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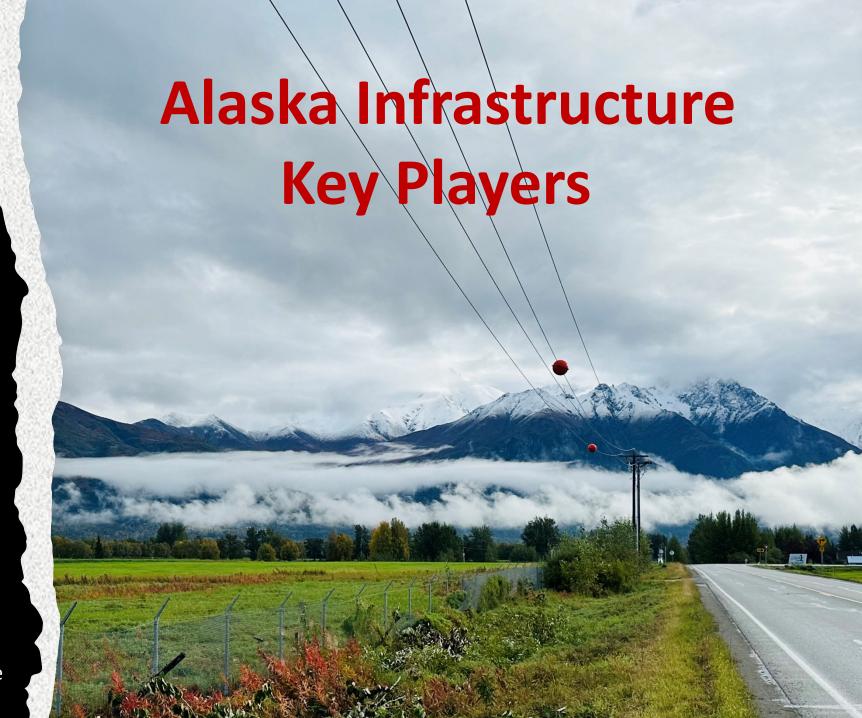
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AK Housing Finance Corp; Dept of Environmental Conservation (water); ANTHC (water); UAF (carbon); DMVA (cybersecurity; emergency management); DF&G; DNR - Office of Project Management and Permitting



## Office of Infrastructure

- Understand Alaska's Infrastructure Needs, Priorities, and Obstacles
- Track Funding Grants & Awards find, understand, communicate
- Connect State, Tribe & Community Partners, incl. Federal Delegates & Agencies
- Coordinate & Support Letters of Support; Matching Funds (when needed)
- Maximize Funds Project Bundling, incl. permitting & accounting
- Workforce Development EDA 'Recompete' grant (\$50MM); USDOT grant
- Governor's priorities, incl. Lowering Cost of Energy, Access, Food security
- My goal: Cumulative Infrastructure Asset Data & GIS Mapped!
- Joint goal: Strategic Infrastructure Plan
- Weekly Email & Building Website

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### Federal Infrastructure Funding

- Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) November 2021 aka Bipartisan Infrastructure Law or BIL (FY22-26)
- Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) August 2022 Government created; Business led (tax credits)
- CHIPS & Science Act (CHIPS) August 2022 Semiconductor Manufacturing\* Incentives

\*While in DC recently, I pushed back on permitting obstacles for Alaska's critical minerals needed for semiconductors: Federal siloes and talking out of both sides of their face.

## Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA)

- \$1.2 Trillion
- 65% increase to Formula funding (primarily transportation)
- 30% Discretionary grants up for grabs from all states & territories
  - Of that, most will be paid directly to governments, tribes, and non-profits; many grants require matching funds\*
- 5% Loans
- Focused on Building up Underserved Communities (Justice 40) and Renewable Energy
- Fiscal years 2022-2026, with implementation over 10 years (maybe extended?)
- Federal agencies recently added much-needed Technical Assistance
- \*Potential for Secretaries to waive matching fund requirements

# Who Qualifies for Grants?

- State of Alaska Agencies & Corporations
- Municipalities & Boroughs
- Tribes & ANCSA Corporations
- Non-Profits & Community
   Organizations
- Universities & Educational Entities (AVTEC)
- For-Profit Entities

### Grant Success

ALASKA ENTITIES HAVE BEEN AWARDED ALMOST 30% OF THE GRANTS WE'VE APPLIED FOR

## THERE'S A BENEFIT TO HAVING AN MPO (METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION) IN PURSUING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES.

