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DEFERRED MAINTENANCE TASK FORCE

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Building an Alaska for the 21st Century

Public Hearing

October 1, 1997

Wasilla Assembly Chambers
Wasilla City Hall
290 East Henning Avenue
Wasilla, Alaska
9:00 AM to Noon

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cc:Mail for: Matt Gill

Greetings from the lovely Mat-Su Valley, host of the October 1 deferred maintenance task force meeting.

Rep. Masek would like to hold the meeting at the Talkeetna Elementary School. This would give task force members an opportunity to drive the Parks Highway and to see first hand the conditions of this highway, as well as one of our public schools. We can arrange for short walk throughs of other schools on the drive up, if the task force would like to see a selection of the school conditions throughout the Valley.

Do you have a list of facilities and roads they are considering for the Mat-Su area? Can we get a list of them? I have all of the Administration's memo's, but is the task force just working off of these recommendations? Or considering facilities and infrastructure on their own?

Looking forward to the meetings. Can staff attend in the Rep's stead if the Rep. is unable to attend?

*From
Carolyn Mc Roberts*

cc:Mail for: Denny DeWitt

Subject: DMTF

From: Caroline McRoberts at LAA_TRANS 8/29/97 3:58 PM

To: Denny DeWitt (Dennis Dewitt) at LAA_CAP

How did the Kenai meeting go? Good turn out? Anything new come to light? Any really good ideas for solutions to our problems?

I have the Wasilla City Hall, Assembly Chambers confirmed for Wednesday October 1 from 9:00AM - 12:00noon. They have teleconference capabilities with listen only as an option. They will provide the coffee and coffee accessories. We can get in anytime Tuesday to set up, so let me know what you want (flip charts, hand outs, charts & graphs, whatever...) and I'll get things set.

I'm working with the School Superintendent to get the schools set, he is very cooperative and is willing to help out in any way we need him. He offered a school bus for transportation...could be fun?!

I'll fax you the rate sheet from the Frontiersman.

We can get the word out here, with a special invite from Beverly, to all of the key players in the Valley (i.e. the local gov't, education people, community councils, constituents, etc.) I can draft up something for your input, if you'd like?

Let me know when you will be sending a press release, I can call our friendly local reporters to give them an extra nudge for coverage.

Attached is the suggested schedule. Let me know how I can help!

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Task Force Announces Hearing in Mat-Su

For Immediate Release

Friday, September 19, 1997

Contact: Denny DeWitt
Legislative Assistant to Rep. Mulder
907 465-2647 or 258-8193

(Juneau, AK) -- Representative Eldon Mulder and Senator Tim Kelly, the Deferred Maintenance Task Force Co-Chairs, announced a Mat-Su public hearing to review problems associated with the lack of maintenance on state assets. The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1, 1997, from 9:00 AM to Noon in Assembly Chambers at the Wasilla City Hall. Alaskans are welcome to attend in person or send their written comments to the Deferred Maintenance Task Force, Room 501, State Capitol Building, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

"We will be making site visits in the Mat-Su area in the afternoon of October 1, to view the deferred maintenance needs and speak with folks in the Mat-Su area. We are looking forward to hearing what Alaskans in this region think we need to do to repair our state assets." stated Rep. Mulder. "We scheduled the morning hearing for members of the public to formally share their thoughts. I am eager to hear proposals of solutions to the question of how we should fund the identified needs. We need to solve maintenance problems with our existing facilities so we can focus on new infrastructure needs of growing communities like the Mat-Su Valley."

Deferred Maintenance Task Force
Mat-Su Meeting
9/19/97
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"We need to see all parts of Alaska," stated Senator Tim Kelly. "It is important to visit and talk with the people who live in the Mat-Su. The Task Force needs to understand the different needs and how they impact rural areas. I'm looking forward to hearing from Mat-Su residents about the needs in this area, including problems with roads, road side facilities such as rest areas, schools and other state assets. "

The Deferred Maintenance Task Force has scheduled 10 hearings to review the needed upgrades to roads, airports, harbors, public buildings, and schools in Alaska. The task force will listen as people throughout Alaska share their view of the need to repair and replace existing state owned facilities including proposals for how to finance the needed repairs. The Task Force has held hearings in Kenai, Kotzebue, Kodiak and Nome. Future hearings are planned in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Ketchikan.

"We have had lots of problems identified. That's been helpful," said Mulder. "The real challenge is coming up with a solution. I hope we will hear suggestions for funding. There are several options available. We need to hear what Alaskans consider acceptable."

The Legislature established the Deferred Maintenance Task Force to assess the condition of public facilities and solicit input on needs. Further, and equally necessary, the task force is to evaluate various funding proposals to pay for the needed repair and replacement to state facilities. The task force will report back to Legislature in January of 1998.

end # end # end

Task Force schedule is attached

**Deferred Maintenance Task Force
Mat-Su Visit and Public Hearing
October 1, 1997**

8:00 AM Van Leaves the Anchorage LIO

9:00 AM - Noon	Public Hearing Assembly Chambers Wasilla City Hall 290 East Henning Ave Wasilla
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Noon - 1:00 PM	Lunch Break
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1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Drive Parks Highway to Talkeetna (Will include side road excursions on State owned/maintained gravel roads)
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2:00 PM - 2:45 PM	Talkeetna Elementary School
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3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Houston High School
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4:10 PM - 4:40 PM	Big Lake Elementary School
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5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Wasilla High School
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5:45 PM	Return to Wasilla City Hall
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Alaska State Legislature

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Beverly Masek

Official Business

State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182
907-465-2679

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 6, 1997

TO: Denny DeWitt, Legislative Assistant to Representative Mulder

FROM: Caroline McRoberts, Legislative Assistant to Representative Masek

RE: Deferred Maintenance Task Force

The Deferred Maintenance Task Force is scheduled to meet in the Mat-Su Valley on October 1, 1997. Over the course of the past 3 years, Representative Masek has traveled extensively throughout the Valley, heard from numerous constituents and had an opportunity to work with the State, Borough and local entities on their concerns regarding State owned schools and roads.

The Mat-Su Valley is the fastest growing area in Alaska. We will undoubtedly see additional seats on the legislature following the census in 2000. To address this rapidly growing population, increase our Republican led stronghold and move toward a brighter future for those living in and moving to the Valley, it is important we address their concerns by action. We need to show them we are truly addressing these issues.

I would encourage you to plan the Mat-Su meeting in the following manner:

9:00AM - 12:00noon

Opening Remarks
Valley Delegation
Public Testimony
Mat-Su LIO ?? (may not be big enough)

12:00noon - 1:00PM

Lunch at the Mat-Su Resort
(can the task force host this lunch for its members? We don't have an ARCO or BP out here...)

Site Visits

1:00PM - 2:00PM	Drive Parks Highway to Talkeetna side road excursion-State owned/maintained gravel roads
2:00PM - 2:45PM	Talkeetna Elementary School
3:30PM - 4:00PM	Houston High School
4:10PM - 4:40PM	Big Lake Elementary School
5:00PM - 5:30PM	Wasilla High School
5:45PM	Return to Wasilla - depart to Anchorage

While this schedule may seem burdensome, it is important for task force members to see the difficult circumstances people in the Valley must contend with on a daily basis. If you think "...a capitol that leaks when it rains and ruins documents." is bad, just wait until you see the Valley schools!

If the task force will accept written testimony, we can get a lot of input in just the 3 hour public hearing. Written testimony would allow the school district, local governments and other organized entities to have greater input, thus allowing the members of the general public to speak during the public testimony.

Denny, we really need to give the Valley some attention. We are growing at an incredible rate. I'm enclosing some demographic information for you, please let me know if I can provide any further information.

I look forward to working with you on this important project.

encl.

FAX

TO: Caroline Mc Roberts
FAX # 907-373-4745

FROM: Denny DeWitt, Legislative Assistant
Representative Eldon Mulder
Phone # 907-465-2647
FAX # 907-465-3518
E-mail: Dennis_DeWitt@legis.state.ak.us

DATE: September 18, 1997

PAGES: 5, including cover

SUBJECT: DMTF Mat-Su stuff

COMMENTS: Here are the newspaper AD, the Press release and the Schedule for our trip. Please share them with the rest of the Mat-Su delegation it will save me lots of fax time.

I find that it is much more likely to get coverage if you push it with your local press and include comments from Rep. Masek as a member and any members of the delegation that want on it. The radio folks very much like to get an actuality from a local.

I need to know which media you want to hit. If you have a fax list, you can just send it from your end. If you don't have a list, we can have ken Freeman send it for us. Let me know.

FAX

TO: Cherie
FAX # 907-352-2277

FROM: Denny DeWitt, Legislative Assistant
Representative Eldon Mulder
Phone # 907-465-2647
FAX # 907-465-3518
E-mail: Dennis_DeWitt@legis.state.ak.us

DATE: September 18, 1997

PAGES: 2, including cover

SUBJECT: Ad for Deferred Maintenance Task Force

COMMENTS: I need the legislator's names and the information on the ad. If you need a better copy of the seal, I can try to get that for you.

I should know by tomorrow how we will be paying for this.

*I JUST got The AD ORDER # 3180414
send bills to This office. I'll get them
taken care of
D.*

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10,000"	\$ 9.20	add \$5.40	add \$3.60
20,000"	\$ 8.20	add \$4.30	add \$3.60

13 Week Contracts

150"	\$12.50	add \$7.80	add \$4.70
300"	\$12.20	add \$7.80	add \$4.70
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All RATES ARE PER COLUMN INCH.
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Black plus one color	\$120
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13 Week Contracts

50"	\$8.80	add \$5.45	add \$4.20
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Advertising Executive



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Charlie

Frontiersman 1~FO

ALL PAPERS

2 colm Wide 5" Tall

\$246⁵⁰

4" x 5"

FAX to 352-2277

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24TH 26TH 30TH

ADDRESS + P.O.

3180414

AD order #

Denny,

This is a 3 col x 7 in. Ad. The additional cost would be \$138.⁰⁰ I could do this for the next 2 runs.

SEP-22-1997 15:49 Please let me know by 11:30 on Tues.

Thanks - Lynette 376-5225



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Roads,
Should
state

and we 2 columns wide
if we go longer, it
be 6' or so

Ad Rep -
Paper -

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RIDE

LUNCH

1 Mulder

2 ELTON

3 JAMES

4 MASEK

5 LINCOLN

6 Wilken

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10/1/97

MAT-Su Borough -

Don Moore

1. Schools
2. Roads

School enrollment increases 40-50%

1986 money was lost MAT-Su took advantage of
latest 70/30 money. Didn't get there before money
RAN OUT

Have Voter Authorization for 3 schools at 70/30

Roads -

Need Roads improved - have many roads students
travel over

30% of Alaska ~~state~~ roads

Added a vehicle tax to implement AREA WIDE
ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

- ROAD DUST problem - particulant level

VINE ROAD

- Extension built to service ELEMENTARY school

Req from MAT-Su -

1. Vehicle Tax Rate

ANTICIPATED INCOME LESS THAN ~~3~~ ^{million}

1.- 70 20 solution
50 70 solution

MATSU Borough - Continue

Suggesting for funding

1. USE CBR to ESTABLISH Revolving Fund

Assemblyman WELLS - MATSU Borough

- CONCERNED about crowded schools + use of Portables - expanded use of Portables puts pressure on Gym, Cafeteria, etc
- we passed Bond Vote - hope STATE Funds will be available for MATCH

MAYOR LACHER

Give Tax power to collect REVENUE where there is no organized borough i.e. SALES TAX

Cost of 3 new schools \$51 million
Approved in 1995

ED TREMPER

Nothing on renovation of structure
Nothing on new Admin or new offices

Kelly MAHONEY - school volunteer
Wasilla HS - IN DISREPAIR
- Not sufficient books

INCREASE TAXES - special bond or SALES TAXES

^{SMALL}
Mayor Paylor - Wasilla

- GROWTH is The problem -

- STATE storm ~~drain~~ Run into Lakes

- Airport - deal was state were supposed to have
Runway - has not yet
- waste water

→ STATE is holding up because of future upgrade of
Parks Hwy. but no definitive DATE
FOR UP GRADE

WHATIS sales Tax 2% brings in \$4 million
Property tax 1.5 mills capped at 2 mills

Rep. Komerling -

Move ASTF "Endowment" to Hwy + Road Maint Fund

ROD EWING

Meadow Lakes Comm Council

Big Lake School need

Janet Kincaid Assembly

growth is staggering - 700 new students
This year

Doyle Holmes

Need to look at Cost/Benefit of pouring more
into old facilities
need to fix maint money so it is not used
as discretionary funding.

