Replace Pool Sand Filters & Equip.	80,000
District Wide	1	Playground Safety Upgrades	34,000
Tustumena Elem. School	2	Modify Roof Scuppers and Drywells	20,000
Paul Banks Elem. School	2	Reconstruct Roof Drain at E. Side	16,000
Skyview High School	3	Add Work Stations at Chem. Lab	55,000
Port Graham School	2	Metal Siding on Exterior	35,000
Ninilchik Elem.-High school	2	Re-asphalt Rear Playground	30,000
Ninilchik Elem.-High school	2	Repair Front Parking Lot	40,000
Skyview High School	2	Suppress Water Hammer	20,000
Chapman Elem. School	2	Replace Domestic HW Tanks	25,000
Paul Banks Elem. School	1	Widen Turn-out at Highway	10,000
Paul Banks Elem. School	1	Fencing at Playground	17,000
Tustumena Elem. School	1	Fencing at rear Playground	18,000
Seldovia Elem.-High School	1	Asbestos Abatement- Halls & Coach's Area	10,000
Seldovia Elem.-High School	1	Asbestos Abatement-Pool Walls	150,000
Skyview High School	3	Construct Storage at Loading Dock	40,000
McNeil Canyon Elem. School	1	Replace Waste Treatment System	1,155,000
Tustumena Elem. School	2	Upgrade Emergency Generator	55,000
Ninilchik Elem.-High school	2	Second Boiler Replacement	14,000
Voznesenka School	2	Portable Addition	30,000

Total \$2,258,000

* Category 1: Life Safety
 Category 2: Maintenance
 Category 3: Recognized Needs

School Projects continued on next page.

1. Prioritized Maintenance Projects for Public Schools and Facilities.

1998 House District 8 Capital Improvement Projects in Priority Order:

Facility	Category*	Project	Cost
District Wide	1	Asbestos Abatement: Summer 98	40,000
District Wide	1	Lead - Copper Alleviation	20,000
Seward High School	1	Pool Renovation	850,000
Soldotna High School	2	Reroof Section A & B	451,000
Soldotna High School	2	Reroof Section F & C	460,000
Soldotna Middle School	3	Add lockers- (overcapacity)	10,000
Soldotna High School	1	Abate Gym Floor and Replace	91,000
Moose Pass Elem. School	1	Water Purification System	15,000
Seward High School	2	Reroof Auditorium & Shops	40,000
Seward High School	2	Reroof Jr. High Gym	60,000
District Wide	2	Carpet Replacement	322,000
District Wide	1	Playground Safety Upgrades	33,000
Soldotna High School	2	Reroof Section H	450,000
Redout Elem. School	2	Reroof Sections A & B	305,000
Moose Pass Elem. School	1	Upgrade Water Piping System	10,000
Redout Elem. School	1	Add Electrical at Classrooms	29,000
Soldotna Elem. School	2	Reroof Sections A & B	315,000
Seward High School	1	Replace Bleachers	99,000
Soldotna High School	1	Magnetic Firedoor Holders	22,000
Soldotna Middle School	2	Refinish Gym Floors	28,000
Sterling Elem. School	2	Reroof Section A	59,000
School District. Warehouse	3	Walk-in Freezer Addition	275,000
Seward High School	2	Upgrade Heating Controls	41,000
School District. Maint. Shop	1	Replace Fire Alarm System	22,000
Redout Elem. School	3	Gym Storage Expansion	300,000
School District. Maint. Shop	1	Oil Separator and Leachfield	30,000
Soldotna Middle School	2	Replace Intercom	13,000
Seward Elem. School	2	Fuel Oil Daytank and Lines	15,000
Seward High School	2	Reseal Track and Stripe	18,000
Seward Elem. School	2	Replace Roof Pavers	13,000
Soldotna Elem. School	2	Renovate Gym Lighting	10,000
Redout Elem. School	2	Boiler Replacements (x2)	68,000
Soldotna High School	2	Upgrade Heating Controls	10,000
Soldotna High School	2	Boiler Replacements (x2)	193,000
School District. Central Office	2	Outside Perimeter Lighting	25,000

Total \$4,742,000

<p>* Category 1: Life Safety Category 2: Maintenance Category 3: Recognized Needs</p>

School Projects continued on next page.