WORKING ON CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING, SAFE STREETS, AND OTHER TYPES OF PLANNING GREATLY INCREASES COMPETITIVENESS.

BE A CO-APPLICANT (CONSORTIUM) – THEN USE AN EXPERIENCED GRANT WRITER

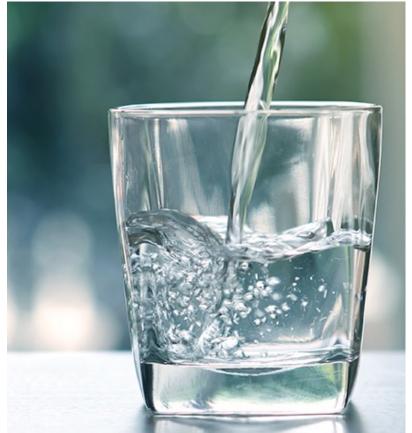
\*Alaska Municipal League is a great resource for grant writers.\*

## If you want to apply for a Grant













IIJA Infrastructure Projects in Alaska

### BROADBAND

## It's exciting (but complicated)!



#### Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment

#### ALLOCATED \$42.45 BILLION FOR ALL STATES AND TERRITORIES

•Alaska's Allocation: \$1,017,139,672.42

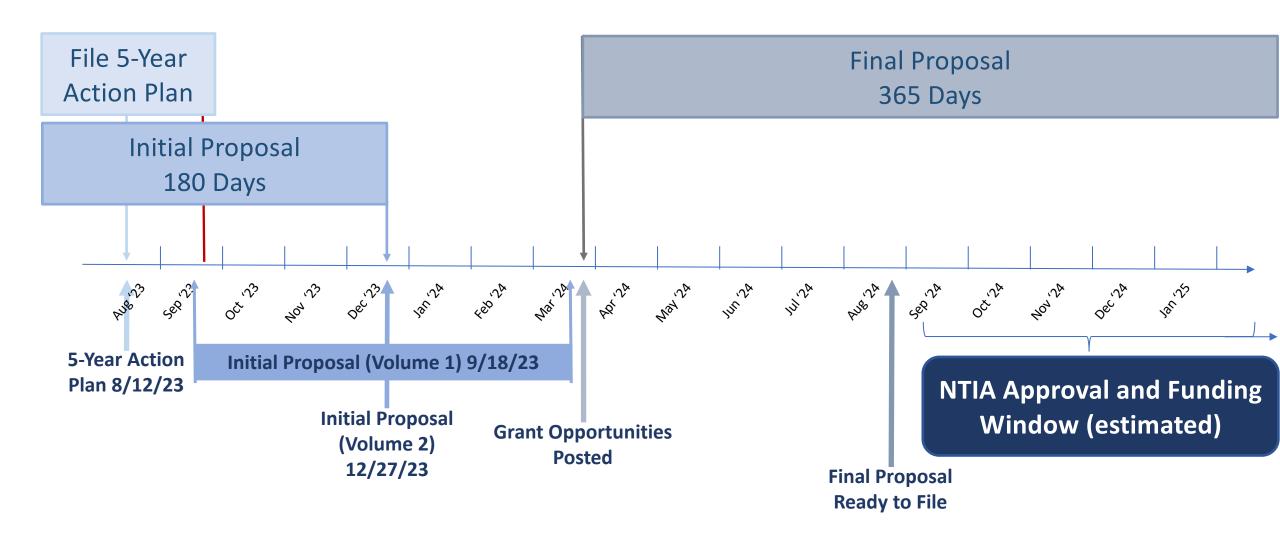
#### DISBURSEMENTS OF ALASKA'S ALLOCATION

Grants will be based on percentage of locations that are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Priority -- Unserved less than 25Mbps/3Mbps
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Priority -- Underserved less than 100Mbps/20Mbps and
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Priority -- Unserved Community Anchor Institutions less than 1Gbps/1Gbps