Larry Dulbis

Margaret Sweet

Talkeeta Elementary School
solution - Mackie/Kart bill

Nanette Rucker

Wasilla High School - built in 1976

Roof + Window Problems - much water + moisture

Wasilla High School students

Needs at Wasilla -

have 2 lunch periods

school to work - can be used for maint - roof repair

Tom Smith - Palmer

Dwaine Hanson

Wasilla A.S.

Not prepared for technology

Steve Rusten

Request funding for bonds for new schools

Ed Brownlow

Wasilla Chamber of Commerce
Schools are imp.

Want to partner up to solve problems

Dianne Keller

Wants ~~for~~ incentives for home schooling

Lindea Knapp

Principal at Big Lake

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Deferred Maintenance

SPEAKER	TAPE #	SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION
appr 9:10		Very sorry - forgot to turn on recorder till after Chair named those present MSB Mayor Lacher, manager Don Moore assembly member Rob Wells at table
Lincoln		questions
Kelly		question
James		questions none
Kelly		re vehicle tax to Moore + Lacher
Masick	9:50	question re vine Road to Moore
Lincoln		question re dust to Don Moore
Wells	10:00	Remarks by Rob Wells
Lacher		Match - sales tax - power to
Elton	10:05	question re state's resp for muni school buildings Lacher responded
Kelly		what cost of new schools 52 000 000 95
Ben Wilken		questions of all 3 50/50 split pass?
Ben Lincoln	10:18	Ed Kempler: Moore shorts lack: not refer to vandalism like pithuse
Kelli Mahoney	10:20	Condition of Wasilla High School
Rep Elton	10:26	questions of Kelli Inflation proofed?
John Lincoln	10:30	" " " why not just fix it - leaky roof
Rep James		fainted by "noir" - noted presence of Phillips sta 29
Christy Mulder	10:35	Mayor + John Cramer - state hasn't paved airport
Mayor Palin		State dumps storm water into lake
John Cramer		Serious problems with fed/state/city waste system
Ben Kelly	asked	sales tax brings in about 4 million Mayor Lacher If MSB has a sales tax - no
Christy Mulder	10:44	property tax amount? Base 5 city 11.5 MSB mills
Lincoln	10:45	tape switched to tape 2
Rep Vic Kohring		
Rep James	10:52	question of Kohring
Audience		question re eliminate sex science +
Ed Kempler		technology fund - effect on schools
Rad Ewing	10:54	Schools + Meadow Lakes Community Council portables Big Lake Elem blessing to Snowflake
Ben Wilkins	11:01	supports SB 11 + 70/30 split questioned Rad Ewing - state sales tax
Ben Lincoln		" " " we come in to 464 or back to 464
Janet Kincaid	11:05	gained 200 kids this year
Doyle Holmes		stop discretionary use 80/20 or 90/10
Larry DeVillbiss		carrots organized unorganized borough
Ben Wilkin	11:14	Ben Hess education meeting

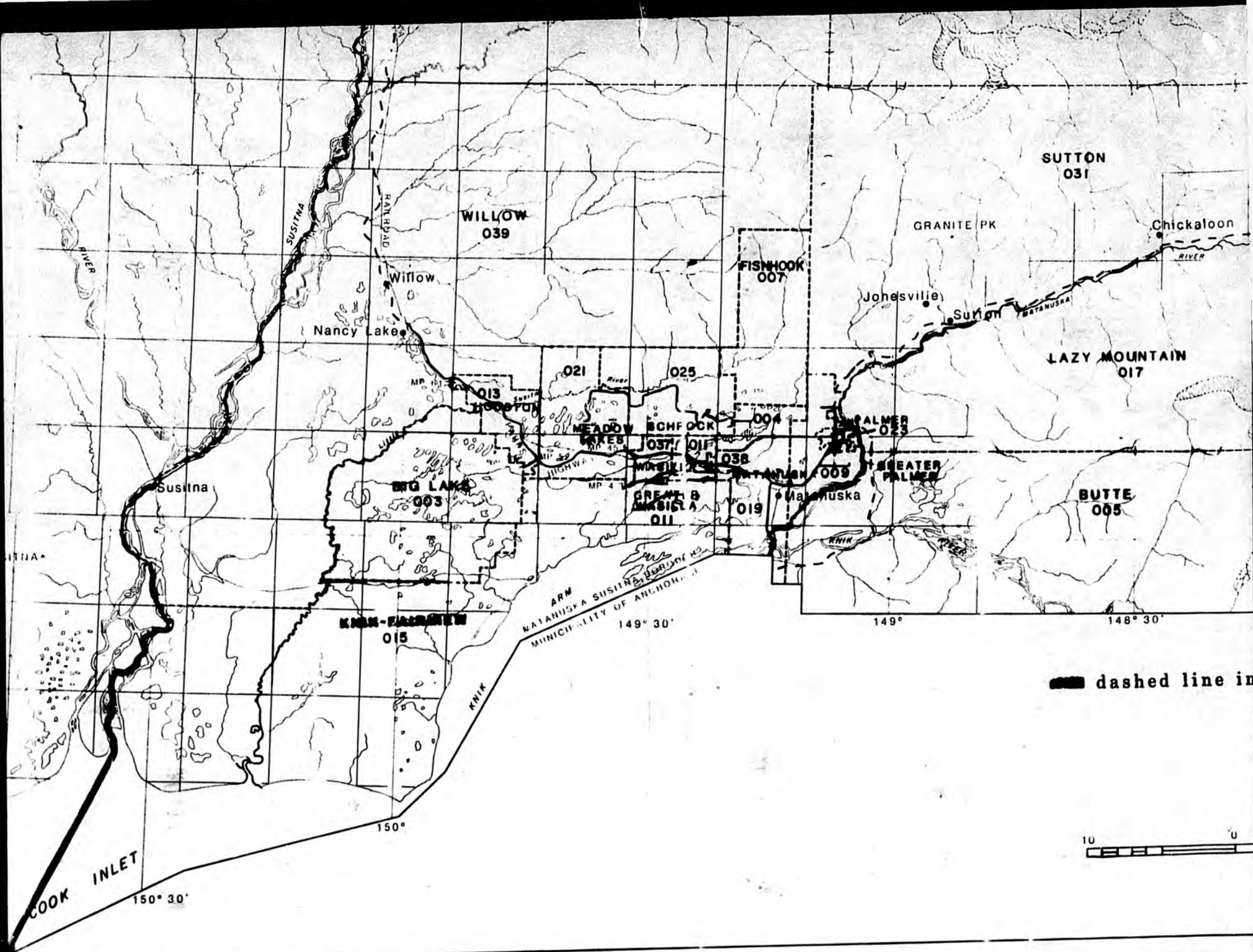
SPEAKER	TAPE #	SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION
Maureen Sved	11:15	Darkestia Elemen school - 70/30 - use CBR
Rep Elton Sen Green	11:20	Sixth Year gone to Gurnee to try for money rating on DOE list now 9th - #1 for MSB
Nanette Rucker	11:21	W High School ^{built 76} PTO & other schools
Rep Elton S Wilkin	11:30	question Nanette endowment concept?
Rep James Rep Mulder	11:35	question to Nanette re charges for use of WHS WHS on CID list no
students	11:37	{ Sarah Castillo Joe Rucker Jenny Ryan Beardsley }
		top 10 list needs list lockup AS 14 schools mandates equity
Sen Lincoln Sen Wilkin S Kelly	11:45	remarks - Sarah responds remarks - 6 high schools in Met Sn
Tom Smith	11:49	Palmer City Manager - Mayor would like to attend Fairbanks meeting - Henry Guinotte 10/14
S Wilkin		
Duane Hanson	11:57	shocked at WHS moved from home
Chimney Mulder Sen Lincoln	11:59	remarks how do we fund it?
D Hanson Wilkin	reply	Schools before Roads 70/30 - run for office
James Elton	12:03	upon believe the people willing to pay?
Sherry Rucker	12:06	asks to fund 70/30 bond
Ed Brittingham	12:11	Wasilla Chamber of Commerce resolution - "a state issue"
Diane Keller	12:15	City Council - private or home school for intelligent child
Elton Chimney Mulder James	12:17	correspondence school replies to Keller's questions supports home schooling
Lyndeen Knapp	12:20	Schools
	12:24	End



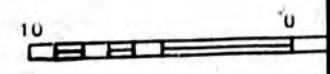
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HOUSE BILL NO. 256

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES KELLY, Austerman

Introduced: 3/15/95

Referred: House Special Committee on Fisheries, Resources, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act authorizing the commissioner of fish and game to establish free sport
2 fishing days."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * Section 1. AS 16.05.400 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (c) The commissioner may, by regulation, designate not more than two days
6 each year on which a person, whether a resident or nonresident, may engage in sport
7 fishing without having obtained a sport fishing license or an anadromous king salmon
8 tag.



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1 Kelli Mahoney	Kelli Mahoney	925 Lone cun Wasilla		376-8486			
2 Rod Ewing	ROD EWING	PO BOX 878284 Wasilla 99687		376 8889	SB11		
3 Dan Moore	Dan Moore	Box 874191 Wasilla		376-1484			
4 Tom Smith	Tom Smith	231 W. Evergreen Av. Palmer 99645		745-3221			
5 Marven Coggins	MARVEN COGGINS	OFFICE OF SENATOR GREEN 600 E. RAILROAD AVE.		376-3370			✓
6 Larry Lovelitts							
7 Ed Bringham							
8 Sarah Pallin	Mayor - Wasilla John Kramer						
9 Vic Kohring							
10 Dr Lemen							
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1	<i>Janice Tattow</i>	<i>Janice Tattow</i>	<i>P.O. Box 1621</i>	<i>Palmer</i>	<i>745-4488</i>	<i>SB 57</i>	<i>X</i>	
2	<i>Jane Axberg</i>	<i>Jane Axberg</i>	<i>HC 34 Box 2108</i>	<i>Wasilla</i>	<i>373-0924</i>	<i>SB 57</i>		<i>X</i>
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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

TO: Deferred Maintenance Task Force

FROM: Denny DeWitt, Legislative Assistant
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RE: Mat-Su Visit and Hearing Back-Up.

Rep. Masek has provided information on the growth in the Mat-Su Valley as a reference.

