

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES  
FOR 1994**

**Operating Budget**

1. 100% Entitlement School Debt Reimbursement for FY95 - \$9,596,962
2. Full Funding for School Foundation
3. Full Funding for Pupil Transportation
4. Return to FY'90 Funding Levels for Municipal Assistance and Revenue Sharing
5. Increase Revenue Sharing Allocation for Borough Road Maintenance Under AS 29.60.110
6. Increase State Funding for Action Against the Kenai Peninsula's Forest Health Problems (KPB Res. 93-115)

**Capital Budget**

1. Feasibility Study on Seward Creeks for Flood Mitigation (Matching Funds for Corps of Engineer Study)
2. Maintenance Projects for Various Public Schools and Facilities
3. Road Priorities - State-Maintained Roads
4. Purchase of Hazardous Materials Response Equipment
5. Renovation of Borough Facilities to Accommodate an Expanded Archive Center for Borough Records
6. Solid Waste Funding for a Balecell Aeration System and Subliner, as Required by Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
7. Improvements to Parking Facilities at Borough/School District Administration Building

## KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH LEGISLATIVE ISSUES FOR 1994

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

- Amendment to AS 29.45.050 to provide for a local option exemption from taxes for improvements to real property within or immediately adjacent to a special management area that protect the river and its banks.
- Legislation for a constitutional amendment to allow dedication of gas tax to road maintenance programs.
- Reevaluation of the capital school projects formula to include an incentive provision for proper school general maintenance and upkeep. (KPB Res. 93-123)
- Amendment to the Open Meetings Act to clearly define what constitutes a violation of the Act (AS 29.20.020 and AS 44.62.310).
- Amendment to AS 38.05 to require notification to surface owners in the event of State oil and gas lease sales.

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH**  
**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

1. **Feasibility Study on Seward Creeks for Flood Mitigation.** After the 1986 Seward flood, Seward creeks were evaluated by engineers. Potential flood damage exists for Borough roads, bridges, and Seward's main power lines. The Corps of Engineers has initiated a reconnaissance study to determine if the federal government can manage the project to solve these problems. This phase is 100% federally funded. The next phase, which requires a 50% match, is a feasibility study that will provide a detailed project report. The Borough is seeking funds for this 50% match.

2. **Maintenance Projects for Various Public Schools and Facilities.** (Order of Priority)

**House District 7**

<b><u>Facility</u></b>	<b><u>Project</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>
Homer Intermediate School	Replace 4,000 square feet of roof	\$ 29,900
Susan B. English High School	Replace 6,670 square feet of roof	60,030
Skyview High School	Re-surface track	175,000
McNeil Canyon Elementary School	Upgrade playground	26,000
Paul Banks Elementary School	Upgrade playground	26,000
Ninlichik Elementary/High School	Replace carpet in hallways	28,000
Homer Junior High School	Re-surface track	69,000
Homer Junior High School	Replace hall lockers	30,000
Homer Junior High School	Replace boys and girls gym lockers	70,000
Homer High School	Resurface and re-paint track	25,000
Homer Junior High School	Replace carpet in 5 classrooms	<u>20,000</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 558,930</b>

House District 8

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Sterling Elementary School	Re-roof 19,000 square feet	\$ 133,000
Cooper Landing Elementary School	Upgrade water treatment system	6,800
Moose Pass Elementary School	Upgrade water treatment system	7,300
Soldotna High School	Replace 9 sets of fire doors	22,500
Seward Senior High School	Replace main entry sidewalk	12,000
Soldotna Junior High School	Replace 8 sets of fire doors	20,000
Soldotna Maintenance Shop	Addition to auto shop	150,000
Soldotna High School	Re-grout pool and deck	8,000
Soldotna High School	Replace gym bleachers	108,000
Soldotna High School	Replace girls pool lockers	25,000
Soldotna High School	Safety plumbing	6,000
Sterling Elementary School	Upgrade playground	26,000
Soldotna High School	Resurface and repaint track	25,000
Sterling Elementary School	Upgrade 4 classroom unit heaters	25,000
Sterling Elementary School	Replace gym bleachers	27,300
Soldotna High School	Replace weight room floor	51,500
Seward Junior/Senior High School	Re-roof 20,014 square feet	140,098
School District Administration	Replace carpet in top floor offices	20,000
Soldotna Junior High School	Replace carpet in 5 classrooms	20,000
Soldotna Elementary School	Replace carpet in 4 classrooms and hallway	12,000
Seward Senior High	Replace carpet in hallways	28,000
Sterling Elementary School	Replace carpet in primary hallways	12,000
Curriculum Correspondence Building	Install permanent foundations	<u>23,300</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$908,798</b>