#### **BEAD Milestone Dates & ABO Timeline**

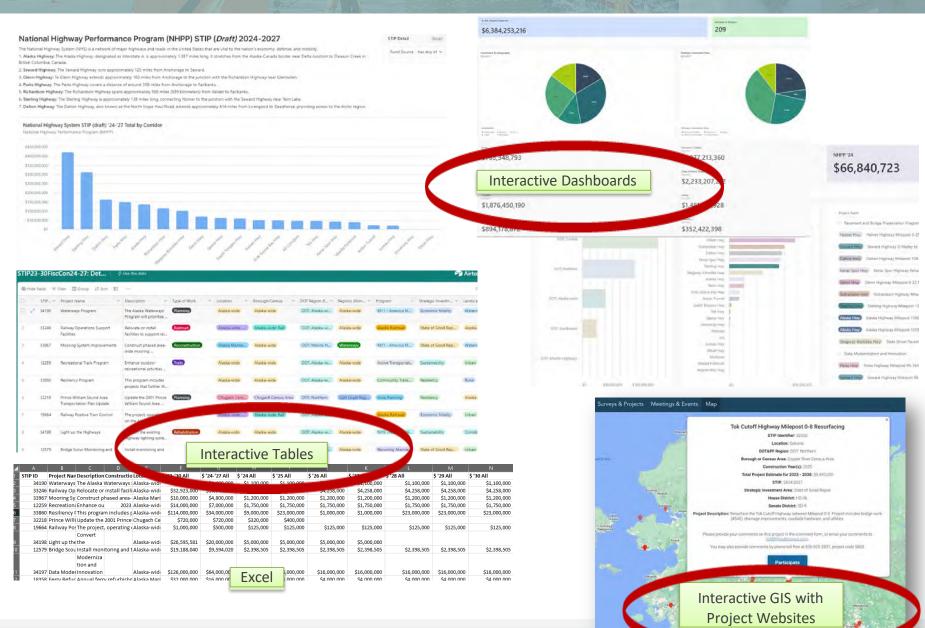


## TRANSPORTATION

## It's about Partnerships.

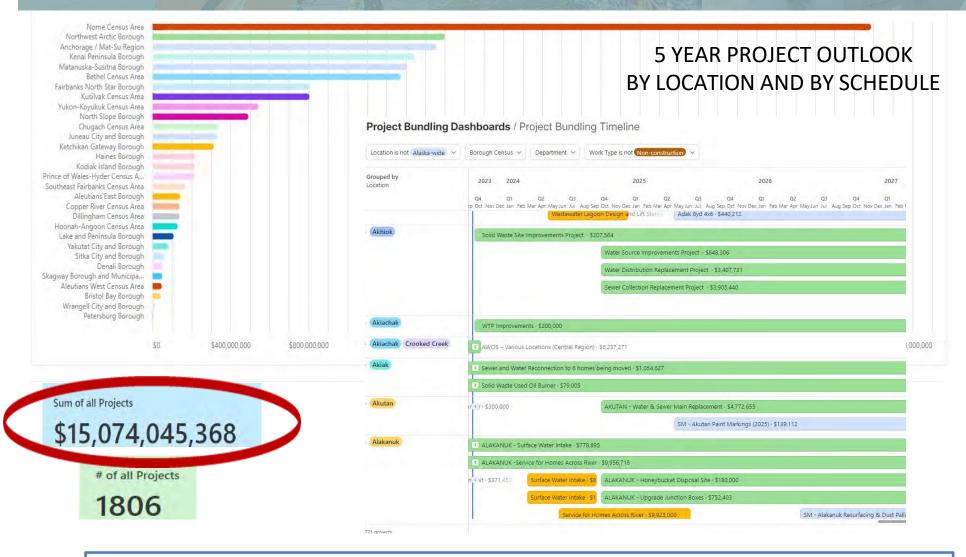
#### The Modern STIP: New Tools for Understanding

#### Modern Tools: A Tutorial





#### INFRASTRUCTURE FORECASTS



DRAFT Project Bundling Dashboard –Data is for purposes of illustration only to demonstrate potential Interactive 5-year Infrastructure Dashboard



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#### **Program and Project Highlights**

New Programs





#### Frontier Roads, Trails, and Bridges Surface Transportation Links for Alaska's Frontier

- New State Specific Road Standards
- Ice Roads, Snow Roads
- Frontier Style Gravel Roads; Hardened Trails
- Bridges
- Waysides

#### **Rural Community Connections**

Community Connections that Reduce the Cost of Living, Stimulate Economic Development, and Increase the Quality of Life