Rep. Kohring has provided a copy of a letter of intent adopted by the House Department of Commerce and Economic Development Budget Subcommittee relative to the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation endowment. Rep. Kohring will address the Task Force on this issue.

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REPRESENTATIVE VIC KOHRING
DISTRICT 26

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 7, 1997
To: Rep. Eldon Mulder, Co-Chair
Deferred Maintenance Task Force
From: Vic Kohring *VK*
Subject: Road & Highway Maintenance Fund

As you may recall, during this past session I proposed the establishment of a "road and highway maintenance fund", to be funded from the Alaska Science & Technology Foundation's endowment.

I respectfully request that your deferred maintenance task force take up for consideration this plan during your hearings this summer. I've enclosed a copy of my proposal, which was approved by the House Department of Commerce & Economic Development Budget Subcommittee in March.

I would be pleased to present my plan to the task force at one of your hearings, to provide further details and answer any questions. Perhaps I could be placed on your agenda if it can be arranged.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and feel free to call if you require additional information. I can be reached in Wasilla at (800) 468-2186.

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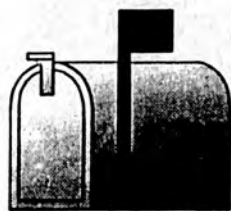
**Subject: (1.) Deletion of the Alaska Science & Technology Foundation
(2.) Formation of the Alaska Highway & Road Maintenance Fund**

"It is the intent of the Alaska State Legislature to delete all funding and thereby eliminate the Alaska Science & Technology Foundation (ASTF). One (1) Grant Administrator and one (1) Administrative Assistant will be retained for a period not to exceed three (3) years, to fulfill outstanding contractual obligations of ASTF and to close out all remaining functions."

"It is also the intent of the Legislature to create the **Alaska Highway & Road Maintenance Fund (AHRM)** and to reappropriate the unobligated balance of the ASTF endowment to the AHRM. The AHRM will be established in statute as an endowment, while ASTF's statutory authority will be repealed. Appropriations will then be made by the Legislature from the endowment's receipts for highway and road maintenance needs."

Submitted By:

**Rep. Vic Kohring, Chair
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March 19, 1997**



A 1997 Economic Update For The MatSu Valley

Neal Fried, Labor Economist

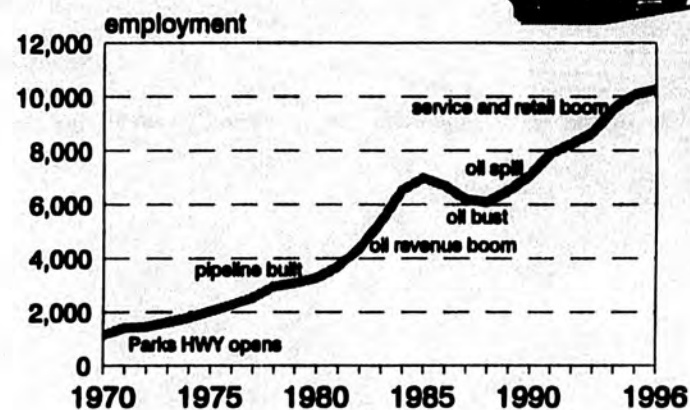
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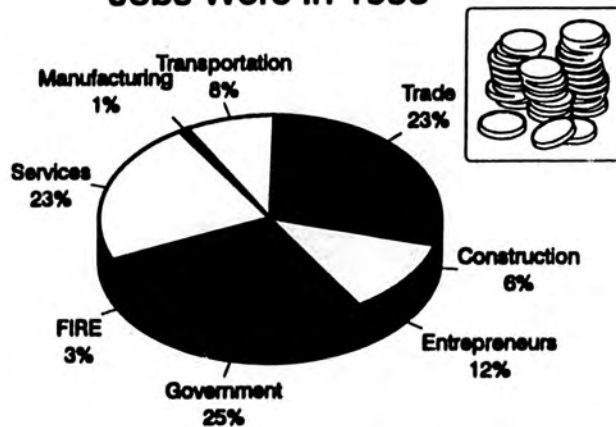
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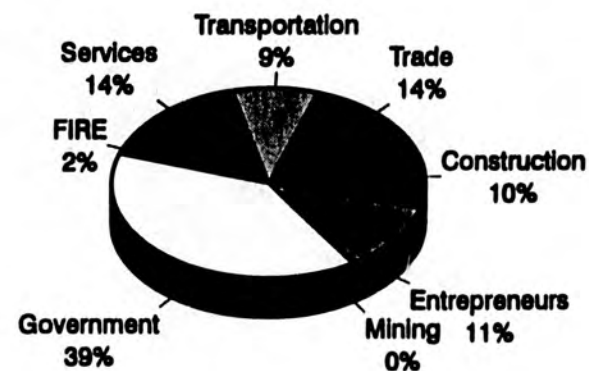
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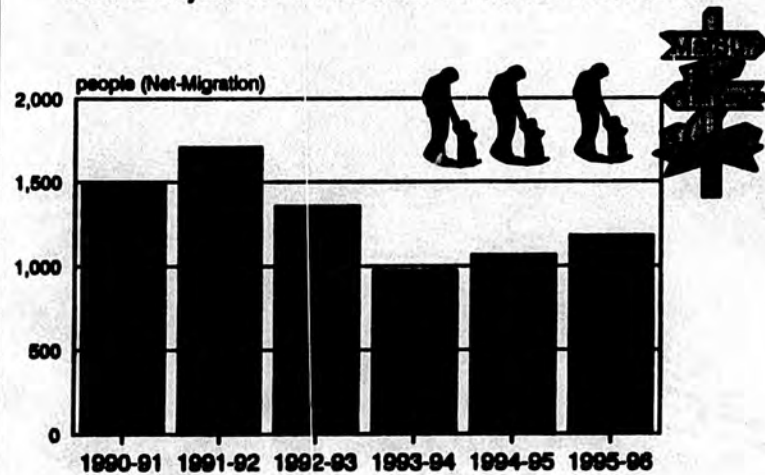
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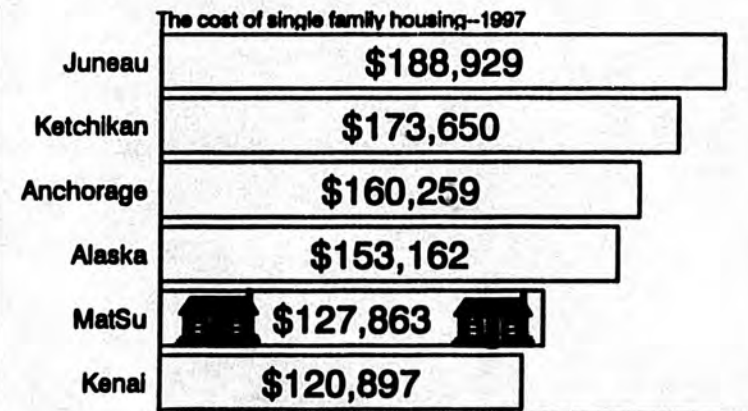
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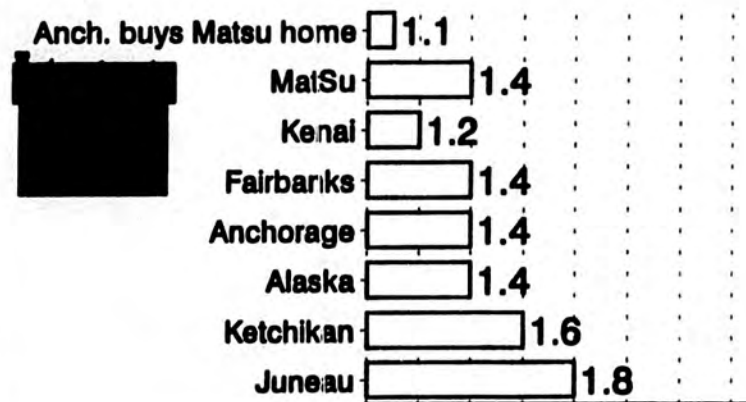
During The Past 3 Years More People Have Moved To The Valley Than To Anywhere Else In The State- How Is That Possible?



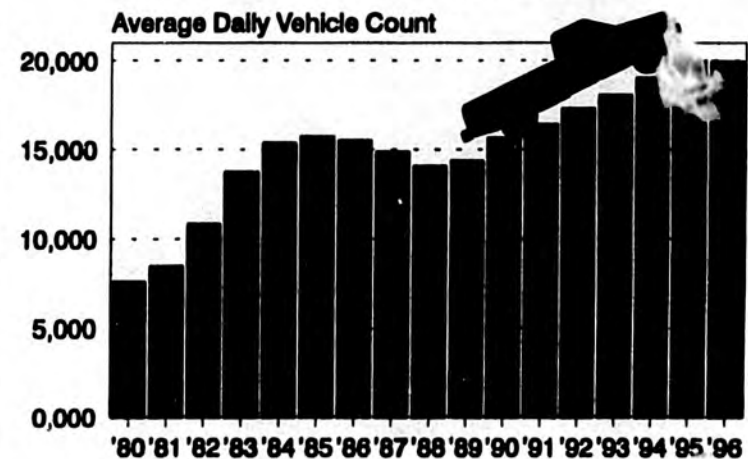
And This "Is" One Of The Big Attractions In The Valley --



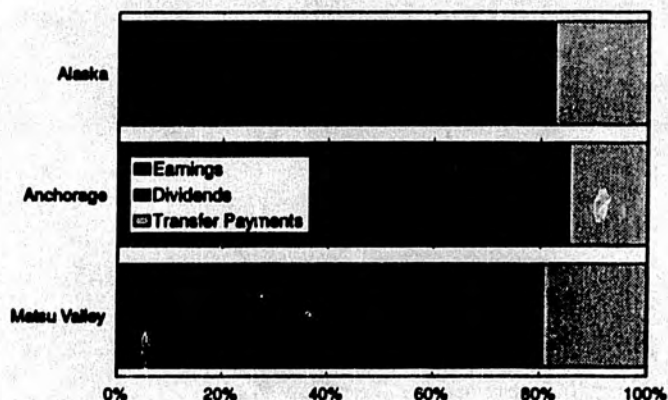
It Takes Fewer Wage Earners To Buy A Home In The Valley--A Powerful Economic Tool



The Vehicle Count Between The Valley And Anchorage Keeps Growing



Transfer Payments Are A Bit Larger In The Valley



The Valley's Top Ten Employers



	Employment
MatSu Borough School District	1,482
Valley Hospital	365
Carrs	339
Matanuska Telephone Association	284
Wal-Mart	259
MatSu Borough	202
MatSu Community Counseling Center	172
Department of Corrections	171
University Of Alaska	164
Nye Frontier Ford	124