House District 9

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Kenai Central High School	Re-roof 13,900 square feet	\$ 97,300
Mountain View Elementary School	Walkway safety awning	5,500
North Star Elementary School	Walkway safety awning	5,500
Kenai Central High School	Replace insulation for exterior of library and 8 classrooms	225,000
Kenai Central High School	Upgrade emergency generator	38,000
Kenai Central High School	Replace ceiling grid with fiberglass in boys and girls pool locker rooms	25,000
Kenai Middle School	Replace carpet in 8 classrooms	20,000
Kenai Central High School	Sandblast, paint and install acoustic in swimming pool	35,000
Kenai Central High School	Upgrade swimming pool piping	573,000
Kenai Middle School	Replace gym bleachers	<u>93,000</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,117,300</b>

3. Road Priorities - State-Maintained Roads.

<u>Road and Location</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Cost (Million)</u>
Skyline Drive/Diamond Ridge (Homer)	Design and construction	8.0 miles	\$ 5.5
Old Sterling Highway (Anchor Point)	Design and construction	8.3 miles	\$ 2.4
Big Eddy Road (Soldotna)	Right of way, design, construction	1.4 miles	\$ 1.4
Kenai River Crossing at Funny River	Right of way, design, construction	7.7 miles	\$ 9.2
East End Road (KPB)	Design and construction	4.0 miles	\$14.8
Exit Glacier Road (Seward)	Construction - Phase IV	10.2 miles	\$ 3.0
Funny River Road (KPB)	Design and construction		\$ 3.0

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4. **Purchase of Hazardous Materials Response Equipment.** The Borough Assembly recently enacted Ordinance 93-21 which authorized the formation and operation of a Borough Hazardous Materials Response Team. Funds will be used for the purchase of a centralized cache of equipment and a response vehicle (mobile command post) to manage the initial phases of an aggressive response to a hazardous materials incident. Chemical detection, identification equipment, and computers will be purchased for each of the four incident management zones within the Borough. This will give responders the capability for monitoring and providing advanced information to the team en route. With this equipment, the KPB Response Team will be able to react to hazardous materials emergencies within the Borough. Purchase of equipment would be \$180,000; the vehicle would be \$50,000; for a **project total of \$230,000.**
  
5. **Renovation of Borough Facilities for Archive Center for Borough Records.** A records management consultant has recommended that the Borough change the location of its archives. The present site is overcrowded and subject to damage from water and heat. Funding is sought for renovation of Borough facilities to accommodate an expanded archive center for the preservation of Borough historical records. The scope of the project would include roof repair, installation of new doors and windows, installation of fire sprinkler system, upgrade plumbing and heating, relocation of records and equipment. **The total project cost is estimated to be \$150,000.**
  
6. **Solid Waste Funding for a Balecell Aeration System and Sub-liner, as Required by Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.**
  - A. **Balecell Aeration System at Soldotna Baling Facility.** As required by the Department of Environmental Conservation, a leachate study is being conducted at the Soldotna baling facility and landfill, in cooperation with the City of Kenai. The preliminary report of that leachate study indicates that aeration capability within the balecell may be mandatory prior to the City accepting any leachate. Additionally, the construction project would include the purchase and installation of three phase power extension, aeration controllers and aerator pumps, provide for the design for same, and would require funds for management and inspection capabilities. The addition of aeration to leachate within the lagoon proper would help to minimize the concentrations of heavy metals (cadmium, chromium, zinc, etc.). **Project total is estimated at \$240,000.**

**B. Construction of Sub-Liner at Soldotna Baling Facility.** The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation is requiring that a sub-liner be installed under the main liner at the Soldotna baling facility. They have requested a clay/sand mix sub-liner be installed in order to act as a backup to any manufactured liner proposed for installation at this facility. A clay/sand sub-liner would require the importation of clay from an outlying area within the Borough, mixing of clay and sand in a particular percentage, and specific lay down of this mixture during construction. Regarding the 4.7-acre balecell structure, this would require approximately 205,000 square feet of clay/sand mixture. Cost of the clay/sand mixture is estimated to be \$308,000. The design, construction management, and inspection is expected to cost approximately \$66,000. **Project total is estimated to be \$374,000.**