- Community Connection Inventories
- Beyond Moving People, Fuel, and Freight

#### Rural Housing Roads Helping to Solve Alaska's Housing Crisis

Basic Infrastructure to Bring Down Costs

#### Waterways

#### Connecting Alaska's Multi Modal Transportation Network

- M-11 National Marine Highway Designation
- Supporting freight corridors through infrastructure



#### **Workforce Development and Training**

STIP ID:34200
Transportation Workforce Developm ent & Training \$24m

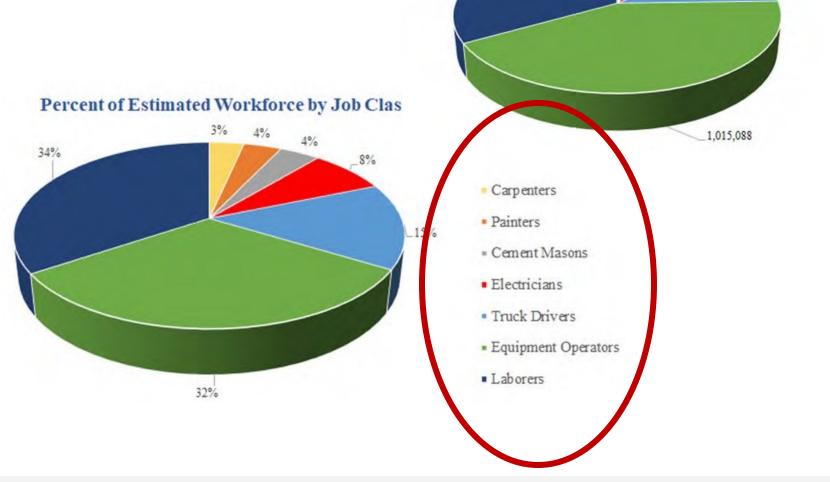
#### Estimated Hours by Job Class (Construction Year 2023)