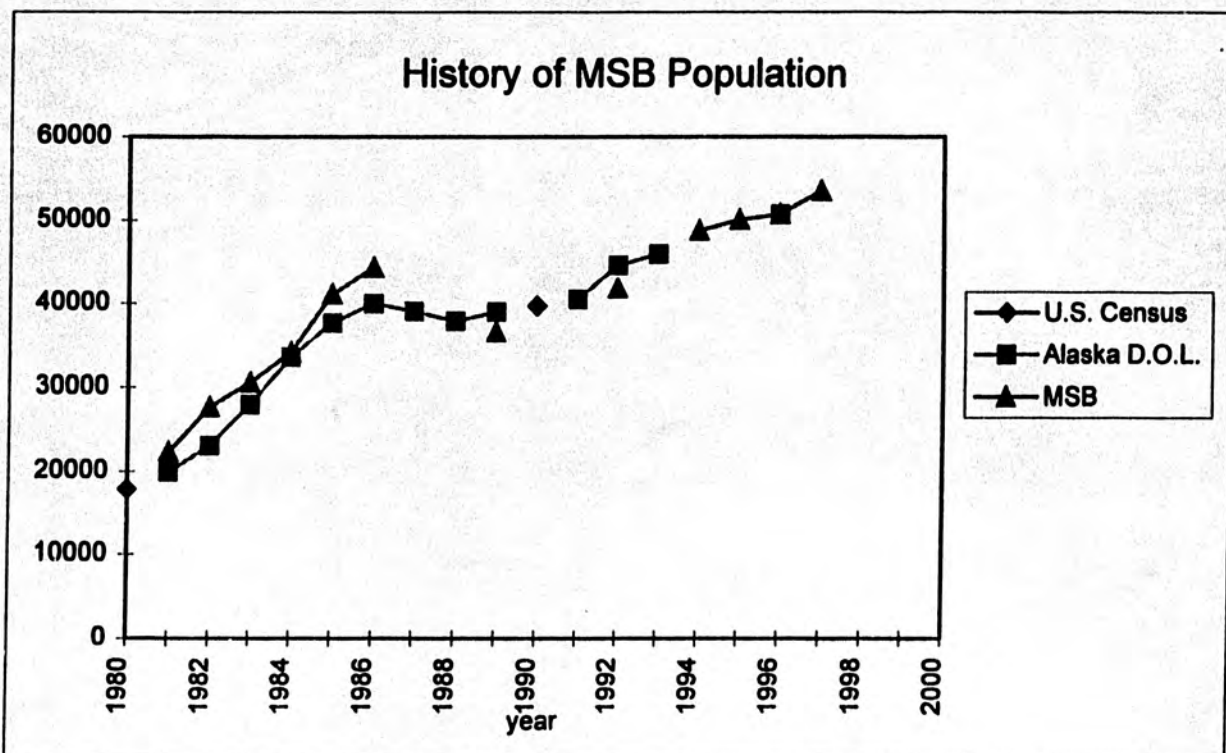
Table 1. Alaska's Non-Resident Population, 1980-1996

1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	Change 1990- 1996	Percent Change 1990- 1996	Percent Share 1990- 1996
3,183																	3,183	45.0%	100.0%
-42																	-42	-64.6%	0.2%
343																	343	112.9%	6.3%
9																	9	9.1%	1.0%
260																	260	37.4%	9.3%
824																	824	44.4%	26.1%
124																	124	92.5%	2.5%
717																	717	41.7%	23.8%
112																	112	58.6%	3.0%
1,282																	1,282	97.4%	25.3%
349																	349	14.0%	27.7%
34																	34	32.7%	1.3%
22																	22	2.6%	8.1%
239																	239	15.2%	17.7%
45																	45	68.2%	1.1%

* Nondisclosable

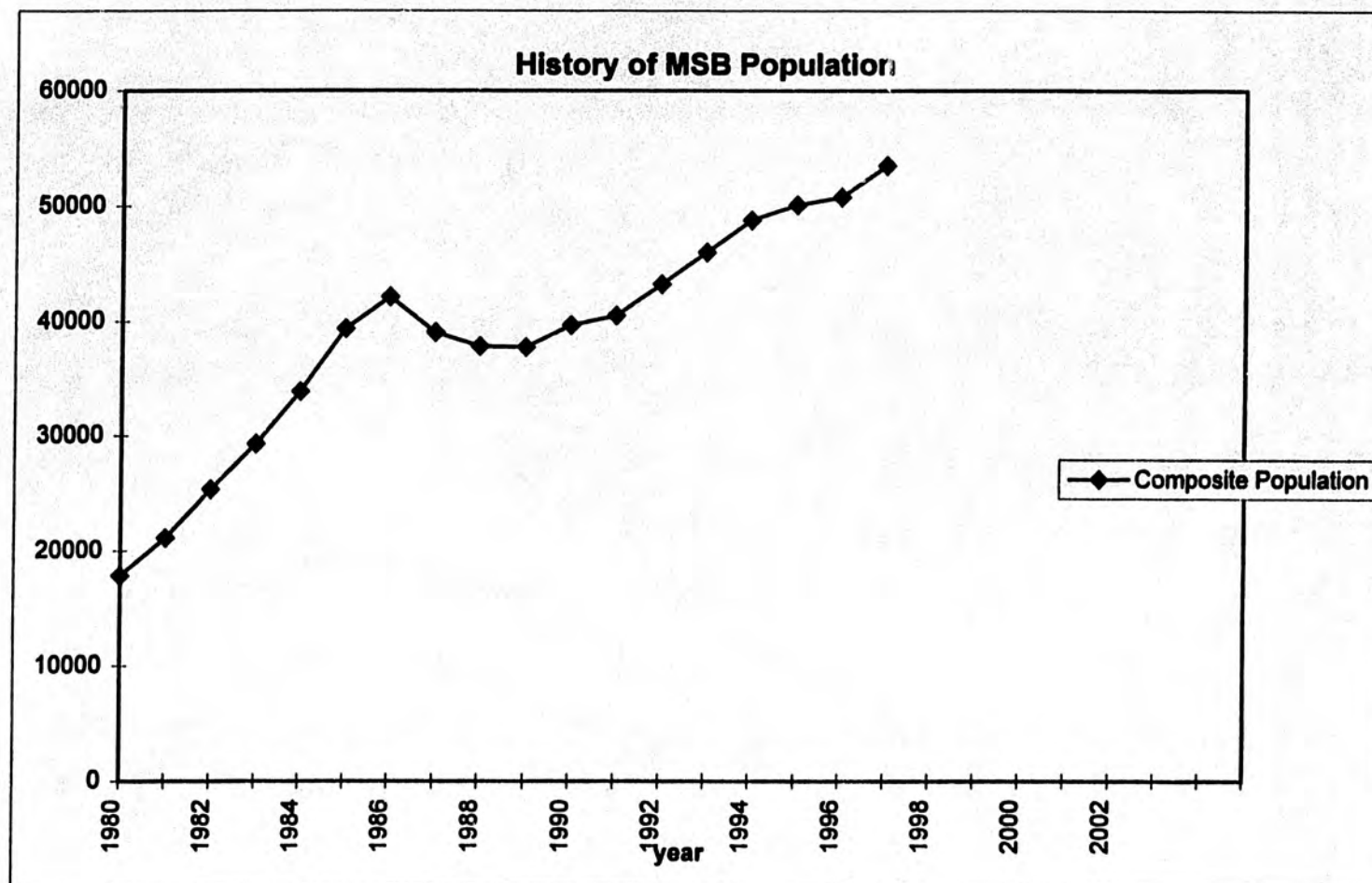
Source: Alaska Dept. of Labor, Research & Analysis Section.

	U.S. Census	Alaska D.O.L.	MSB
1980	17816		
1981		19908	22329
1982		23083	27649
1983		27971	30568
1984		33552	34122
1985		37670	41093
1986		39974	44280
1987		39050	
1988		37840	
1989		38953	36568
1990	39683		
1991		40494	
1992		44582	41797
1993		45936	
1994			48731
1995			50058
1996		50759	50759
1997			53500 *
1998			
1999			
2000			



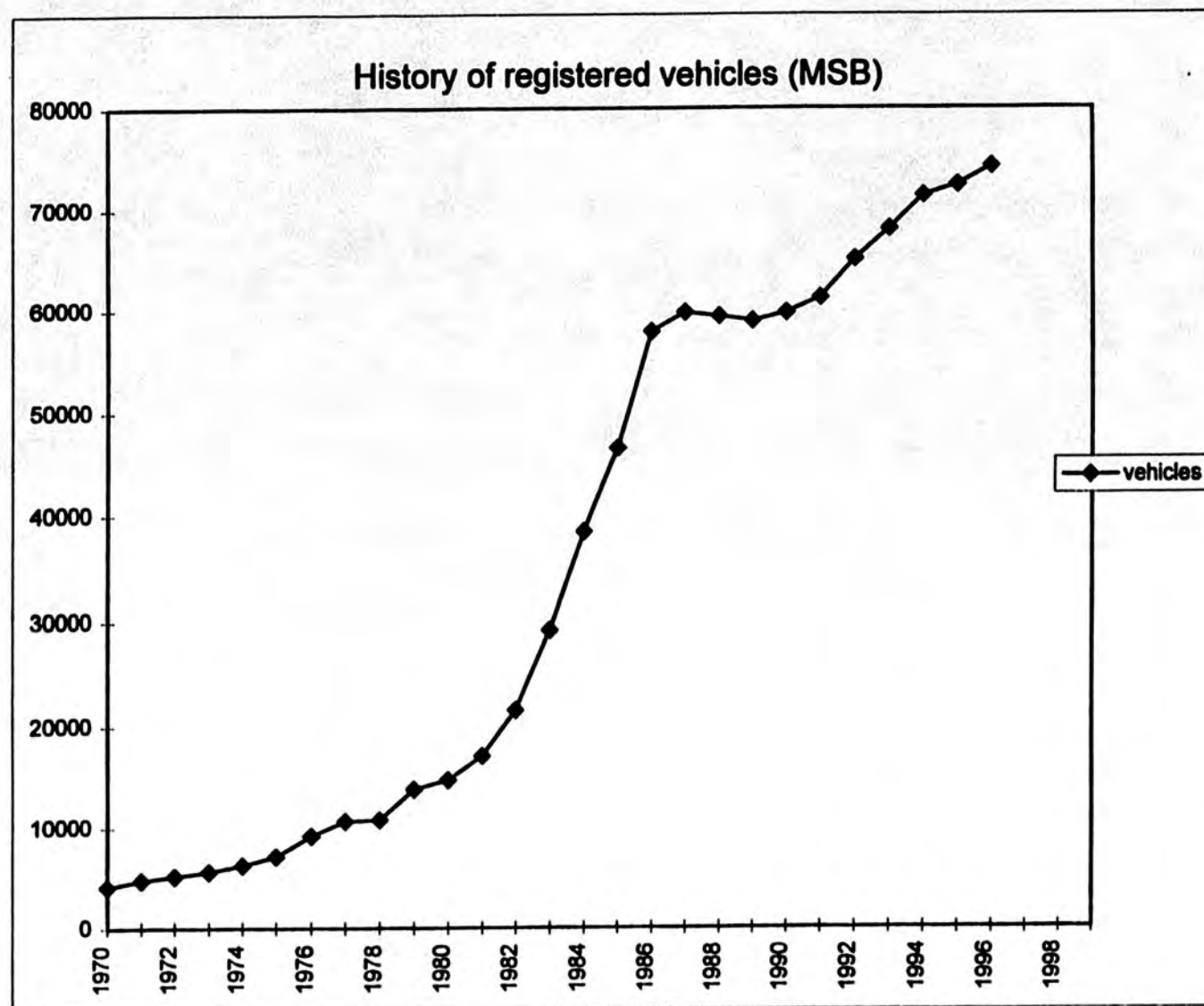
* estimate prior to census sampling

	Composite Population
1980	17816
1981	21119
1982	25366
1983	29270
1984	33837
1985	39382
1986	42127
1987	39050
1988	37840
1989	37761
1990	39683
1991	40494
1992	43190
1993	45936
1994	48731
1995	50058
1996	50759
1997	53500
1998	
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2000	
2001	
2002	
2003	