**7. Improvements to Parking Facilities at Borough/School District Administration Building.** Enlargement and upgrade of the existing parking area at the Borough Administration Building would diminish a safety hazard on the adjacent Park Street by reducing the overflow parking problem. Creation of 50 additional parking spaces, repaving of the existing area, and necessary drainage improvements is **estimated to cost \$65,000.**

## SERVICE AREAS - LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS

### **Bear Creek Fire Service Area**

1. \$ 30,000 Dispatch/Communication/Information System. The Bear Creek Fire Service Area and its volunteers would like to update and upgrade their communications system and their dispatch/response information system. This would be accomplished through the purchase of radios, pagers, cellular phones, and a portable computer. Most of the current radios in service were purchased when the department started providing its emergency medical service in 1986. The computer is used to assist with mapping and response information, such as water sources and pre-fire planning information. Cellular service on the Peninsula is also being extended to the Seward area next year, which will give the Service Area the capability of downloading information into the computer system to assist with responding to and managing an emergency incident. The total cost of the project is \$33,292; **the Service Area will contribute \$3,292.**
2. \$45,000 Fire Station Improvements. This project is to install metal siding to the exterior of the building; extend the driveway; place concrete in each driveway; and pave the area around the building to make it useable as a training area. Work in progress includes the addition of yard lights, paving a small portion of the area directly in front of the station, and replacing the roof. Funding would enable the department to complete this project in a timely manner. The total cost of the project is \$50,000; **the Service Area will contribute \$5,000.**
3. \$16,000 Emergency Standby Generator. The Service Area is requesting funding for a diesel electric generator and transfer switch to be used to supply emergency, stand-by power to the fire station. The previous stand-by generator never worked well, was not dependable, and no longer works. Replacement parts are no longer available. The generator will be needed during a natural disaster when the station will have to supply its own power for an extended period of time. The facility will be used as an emergency shelter for displaced residents during disasters. The total cost of the project is \$21,625; **the Service Area will contribute \$5,625.**



### Bear Creek Fire Service Area (Continued)

4. \$50,000 Housing for Seward Volunteer Ambulance Corp. The Corp has purchased a parcel of land and has funding to frame a structure. They are seeking funding to enable them to finish the inside of the structure with offices, personnel housing, restrooms, showers, and laundry room. Construction would be in compliance with OSHA and ADA requirements for dealing with blood borne pathogens. The total cost of the project is \$50,000; **the Service Area will contribute \$5,000.**

### Central Emergency Service Area

1. \$360,500 Purchase of Tanker, Engine, and Medic Unit. This project would provide for replacement of aging equipment used to respond to emergency situations throughout the service area. The approximate ages of the current equipment are: 1976 tanker, 1964 engine, and 1976 medic unit. **The service area board has committed a 30% match to this project (\$154,400).**

### Central Kenal Peninsula Hospital Service Area

1. \$500,000 Facilities Planning, Design, and Costing. CPGH has just completed a long-range facilities plan at a cost of \$50,000. The next step is to complete the finer details of the plan and work with architects and engineers in completing a formalized design and estimating costs. This project calls for (1) development of new construction to house Admitting, Women's Center, Physical Therapy, and Administration; (2) development of new construction to house a Psychiatric unit; (3) modification to the existing Admitting area adjacent to Emergency to provide for triage capability; (4) addition of Nuclear Medicine to Radiology; (5) relocation of the laboratory to the existing Physical Therapy area; and (6) expansion of the Intensive Care Unit. Planning monies would be necessary for the certificate of need process and refining the current facilities plan. The remainder of the monies would be used for the actual drafting and costing of the facilities plan. The total cost of the project is \$550,000; **the Service Area will contribute \$50,000.**

**Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area (Continued)**

2. \$245,000 Nuclear Medicine Remodel. CPGH is requesting \$245,000 in State matching monies for the installation of a Nuclear Medicine Scanner. The funds will be used to expand and remodel the existing facility in order to provide Nuclear Medicine services. Studies by CPGH indicate the program would be cost effective and actually lower health care cost in the community, due to a decreased need for medivac services. **\$105,000 is already set aside in the Service Area's FY'94 budget.**

**Kenai Peninsula Road Service Area**

1. \$663,923 The Kenai Peninsula Road Service Area Board has developed a road maintenance and improvement program that includes roads throughout the Borough. Funding is requested to continue the Borough's FY'94 road improvement program currently in progress. The program was designed under the guidelines of the State's capital matching grant program. The specific projects are identical to the ones approved for the FY95 capital matching grant program through adoption of KPB Resolution 93-117. The total cost of the program is \$948,461; **the Service Area will contribute \$284,538.** The projects, broken down by regions within the Borough, are shown below.