56,405 51,232

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167,191

258,542



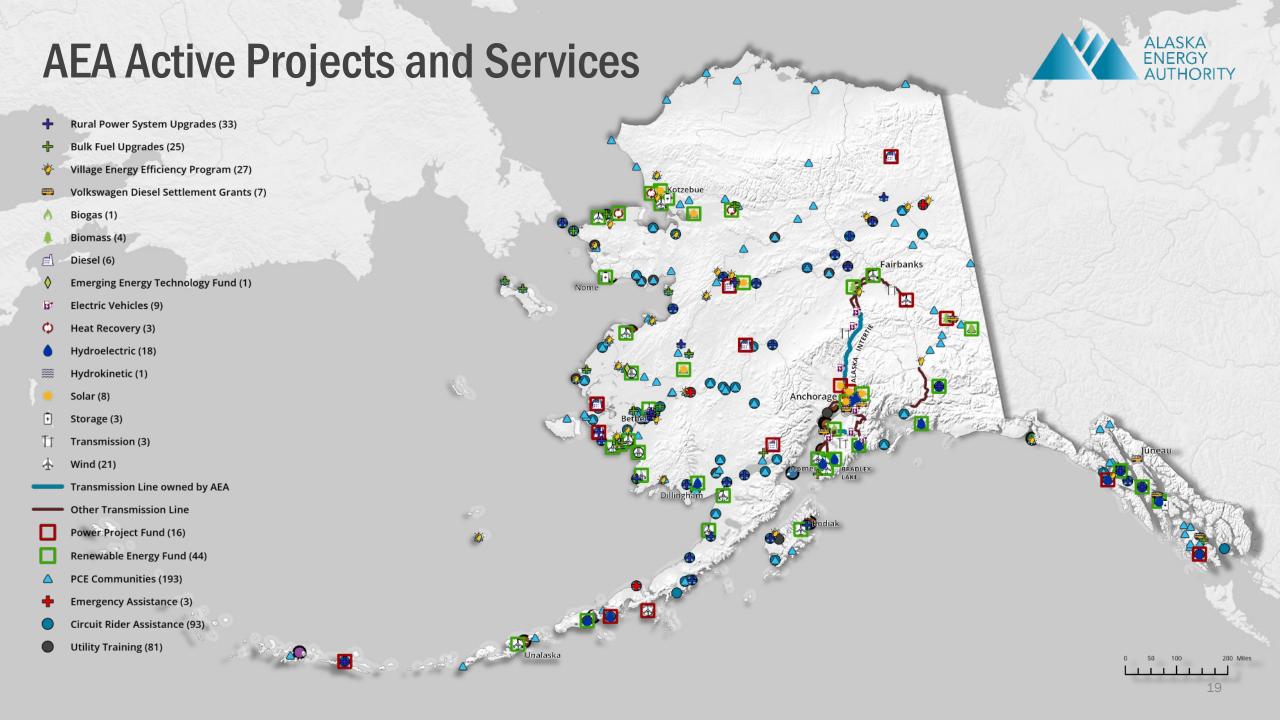
796,991



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## Energy

## State Priority: Lower Cost



## Railbelt Transmission System Urgently Needs Modernization

The majority of the Railbelt transmission system was constructed more than 40 years ago. A resilient, reliable, and redundant Railbelt transmission system is not only achievable but also necessary to create the needed capacity to integrate additional renewable energy in the future.



#### **Grid Forming**

A grid with alternate paths will increase reliability, resiliency, and fuel diversification.



#### **Fuel Savings**

Upgrades and alternate paths will reduce line losses.



#### **Energy Security**

Natural or other events can isolate cities or regions from energy.

#### **Generation Changes**

New renewable energy projects are not located in existing cities. New transmission to connect new renewable projects to existing transmission paid for by projects. However, existing transmission must be upgraded to transmit energy to and between the Railbelt regions.

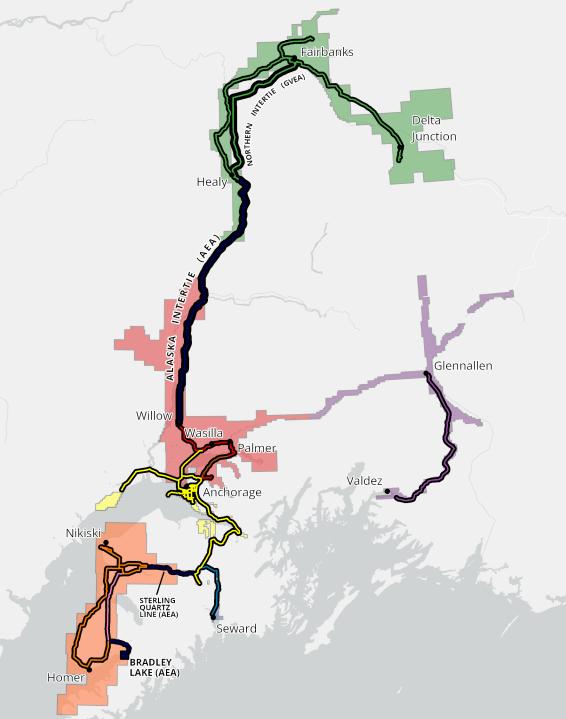
#### **Alaska Intertie**

#### Transmission Line

- Alaska Energy Authority (AEA)
  - Chugach Electric Association (CEA)
- Copper Valley Electric Association (CVEA)
- Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA)
- Matanuska Electric Association (MEA)
  - CEA/MEA Joint Ownership (CEA/MEA)
  - Homer Electric Association (HEA)
- City of Seward
- Soldotna

#### Service Area

- Chugach Electric Association
  - Copper Valley Electric Association
- Golden Valley Electric Association
- Matanuska Electric Association
- Homer Electric Association
- City Of Seward
- 0 25 50 100 Miles



**ALASKA** 

## State of Alaska Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure Implementation Plan

AEA and the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF), submitted their **State of Alaska EV Infrastructure Implementation Plan (The Plan)** to the United States Joint Office of Energy and Transportation, as required by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act's NEVI Formula Program.

#### Awardees (listed south to north):

- 1. Anchorage Tikahtnu Commons, North Anchorage
- Wasilla Cottonwood Creek Mall
- 3. Trapper Creek Trapper Creek Three Bears
- 4. Denali State Park Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge
- 5. Cantwell Jack River Properties
- 6. Healy Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge
- 7. Nenana Nenana Chevron Station
- 8. Ester Ester Gas
- 9. Fairbanks Westmark Fairbanks Hotel and Conference Center



## **State of Alaska**Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Implementation Plan FY24







#### AEA and AHFC collaborating to develop a Statewide Solar Program:

- AEA focus on development of community solar projects in disadvantaged communities using a Renewable Energy Fundstyle grant program.
- AHFC focus on residential rooftop solar for low income households.