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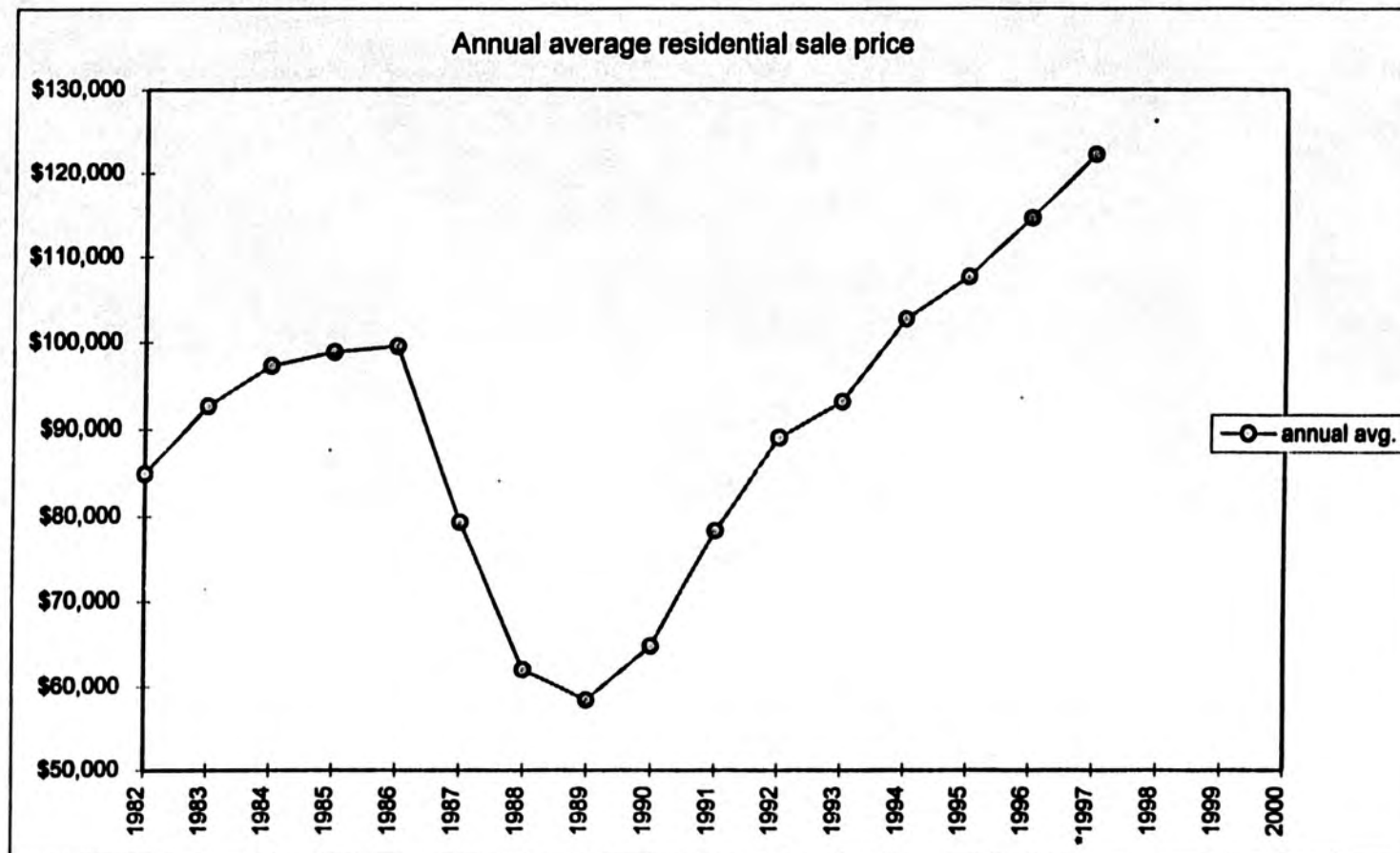
year	total vehicles	# change prior year	% change prior year
1970	4115		
1971	4744	629	15.3%
1972	5159	415	8.7%
1973	5597	438	8.5%
1974	6208	611	10.9%
1975	7127	919	14.8%
1976	9163	2036	28.6%
1977	10635	1472	16.1%
1978	10760	125	1.2%
1979	13778	3018	28.0%
1980	14671	893	6.5%
1981	17014	2343	16.0%
1982	21515	4501	26.5%
1983	29163	7648	35.5%
1984	38425	9262	31.8%
1985	46520	8095	21.1%
1986	57861	11341	24.4%
1987	59750	1889	3.3%
1988	59385	-365	-0.6%
1989	58922	-463	-0.8%
1990	59718	796	1.4%
1991	61194	1476	2.5%
1992	65056	3862	6.3%
1993	68073	3017	4.6%
1994	71391	3318	4.9%
1995	72455	1064	1.5%
1996	74263	1808	2.5%
1997			
1998			
1999			
2000			



*All information courtesy of State of Alaska, Division of Motor Vehicles

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	annual avg. (msb)	% change
1981	\$81,300	
1982	\$84,947	4.5%
1983	\$92,633	9.0%
1984	\$97,277	5.0%
1985	\$98,849	1.6%
1986	\$99,522	0.7%
1987	\$79,268	-20.4%
1988	\$62,014	-21.8%
1989	\$58,379	-5.9%
1990	\$64,755	10.9%
1991	\$78,268	20.9%
1992	\$88,997	13.7%
1993	\$93,140	4.7%
1994	\$102,696	10.3%
1995	\$107,617	4.8%
1996	\$114,565	6.5%
*1997	\$122,301	6.8%
1998		
1999		
2000		



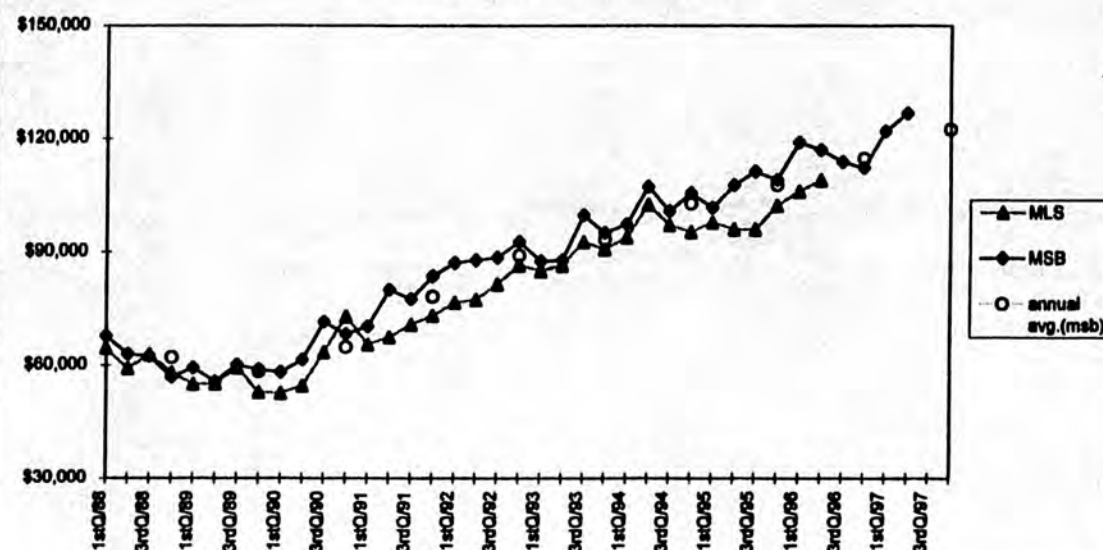
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Mat-Su Valley Housing Market Indicators

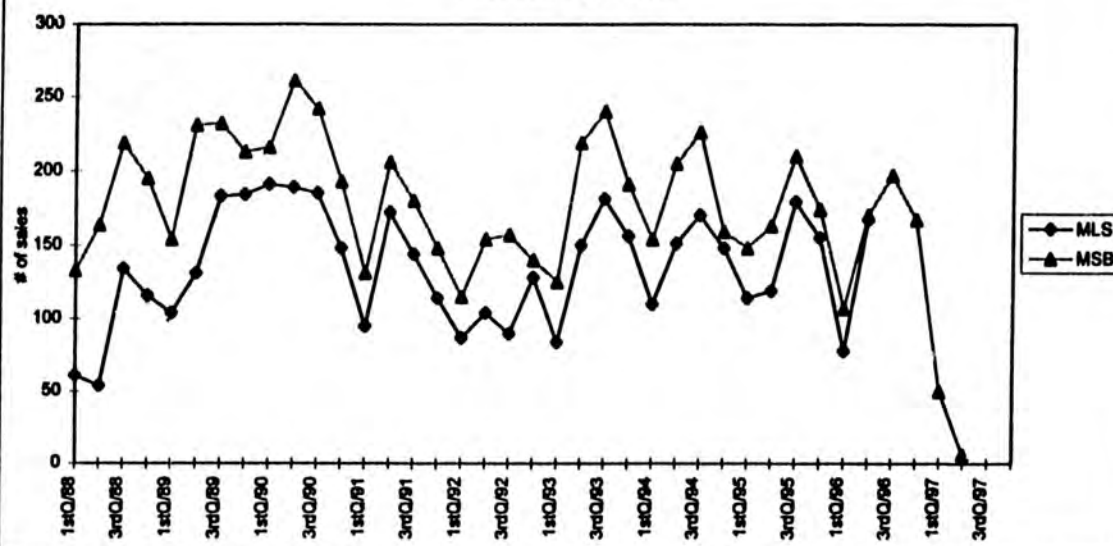
Sales of residential homes gathered by MSB

	MLS	MSB	annual avg.(msb)	MLS	MSB
1stQ/88	\$64,533	\$67,744		1stQ/88	61 133
2ndQ/88	\$59,160	\$62,960		2ndQ/88	54 164
3rdQ/88	\$62,803	\$62,411		3rdQ/88	134 219
4thQ/88	\$58,025	\$56,865	\$62,014	4thQ/88	116 195
1stQ/89	\$54,998	\$59,289		1stQ/89	104 154
2ndQ/89	\$55,130	\$55,641		2ndQ/89	131 231
3rdQ/89	\$59,410	\$60,106		3rdQ/89	183 232
4thQ/89	\$52,924	\$58,811	\$58,379	4thQ/89	184 213
1stQ/90	\$52,654	\$58,101		1stQ/90	191 216
2ndQ90	\$54,598	\$61,392		2ndQ90	189 261
3rdQ/90	\$63,469	\$71,506		3rdQ/90	185 242
4thQ/90	\$72,933	\$68,287	\$64,755	4thQ/90	148 193
1stQ/91	\$65,547	\$70,326		1stQ/91	95 131
2ndQ/91	\$67,469	\$80,033		2ndQ/91	172 206
3rdQ/91	\$70,862	\$77,624		3rdQ/91	144 180
4thQ/91	\$73,200	\$83,626	\$78,268	4thQ/91	114 148
1stQ/92	\$76,670	\$87,086		1stQ/92	87 115
2ndQ92	\$77,456	\$87,754		2ndQ92	104 154
3rdQ/92	\$81,596	\$88,451		3rdQ/92	90 157
4thQ/92	\$86,551	\$92,546	\$88,997	4thQ/92	128 140
1stQ/93	\$85,022	\$87,500		1stQ/93	84 125
2ndQ/93	\$86,485	\$87,700		2ndQ/93	150 219
3rdQ/93	\$92,562	\$99,600		3rdQ/93	181 240
4thQ/93	\$90,741	\$94,950	\$93,140	4thQ/93	156 191
1stQ/94	\$93,729	\$97,225		1stQ/94	110 154
2ndQ/94	\$102,421	\$107,045		2ndQ/94	151 205
3rdQ/94	\$97,014	\$100,615		3rdQ/94	170 226
4thQ/94	\$95,150	\$105,345	\$102,696	4thQ/94	148 159
1stQ/95	\$97,765	\$101,541		1stQ/95	114 148
2ndQ/95	\$95,863	\$107,458		2ndQ/95	119 163
3rdQ/95	\$95,873	\$111,049		3rdQ/95	179 210
4thQ/95	\$102,137	\$108,939	\$107,530	4thQ/95	155 174
1stQ/96	\$105,902	\$118,874		1stQ/96	78 107
2ndQ/96	\$108,808	\$116,843		2ndQ/96	167 170
3rdQ/96		\$113,566		3rdQ/96	197
4thQ/96		\$112,080	\$114,565	4thQ/96	167
1stQ/97		\$121,800		1stQ/97	50
2ndQ/97		\$126,480		2ndQ/97	6
3rdQ/97				3rdQ/97	
4thQ/97			\$122,301	4thQ/97	