Central Region	20 Roads	\$416,782
East Region	3 Roads	58,943
North Region	13 Roads	179,112
South Region	12 Roads	<u>293,624</u>
	Total	\$948,461

### **Nikiski Fire Service Area**

1. \$100,000 Ambulance. The proposed project is for an ambulance, either 1994 or 1995, Type 1, Class 2, to comply with all Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and Federal regulations applicable or specified for the year of manufacture. The purpose of the ambulance will be to provide safe, reliable transportation of emergency victims from on-scene accidents to the local hospital. This would also replace an aging ambulance in the department's possession.
2. \$150,000 Renovation of Nikiski Fire Station #1. This station is a metal building approximately 30 years old. At the present time, it serves as headquarters for the Nikiski Fire Department, plus a meeting place for several community groups, and is also the voting precinct for the Salamatof District. Condensation builds up on the roof during the winter and leaks through the insulation. The project will be to replace the roof with new metal roofing to cut down on condensation and heat loss, and to replace the insulation.
3. \$450,000 Nikiski Escape Route. This project upgrade the Nikiski Emergency Escape Route from a one-lane road to a two-lane, all weather gravel road. This would enhance the Disaster Plan for the Nikiski area and the Borough's overall plans. The design has been completed for two lanes.

### **North Peninsula Recreation Service Area**

1. \$100,000 Improvements to Ice Rink. Funds are requested for construction of a cover for the existing ice rink to provide shelter from weather conditions and to make the facility a multi-use, year round facility. The structure is planned to be a steel super structure measuring 100'x220'. Phase II will enclose the rink on three sides and install bleachers. The total cost of this project is \$400,000; the **Service Area will obtain the remaining \$300,000.**

### South Peninsula Hospital Service Area

1. \$325,000 Computer Information System. The South Peninsula Hospital would like to purchase computer hardware and software to support the hospital's clinical, financial, management , and patient information systems and services. The current systems are obsolete, inefficient, and expensive to maintain. The total cost of the purchase is \$400,000; **the Service Area will contribute \$75,000 toward the purchase.**
2. \$150,000 On-Site Oxygen Generation System. The South Peninsula Hospital would like to purchase an on-site oxygen generation system for the hospital in Homer. The proposed oxygen-generation system would have the capacity to adequately meet the needs of the current level of service and the projected expansion of the case load for the hospital. the hospital uses an average of 80 man-hours per year moving and replacing bottles in its current system, and providing safe storage for both full and empty cylinders. In contrast, the new system would require only 6 man-hours per year to operate and maintain, thereby reducing the hospital's operating costs. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$214,286. **The Service Area will match the State grant with \$64,286 of their own funds.**

## UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES - LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS

### **Anchor Point**

These projects are not prioritized. The community feels all three projects are of equal importance.

- \$7,000,000 North Fork Road. Two communities and schools are served by the North Fork Road. This road is impassable during breakup and is in such condition that parents have to sign a liability waiver for their children to be able to ride the school bus. The amount of traffic and width of the road make it a hazard to drive. The request is for funding for right-of-way acquisition, design, construction, and paving.
- \$350,000 Milo Fritz Road. All of the local services for Anchor Point are located on Milo Fritz Road: the fire department, library, senior citizen center, and the medical clinic with an emergency room. The Chamber of Commerce endorses paving and a safety path; at a cost of \$350,000. The Advisory Planning Commission recommends culverts and upgrading to chip seal; at a cost of \$30,000.  
or  
\$30,000
- \$5,250,000 Old Sterling Highway. This alternate section of the State highway system is of substandard construction, and due to increased population in the area and the use of the road as an alternate route during floods and construction on the new highway, it has deteriorated badly and is often impassable.