#### Program benefits:

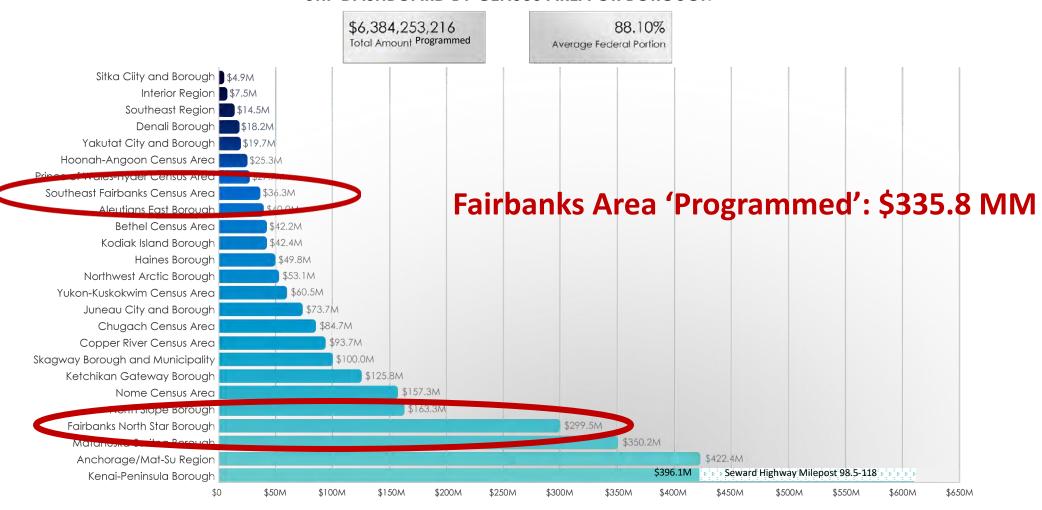
- Energy cost savings
- Increased resiliency
- Equitable access to solar
- Asset ownership benefits low income and disadvantaged communities
- Workforce development
- Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions
- This is a competitive grant program no match required.
- AEA and AHFC will submit an application for a \$100 million grant





### Modern, Resilient, Agile: DOT&PF and the STIP Why Change Now?

#### STIP DASHBOARD BY CENSUS AREA OR BOROUGH





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AEA Formula
Funding

ALSO A DEPT OF DEFENSE PRIORITY

## Black Rapids Training Site (BRTS) Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program

AEA partnered with Golden Valley Electric Cooperative (GVEA) was awarded this grant from the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation under the Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program.

Federal Receipt Authority of \$12.7 Million Received in fiscal year 2024. AEA has requested a supplemental budget request for an additional \$3 Million for this project to bury the line. No State match is required.

GVEA will use the funds to extend an transmission line 34 miles along the Richardson Highway to BTRS. Currently, BTRS is powered by three diesel generators that are nearing the end of their useful lives. This extension will improve long-term sustainability and reliability for BRTS by tying them into GVEA's power grid.



Alaska Housing Finance Corporation's **Alaska Corporation** for Affordable Housing is helping meet housing challenges in Fairbanks with the addition of 58 new units.\*



#### New housing for seniors and families in Fairbanks

Alaska Corporation for Affordable Housing continues to progress development of 58 new units of affordable housing.



The Meadows: 18 units

- Located across from Golden Ages at Ninth Avenue and Denali Way
- Came online in August 2023
- Full occupancy expected by the end of September 2023



Borealis Park: 40 units of family housing

- Located in South Fairbanks between 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, 23<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Wilson Street and Barnette Street
- Expected completion in summer of 2024

<sup>\*</sup>Not federal funds, but we're looking into more ways to use federal funds to meet Alaska's housing needs.

#### Fairbanks Projects

- \$7.8MM Airport Upgrades
- \$89MM Moose Creek Dam
- +\$51MM Tribal Broadband
- \$2.3MM Low Emission Buses
- \$900K Chena roundabout
- \$9.2MM Airport Way congestion
- \$800K Tanana River engineering
- \$300K Dena'Nena'Hanash transpo planning
- Mentasta & Northway schools biomass heating

University Ave... Airport/Steese interchange... Geist Rd... Rosie Creek Rd...Chena Hot Springs Rd... Bridges...Passing lanes...

Thank you!

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