average MSB residential sale price



sales activity by quarter



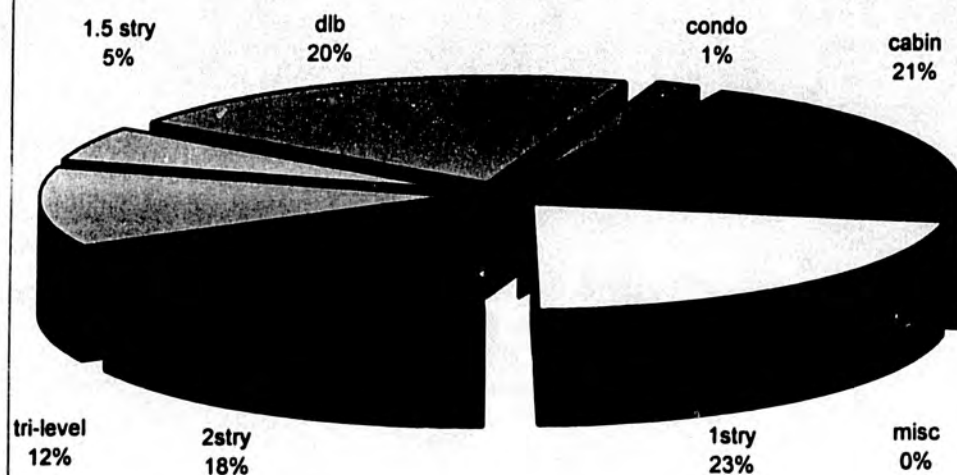
Sales data acquisition is subject to a time lag. The last three quarters of MSB sales data is incomplete and subject to change. MLS data courtesy of Valley Board of Realtors via AHFC Market Indicators.

Architectural trends

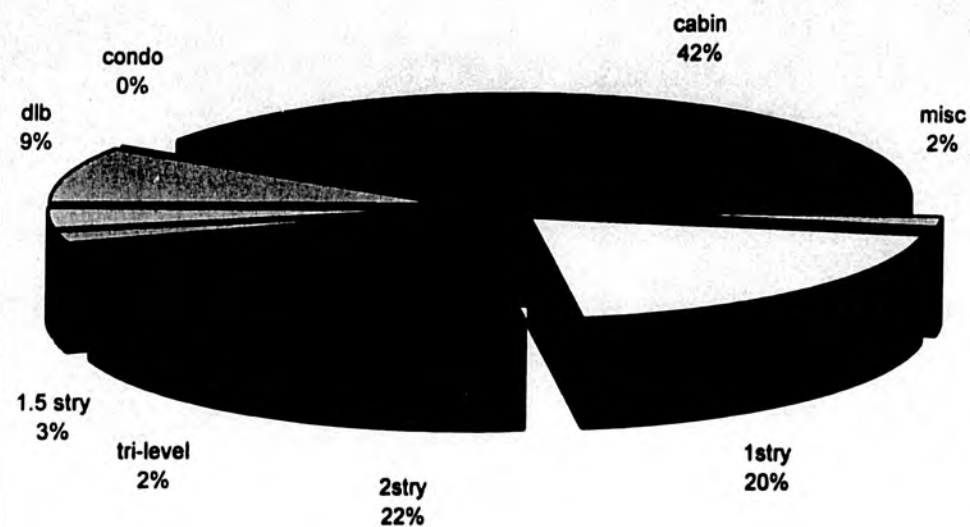
1983 to 1985			
1stry	22.1%	1214	
2stry	17.5%	965	
tri-level	12.2%	671	
1.5 stry	5.5%	301	
dlb	20.3%	1117	79.1%
condo	1.5%	80	
cabin	20.6%	1135	
misc	0.3%	17	20.9%

1993 to 1996			
1stry	20.1%	412	
2stry	22.2%	458	
tri-level	1.8%	35	
1.5 stry	3.3%	63	
dlb	8.9%	168	56.3%
condo	0.0%	0	
cabin	42.2%	836	
misc	1.6%	31	43.7%

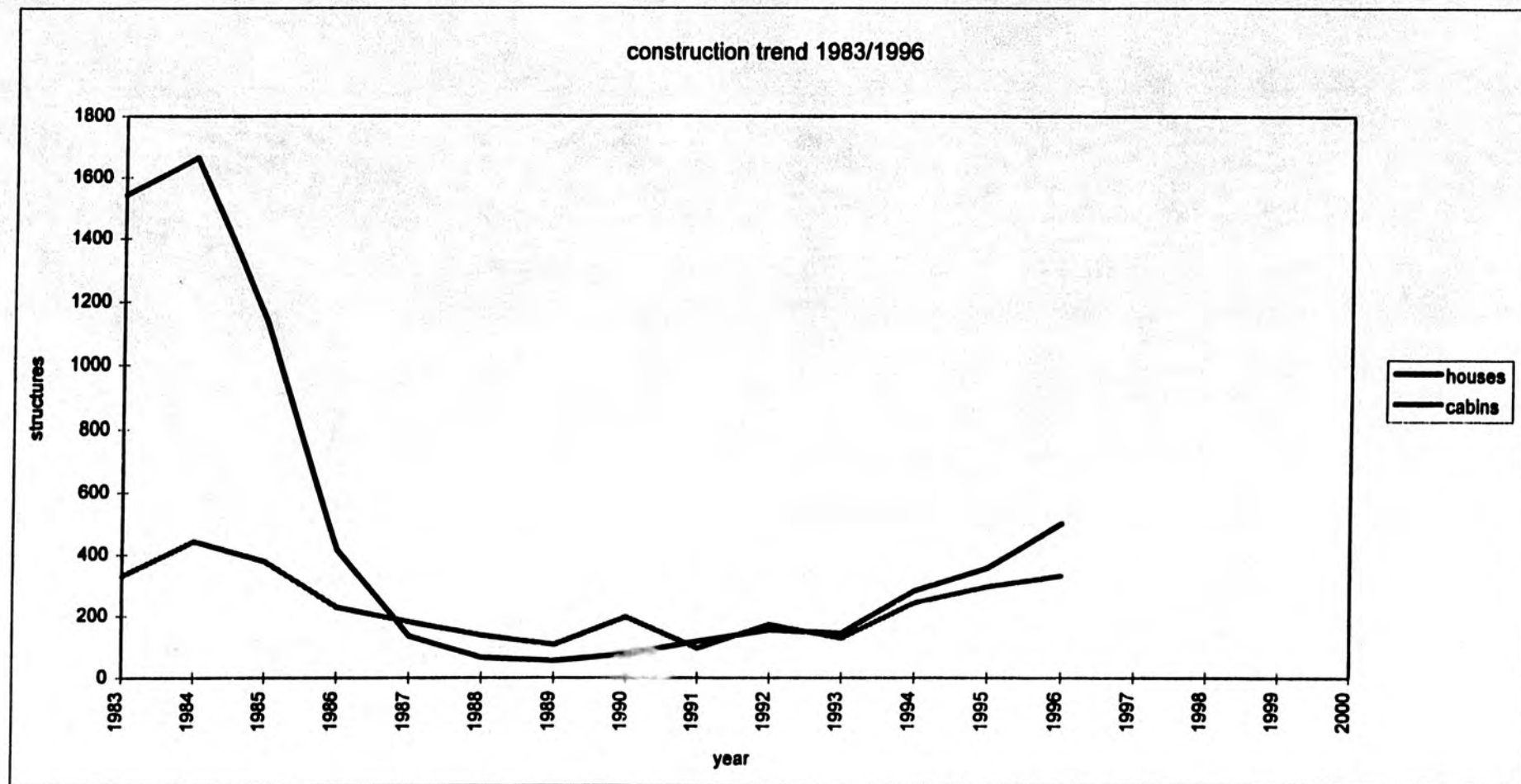
architectural trends 1983/1985



architectural trends 1993/96

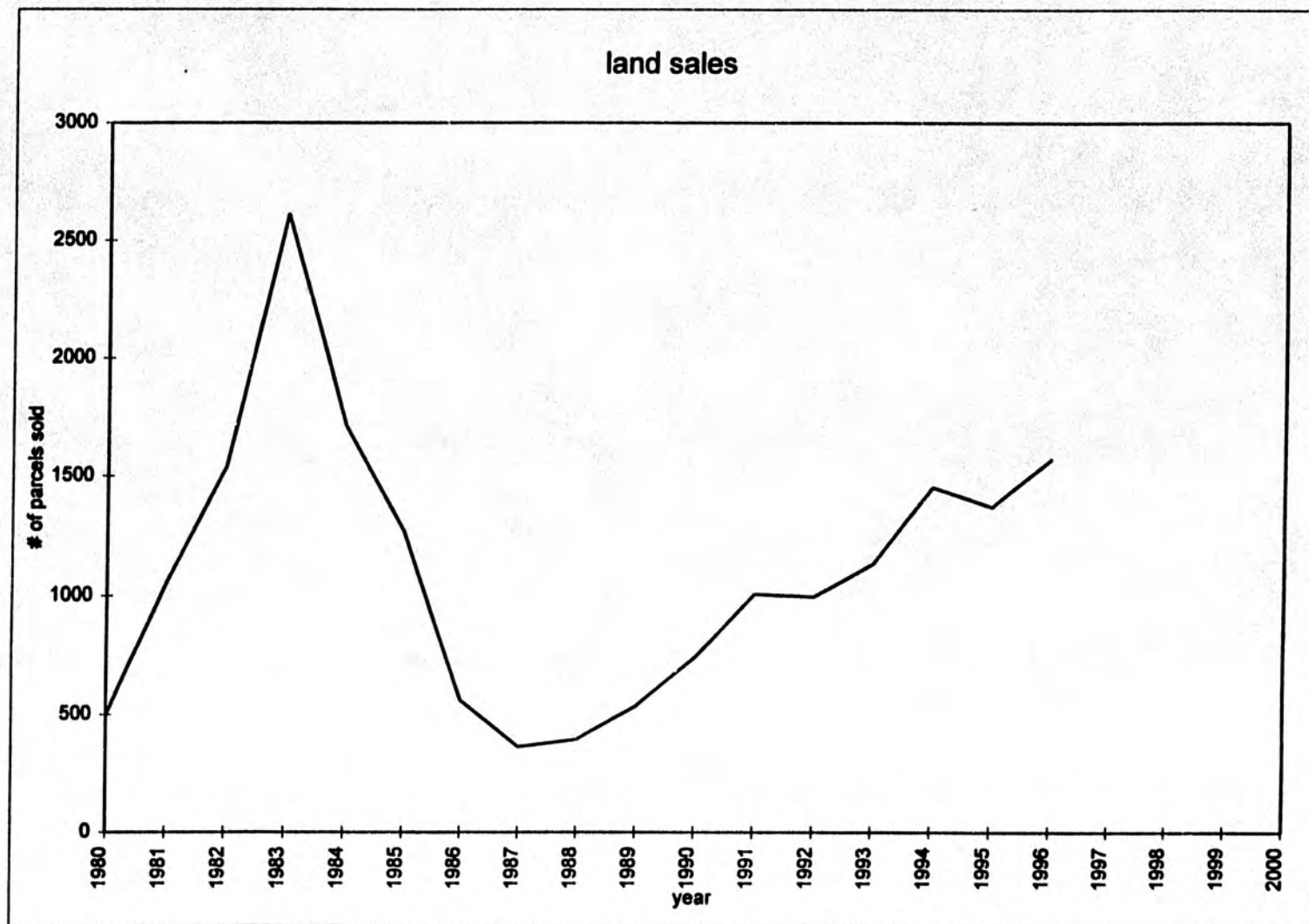


construction year	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
houses	1541	1665	1142	417	136	66	56	77	118	155	145	281	356	499				
cabins	331	443	378	229	182	139	108	197	96	173	129	242	295	330				