### **Cooper Landing**

1. \$60,000,000 Sterling Highway Milepost 37 to Milepost 60. Resurfacing, restoration, rehabilitation and/or reconstruction of the Sterling Highway from its intersection with the Seward Highway at milepost 37 to milepost 60, with new construction of bypass of Cooper Landing community from milepost 45 to milepost 56. The narrow, winding dangerous section of the Sterling Highway would be constructed to modern standards with paved shoulders, twin lanes, etc. Through traffic would bypass the community of Cooper Landing on the preferred alternative.

**Cooper Landing (Continued)**

2. \$200,000 Public Restroom Facilities: Sterling Highway Transportation Enhancements. Cooper Landing is requesting construction of a new highway rest stop with sanitary facilities, boat launch/ramp, parking, landscaping, and interpretive displays at the Upper Kenai River near the Kenai River bridge crossing in Cooper Landing.
3. \$350,000 Quartz Creek Bridge. The existing wooden Quartz Creek Bridge is in very poor condition and needs to be repaved. Heavy equipment, such as road graders and fire trucks, are in danger of collapsing the bridge. Several residents, as well as local school buses, use the bridge daily and depend on it to reach their homes.
4. \$1,000,000 Bean Creek Road Reconstruction. Reconstruction of Bean Creek Road from its intersection with the Sterling Highway to Kenai Princess Lodge is needed. The present road is narrow, winding, and dangerous. Traffic on this road has increased drastically in recent years, primarily due to the opening of the Kenai Princess Lodge. Large tour buses conflict with residential traffic. The project would include widening and paving of the road.
5. \$500,000 Snug Harbor Road Paving, Milepost 0 to Milepost 1.5. Snug Harbor Road provides main arterial access to major residential areas of Cooper Landing. This project would widen, improve drainage, and pave 1.5 miles of Snug Harbor Road.
6. \$5,000 Community Club Improvements. The community would like to make several improvements to their community club, including grading of the drive and parking areas; painting the club building and outhouses; fixing the roof; and repairing the entryways.

**Halibut Cove**

1. **\$33,050** Fire Response Equipment. Over the past two decades Halibut Cove has experienced two major fires and several minor ones. One life has been lost, two buildings destroyed, and several brush fires contained before they could cause substantial damage. As a result, community members want to develop a fire response system to protect lives and property. **Local funds in the amount of \$10,750 will be used to purchase two stainless steel diesel salt-water pumps.** State funding is requested for construction of two barges for housing the pumps and additional fire fighting equipment.

**Hope**

1. **\$150,000** Resurrection Creek Road and Hope Road Bike Trail. The Community of Hope wishes to upgrade the Resurrection Creek Road. This would include improvements in alignment, width, sight distance, and drainage. As a preliminary first step, they need to survey the road, develop a design, and calculate quantities and costs. The community also wishes a bike path parallel to the Hope Road from Mile 15.8 to Mile 16.5. This funding request is for a reconnaissance survey for the Resurrection Creek Road and for the bike path. This project has been a community priority for 4 years.

**Lowell Point**

1. **\$15,750** Lowell Point Emergency Warning Siren. Purchase and installation of an electronic siren to be located at Lowell Point. The total cost of equipment and installation is approximately \$15,750. Present siren locations (6) in the Seward area do not afford coverage to those residents of Lowell Point in the event of an emergency (i.e., tsunami, flood, hazardous materials incident, volcanic eruption).

## NIKISKI

The community did not prioritize their requests, but gave equal priority to all projects with the exception of the North Road/Island Lake intersection. This is their number one priority.

1. Intersection of North Kenai Spur Road and Island Lake Road. This intersection has historically been the scene of numerous serious traffic accidents, several of them fatal. New safety devices, such as warning lights or a traffic light, would be a short-term solution to reduce the possibility of further catastrophic incidents. The long-term solution would be to undertake a complete engineering and safety assessment of the intersection. Funding is requested to implement procedures, devices, and upgrades to address the safety deficiencies inherent to this intersection.
- \$150,000 North Road Extension to Point Possession. Phase I of this project is to design the first 5 miles from the end of the Spur Highway at Captain Cook State Park to Point Possession. This project would serve a majority of the residents in this area.
- \$450,000 Nikiski Escape Route Upgrade. The Nikiski Escape Route was constructed in 1987 and 1988 for \$345,000. The Community would like to see it upgraded to a two-lane "divided" road to enhance community growth and transportation.
- \$15,000 Emergency Siren at North Star Elementary School. Purchase and installation of an electronic siren to be located at North Star Elementary School. The total cost of equipment and installation is approximately \$15,750. Present siren locations in the Nikiski area do not afford coverage to those persons at the school in the event of an emergency (i.e., hazardous materials incident, volcanic eruption).
- \$100,000 Covered Ice Rink at the Recreation Center. Funds are requested for construction of a cover for the existing ice rink to provide shelter from weather conditions and to make the facility a multi-use, year round facility. The structure is planned to be a steel super structure measuring 100'x220'. Phase II will enclose the rink on three sides and install bleachers. The total project cost is \$400,000; **the Service Area and community will obtain the remaining \$300,000.**