1. Prioritized Maintenance Projects for Public Schools and Facilities.

1998 House District 9 Capital Improvement Projects in Priority Order:

Facility	Category*	Project	Cost
District Wide	1	Asbestos Abatement- Sum. 98	40,000
District Wide	1	Lead - Copper Alleviation	20,000
North Star Elem. School	1	Walkway Safety Awning	35,000
Mt. View Elem. School	1	Walkway Safety Awning	35,000
Kenai Middle School	2	Abate Asbestos & Replace Pipe Fittings	46,000
District Wide	2	Carpet Replacement	299,000
Kenai Central High School	1	Crosswalk&Lights to Voc. Ed. Bldg.	80,000
Nikiski Elem. School	2	Reroof Section B	96,000
Sears Elem. School	1	Abate Sheet Flooring & Replace	25,000
Kenai Central High School .	2	Insulate Exterior Walls	500,000
District Wide	1	Playground Safety Upgrades	33,000
Nikiski High School	2	Suppress Water Hammer	20,000
Nikiski High School	1	Vandalism Control	20,000
Kenai Middle School	2	Replace intercom System	17,000
Nikolaevsk School	1	Fence Playground and General Bldg.	17,000
Nikolaevsk School	2	Replace Falling Storage Bldg.	55,000
Sears Elem. School	3	Reconstruct Office - Library	200,000
Kenai Central High School	2	Replace Emergency Generator	17,000
Sears Elem. School	1	Abate Piping Insulation & Replace	20,000
Nikiski Elem. School	1	Handicap Toilet Room Upgrades	20,000
Nikiski High School	2	Reseal Track and Restripe	18,000
Sears Elem. School	3	Construct Storage Building	60,000
Sears Elem. School	1	Expand Parking Lot	70,000
Sears Elem. School	2	Replace Cabinets at Outside Walls	40,000

Total \$1,783,000

* Category 1: Life Safety
 Category 2: Maintenance
 Category 3: Recognized Needs

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 1998

2. State-Maintained Roads

Not prioritized, projects are listed in alphabetical order.

A. The Kenai Peninsula Borough continues to endorse and support the following projects currently part of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP):

<u>Road (Location) and Project</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Cost (Million)</u>	<u>State STIP*</u>
East End Road (MP 0 to MP 22) Design and construction	22 miles	\$ 32.6	CTP
Forest Drive/Redoubt Avenue (Kenai) Rehabilitation	2.0 miles	\$ 6.2	CTP
Funny River Road (KPB) Design and construction	10.2 miles	\$ 4.0	CTP
Kalifornsky Beach Road (MP 16.4 - 22.4) Design and construction (Includes HSIP at Gaswell Road intersection)	6.0 miles	\$ 5.0	CTP
Kenai River Crossing at Funny River Right of way, design, construction	Bridge	\$ 9.2	CTP
Lake Street Intersection (Homer) Rehabilitation and Safety Improvements at Pioneer Avenue Intersection. Design, right of way, construction to include sidewalks on both sides.		\$1.5	CTP

* CTP = Community Transportation Program
NHSP = National Highway System Program

2. State-Maintained Roads *(Continued)*

Not prioritized, projects are listed in alphabetical order.

A. *The Kenai Peninsula Borough continues to endorse and support the following projects currently part of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP):*

<u>Road (Location) and Project</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Cost (Million)</u>	<u>State STIP*</u>
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Seward Highway (MP 0 to MP 36).

NHSP

DOT/PF is encouraged to proceed with this project for rehabilitation and improvements on the Seward Highway from MP 0 (Seward) to MP 36 (junction with Sterling Highway). However, consideration should also be given to hazardous mitigation measures that might be taken to protect bridges in this area from future flood damage.