year	land sales
1980	496
1981	1053
1982	1538
1983	2610
1984	1713
1985	1265
1986	559
1987	363
1988	393
1989	533
1990	739
1991	1006
1992	995
1993	1131
1994	1451
1995	1368
1996	1571
* 1997	305
1998	
1999	
2000	

* year to date only

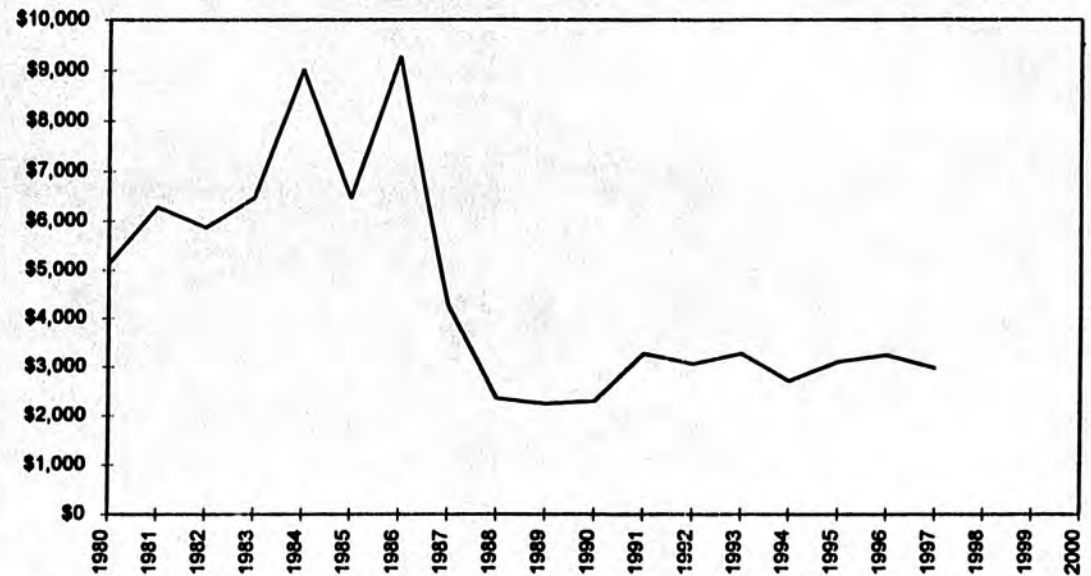


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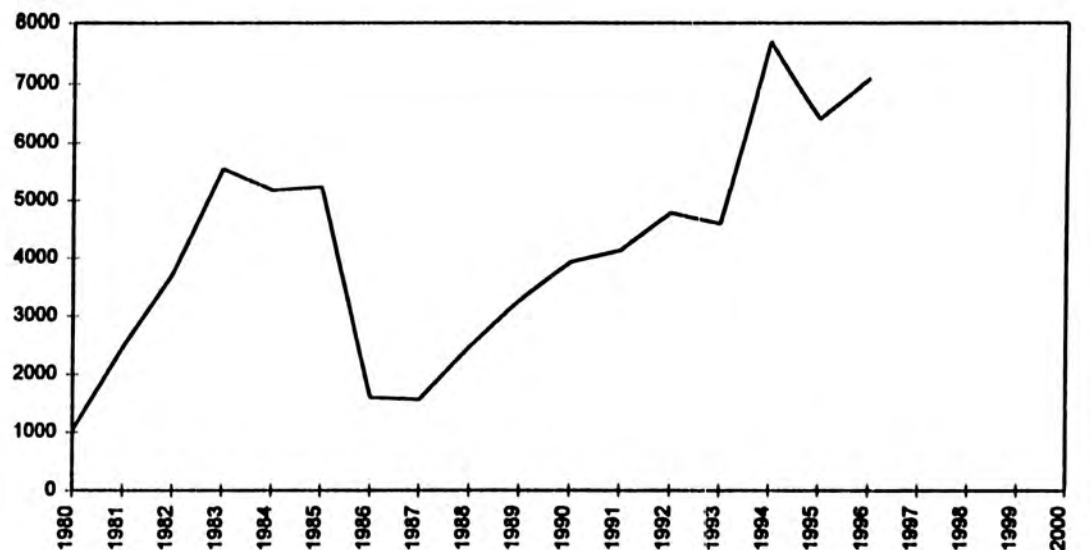
		aggregate sales value vacant lands	aggregate acreage vacant lands		sale price per acre vacant lands
1980	\$	5,290,486	1030.73	\$	5,132.76
1981	\$	15,473,473	2463.06	\$	6,282.22
1982	\$	21,830,377	3719.07	\$	5,869.85
1983	\$	35,894,285	5546.53	\$	6,471.48
1984	\$	46,674,612	5178.79	\$	9,012.65
1985	\$	33,852,415	5235.74	\$	6,465.64
1986	\$	14,771,100	1593.73	\$	9,268.26
1987	\$	6,661,249	1558.99	\$	4,272.80
1988	\$	5,834,571	2472.79	\$	2,359.51
1989	\$	7,372,093	3272.43	\$	2,252.79
1990	\$	9,042,726	3927.28	\$	2,302.54
1991	\$	13,507,050	4128.98	\$	3,271.28
1992	\$	14,642,575	4779.87	\$	3,063.38
1993	\$	15,008,470	4592.49	\$	3,268.05
1994	\$	20,877,650	7689.96	\$	2,714.92
1995	\$	19,855,747	6406.83	\$	3,099.15
1996	\$	22,973,870	7085.05	\$	3,242.58
1997 *	\$	6,121,541	2060.04	\$	2,971.56
1998					
1999					
2000					

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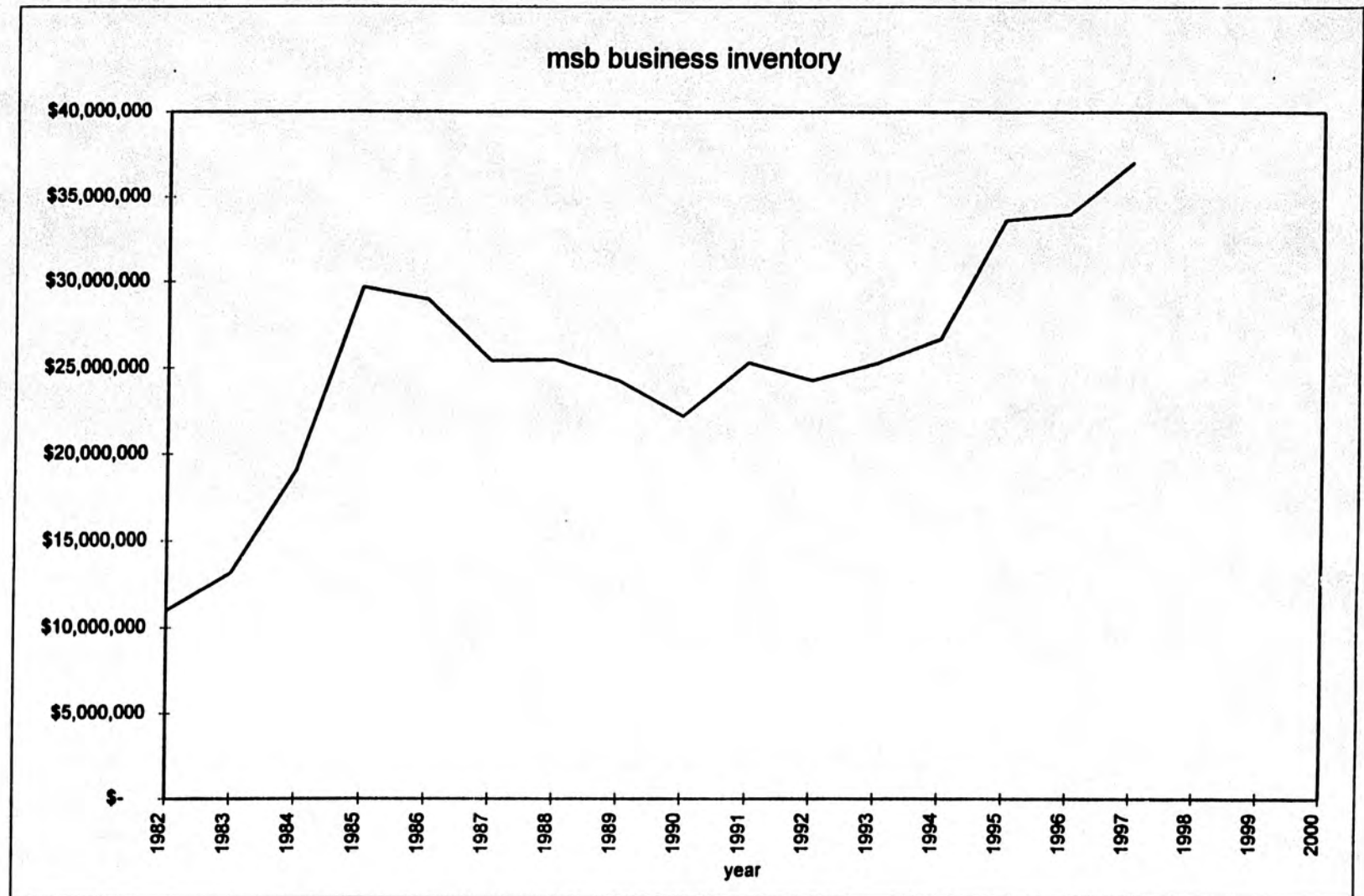
sale price per acre vacant lands