**Nikolaevsk**

1. \$1,200,000 Village Water System. This project will replace the inadequate community water system. The water system does not comply with State and Federal regulations. The project is broken up into phases. Phases I and II are already funded. Nikolaevsk is seeking funding through Alaska's Village Safe Water program CIP process. This request is for Phase III - Water Treatment Plant and Water Source Development. Phase I, feasibility study, was completed in February 1993. Phase II, design and land purchase, is scheduled through fall 1994. Phase IV, water mains and service lines, will be completed in the summer of 1996.
2. \$500,000 Nikolaevsk Access Road. The community would like to have the access road to the village rebuilt and paved. At present, the Nikolaevsk Road hill is a hazard. The grade is too steep for State road standards. In the winter the hill becomes very dangerous for travel. Use of the access road is increasing every year. In 1993, logging was begun north of Nikolaevsk, raising a concern regarding the increase of commercial vehicles using the road.
3. \$3,200,000 North Fork Road, Mile 3. The community feels the road should be totally rebuilt from the end of the pavement to the Nikolaevsk Road turn off.

**Ninilchik** - This list was developed at a community meeting held October 18, 1993. Represented at the meeting were the Ninilchik Chamber of Commerce, Ninilchik Traditional Council, Ninilchik Seniors, Ninilchik Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Services, Ninilchik Library Association, and the general public.

Life and Safety

1. \$85,000 Ambulance. Ninilchik relies on the sole support of an ambulance which is 14 years old. The ambulance cannot carry more than one patient at a time. In addition, it is not large enough to carry all the life support and safety equipment necessary. This is a definite handicap, especially considering that the closest hospital facility is 30 miles away.

### **Ninilichik (Life and Safety Continued)**

2. \$ 250,000 Public Safety Building. Ninilichik continues to be in need of a State Trooper and a public safety building. They have no means of enforcing any speed limit. Vandalism and theft are on the increase in their rapidly growing community. It is hoped that construction of a facility will encourage the stationing of a Trooper in their area.
3. \$45,000 Intersection Lighting. Ninilichik drastically needs overhead intersection street lighting at Kingsley Road, Oilwell Road, and the Bridge Access-Village Road. These intersections are very dangerous and the dark winters add to the problem.
4. \$150,000 Safety Paths. The community becomes overtaken by tourists, and local residents, from spring through fall. There is no safe place to walk or bike. Construction of safety paths from the Ninilichik Bridge Access Road to Deep Creek Bridge, and the Kingsley-Oilwell Loop, would help to alleviate this safety problem.
5. \$35,000 Handicap Dock at Ninilichik River. Construction of a handicap dock is needed at the Ninilichik River to provide access for seniors and handicapped persons to outdoor recreational activities.

### **Community Development**

1. \$4,000,000 Ninilichik Boat Harbor. This project entails the expansion of the Ninilichik Small Boat Harbor to eight times its existing size by enlarging the width and length. The purpose of this project is to provide safe anchorage and access for the Sport and Commercial fishing fleet that is already many times larger than was expected for this area. If this project is funded, it would give this community the opportunity to support the growing oil and timber industries in and around their area. The community intends to establish a community council or service district to administer this project and manage the harbor once it is completed. There is also a serious safety consideration associated with the existing half-tide harbor. A safe 24-hour anchorage is needed as there is no anchorage within 20 miles to the north and 40 miles to the south.