Seward Highway MP 0 to 8	Rehabilitation Seward to Grouse Creek Canyon Design, right of way, construction	\$9,780,000 FFY 01
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Seward Highway MP 13 to 18	Rehabilitation Mile 13 Summit to Snow River Design, right of way, construction	\$250,000 FFY 98 \$6,500,000 FFY 99
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Seward Highway MP 18 to 25	Snow River to Falls Creek Design, right of way, construction	\$200,000 FFY 99 \$1,500,000 FFY 00 \$3,250,000 FF 01
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Seward Highway MP 25 to 30	Rehabilitation Falls Creek thru Moose Pass Design, right of way, construction	\$8,100,000 FFY 02
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Seward Highway MP 30 to 36	Rehabilitation Moose Pass to Sterling "Y" Design, right of way, construction	\$100,000 FFY 02 \$2,600,000 FFY 03
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Seward Highway MP 8 to 13	Rehabilitation Grouse Creek Canyon Design, right of way, construction	\$500,000 FFY 98 \$10,000,000 FFY 00
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NHSP = National Highway System Program

2. State-Maintained Roads *(Continued)*
 Not prioritized, projects are listed in alphabetical order.

B. The Kenai Peninsula Borough would like the following roads to be incorporated under the STIP when the State Transportation Needs and Priorities are next evaluated:

<u>Road (Location) and Project</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Cost (Million)</u>	<u>State STIP*</u>
Big Eddy Road (Soldotna) Right of way, design, construction	1.4 miles	\$ 1.4	CTP
Ciechanski Road - Phase II Paving from existing pavement to State park	1.8 miles	\$ 1.3	CTP
Coho Loop Road (Kasilof) Rehabilitate and paving			CTP
Kenai Spur Highway (MP 10-32) Resurface	22 miles	\$4.9	NHSP
North Fork Road (to Nikolaevsk) Design and construction to widen and improve alignment from end of current pavement to Nikolaevsk Road			CTP
Pioneer Avenue (Homer) Resurface from Sterling Highway to Lake Street			CTP
Salmon Creek Road (Cemetery Road) (MP 0 - Nash Road) (Seward) Upgrade and paving	.9 miles		CTP
Scout Lake Loop Road (Sterling) Design and construction	3.8 miles	\$4.0	CTP
West Homer Elementary School Zone Flashing yellow safety lights on Sterling Highway to clearly identify the West Homer Elementary School zone. [1] The KPB is willing to fund the installation of these safety lights; but prior authorization from DOT/PF is required.		[1]	CTP

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 NHSP = National Highway System Program

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 1998 SERVICE AREAS AND COMMUNITIES

Although the Borough Assembly does not approve or disapprove projects for the service areas or unincorporated communities, these items are included here as a matter of reference and information. The amount shown in parenthesis is the total project cost. In many cases, the service area or community has dedicated matching funds towards the project, thereby reducing the amount requested from the State.

SERVICE AREAS

Anchor Point Fire & Emergency	Pave area around fire station (\$20,000)
Bear Creek Fire Service Area	Basic life support unit (\$150,000) New underground reservoir (\$20,000)
Central Emergency Services	Rural water supply (\$43,159)
Central Peninsula Hospital	No projects identified
Nikiski Fire Service Area	Emergency Access Route (\$499,500) Ambulance (\$86,500)
Nikiski Senior Service Area	Construction of Garage/Workshop (\$40,000)
North Peninsula Recreation	No projects identified
KPB Road Service Area	Bridge Improvements (\$168,255)
South Peninsula Hospital	Pave Parking Lots (\$35,000)

COMMUNITIES

Anchor Point	Completion of Anchor Point Senior Center (\$32,218) Safety Paths north and south of Anchor Point and to the beach through Anchor River Recreation Area. (Unknown) Pave Milo Fritz Road (\$420,000)
Cooper Landing	Ambulance and Equipment (\$111,750) Community Club Improvements (\$100,000) Upgrade and Extend Safety Path (\$80,000)
Funny River	Funny River Road (\$3,750,000) Funny River Bridge (\$9,000,000)
Halibut Cove	No projects identified
Hope	No projects identified
Lowell Point	Sewer Feasibility Study (\$75,000)
Moose Pass	No projects identified
Nanwalek	No projects identified
Nikiski	Spur Highway safety project at Nikiski Beach Access Road (unknown) Emergency Access Route improvements (\$499,500)
Nikolaevsk	Fire truck and station house (unknown) Nikolaevsk Road improvements (\$1,180,000) North Fork Road improvements (unknown)
Ninilchik	Intersection lighting (\$100,000) Safety paths (\$625,000)
Port Graham	Water treatment plant (\$168,925) Pump house and water storage tank (\$356,025)
Sterling	Improvements to Community Hall and infrastructure (\$100,000)
Tyonek	Replacement of fire hydrants (\$90,000) Fire station renovation (\$61,600)