**Ninilchik (Community Development Continued)**

2. \$300,000 Library and Visitors Center. The existing library building is over 20 years old. Water, septic, and electrical systems are failing. Current design prevents handicap access. The library also serves as the local visitors center; however, tourist and RV's cannot access this property.
3. \$150,000 Ninilchik Viewpoint/Rest Stop. The Russian Orthodox Church on the hill in Ninilchik is probably one of the most photographed buildings in the entire State. There is a DOT/PF turnout located south of the Bridge Access Road on the west side of the Sterling Highway that is already widely used to view and photograph the church, the picturesque old Ninilchik Village, Cook Inlet, and the active volcanoes on the Alaska peninsula. The non-existence of public restrooms along the Sterling Highway is a disservice to the traveling public. The local businesses are unable to meet the growing need for restroom facilities in this area. A double-ended paved parking area accessible to vehicles is envisioned, along with the much needed restrooms, a kiosk where the visiting public could learn about the services available in Ninilchik, and some trash receptacles.
4. \$50,000 Community Park and Playground. Despite the fact that Ninilchik has many State park facilities, local residents are seldom able to access them due to the large number of visitors who come to the community. This project would be a day-use only facility, designed to meet the needs of local residents.
5. \$150,000 Ninilchik Museum. Funding would be used to construct a building to house the museum collection of the Early Years Museum now located in Happy Valley. The Ninilchik Library Association is willing to donate the land adjoining the proposed new library/visitors center as the site for the museum.
6. \$35,000 Ninilchik Airport Feasibility Study. The community wishes to have a study conducted to determine the feasibility of expansion and renovation of the Ninilchik Airport.

**Seldovia Native Association and Seldovia Village Tribe**

1. \$2,580,000 Barbara Heights Subdivision Roads. There are 8 miles of road in the Barbara Heights Subdivision near Seldovia that are in need of reconstruction and improvements. The Bureau of Indian Affairs is addressing 5 miles of the road; 3 miles are not in the BIA project. These are one lane dirt roads which become impassable with snow, slush, and mud. Residents in the area need the roads for access, school, emergencies, etc.
2. \$4,250,000 Seldovia Valley Road. Reconstruction and improvements should be made to Seldovia Valley Road. This 5-mile road serves the Kenai Borough landfill, septic sludge disposal site, and the barge dock and landing area at Dan's Cove.
3. \$11,180,000 Jakalof Bay State Road. This is a 13-mile State road that needs improvements. It serves most of the Seldovia-Jakalof Bay area and connects with the Red Mountain-Rocky River Road.
4. \$5,160,000 Jakalof Bay-Red Mountain Road. Six miles of this State road is in terrible disrepair. It does not have any State maintenance. It is part of the Rocky River Road serving the outer Kenai Peninsula and Port Graham area. It provide access to the Red Mountain Chrome mines, which is the largest body of chrome in the United States.

**Native Village of Tyonek**

1. \$146,000 Sanitation Truck (Super Sucker). Tyonek has just installed a sewer project that has hooked into 87 houses which drains into a 10,000 gallon holding tank down at the beach front by Cook Inlet. Tyonek does not currently have any equipment to remove the sludge buildup in the holding tank; this can create a health hazard in the Cook Inlet and the land surrounding it if left unattended over a period of time. Also, the 87 houses have keyholes built into the ground surrounded by 8-inch pipe. Tyonek is proposing to purchase a Super Sucker Sanitation Truck (5,000 cubic feet). This would take care of the

**Native Village of Tyonek (Continued)**

problems that will arise in the sewer system, such as the holding tank which will have to be pumped every time it becomes full. Also, we could clean out our key holes at each house and at each fire hydrant. A Super Sucker Truck would keep the water and sewer system operable year round, thus eliminating any health hazards that may arise from a blocked up sewer line or water lines. Also, by having a Super Sucker Truck, it would help employ two people year round, creating a boost to the job economy in Tyonek.

2. \$61,600

Fire Station Renovation. The building currently being used to house the ambulance and fire truck is the original maintenance building for the Village of Tyonek. The building is in need of renovation badly, so it can continue to be used both as a fire station and maintenance shop for the Village. At the present time, the front half of the building is used by the fire department and the back half by the Village maintenance people. The electrical wiring throughout the whole building is in urgent need of repair and needs to be upgraded for safety reasons. At the present time, the building has no water or sanitary facilities which are needed to keep the ambulance and medical equipment sanitized. The cost of heating is very expensive because the building is poorly insulated and needs to be upgraded. Renovation of the fire station half will provide office space for the Village Public Safety Officer, the Tyonek Volunteer Chief, and provide a classroom to hold classes for firefighting and medical training. The building is very critical in the evacuation of people needing medical treatment outside the Village because medivac is the primary means of transportation for the sick and injured, and patients need to be indoors until the plane arrives.