aggregate acreage vacant lands

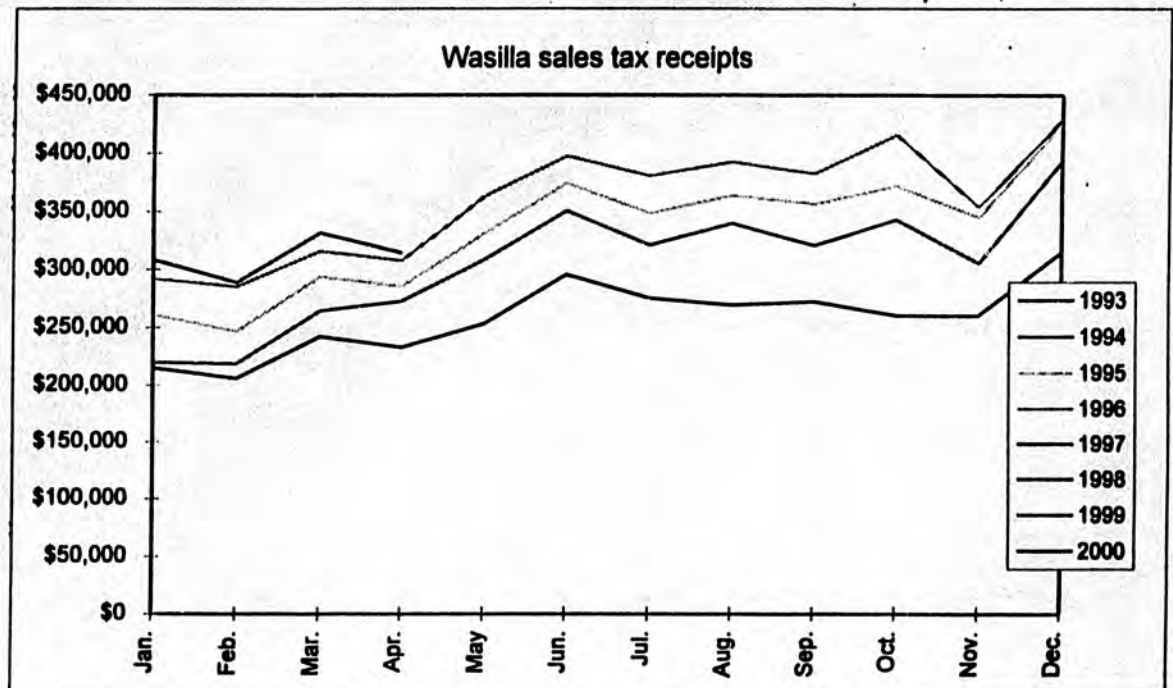


year	business inventory
1982 \$	10,975,912
1983 \$	13,161,838
1984 \$	19,023,292
1985 \$	29,657,592
1986 \$	28,944,713
1987 \$	25,378,940
1988 \$	25,457,749
1989 \$	24,224,395
1990 \$	22,178,534
1991 \$	25,269,545
1992 \$	24,247,469
1993 \$	25,216,161
1994 \$	26,633,781
1995 \$	33,590,548
1996 \$	33,958,232
1997 \$	37,018,871
1998	
1999	
2000	



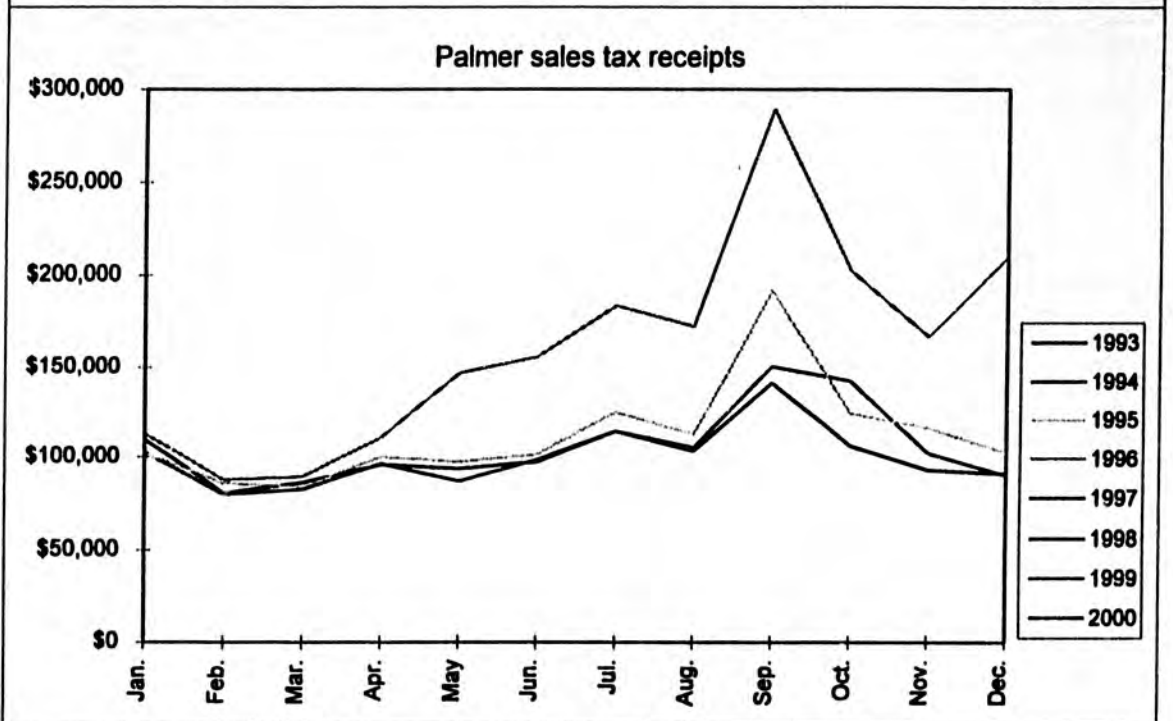
City of Wasilla

	1993	1994	1995	1996
Jan.	\$214,962	\$219,706	\$260,621	\$291,457
Feb.	\$205,911	\$218,710	\$246,344	\$285,003
Mar.	\$242,207	\$264,055	\$293,111	\$315,408
Apr.	\$232,678	\$272,473	\$285,237	\$307,323
May	\$253,017	\$308,370	\$331,116	\$362,945
Jun.	\$295,185	\$350,407	\$374,249	\$397,726
Jul.	\$275,125	\$321,153	\$348,611	\$380,518
Aug.	\$269,222	\$339,904	\$363,757	\$392,692
Sep.	\$272,198	\$320,801	\$356,633	\$382,729
Oct.	\$260,302	\$342,856	\$371,810	\$415,780
Nov.	\$260,169	\$305,348	\$345,129	\$353,858
Dec.	\$314,403	\$392,761	\$425,497	\$428,766
annual	\$3,095,379	\$3,656,544	\$4,002,115	\$4,314,205
cumulative		18%	9%	8%
			29%	39%



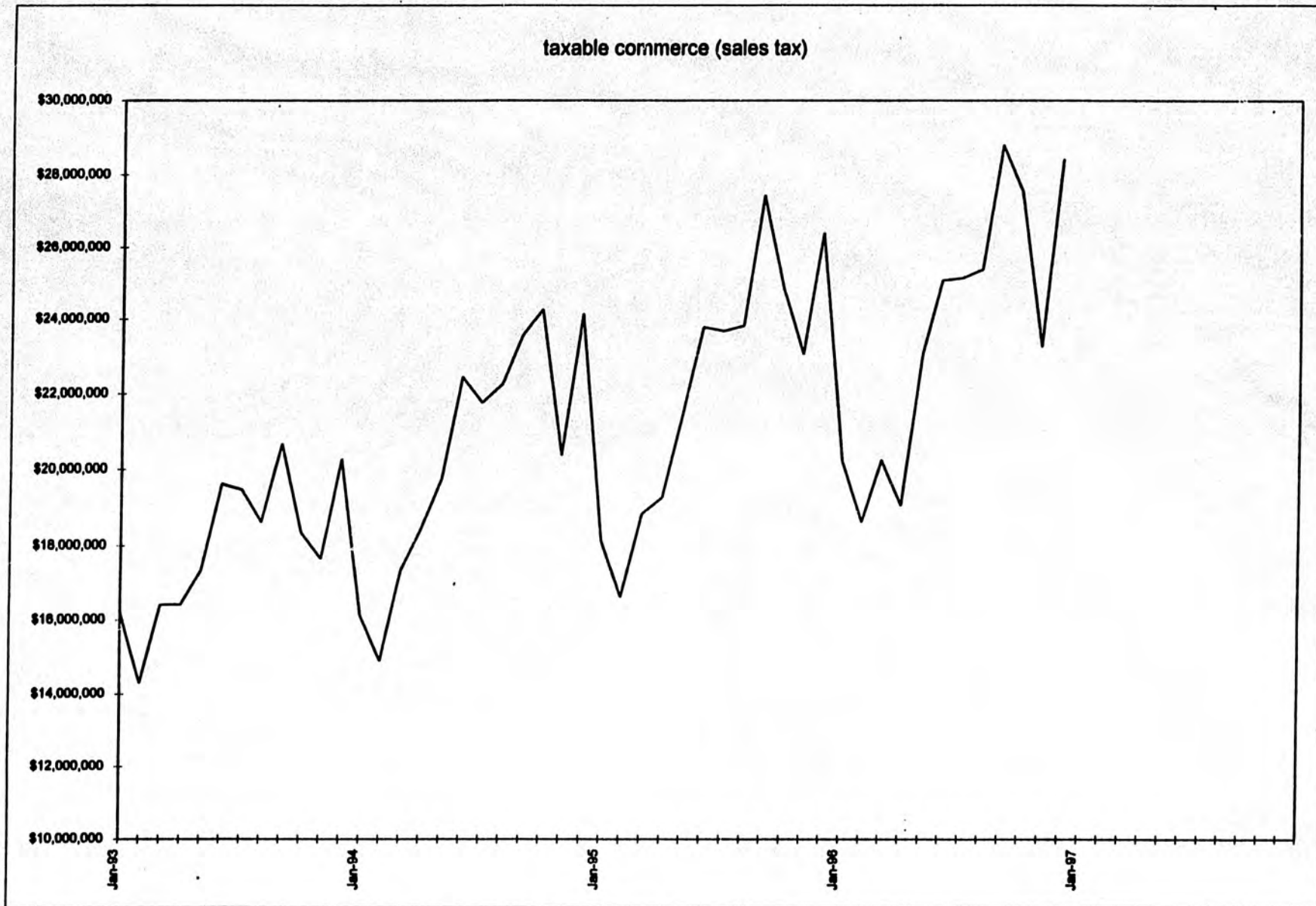
City of Palmer

	1993	1994	1995	1996
Jan.	\$109,569	\$102,639	\$101,875	\$112,849
Feb.	\$80,220	\$79,352	\$85,838	\$87,339
Mar.	\$85,937	\$82,374	\$83,602	\$89,243
Apr.	\$95,686	\$96,231	\$99,989	\$110,658
May	\$93,542	\$86,619	\$97,360	\$146,766
Jun.	\$97,126	\$98,336	\$101,265	\$155,629
Jul.	\$114,153	\$114,083	\$124,858	\$183,411
Aug.	\$103,232	\$105,095	\$112,489	\$172,353
Sep.	\$141,162	\$150,319	\$191,853	\$289,583
Oct.	\$106,242	\$142,250	\$124,381	\$202,486
Nov.	\$92,887	\$102,107	\$115,996	\$166,779
Dec.	\$90,843	\$89,968	\$102,361	\$209,263
annual	\$1,210,599	\$1,249,372	\$1,341,867	\$1,926,359
cumulative		3%	7%	44%
			11%	59%

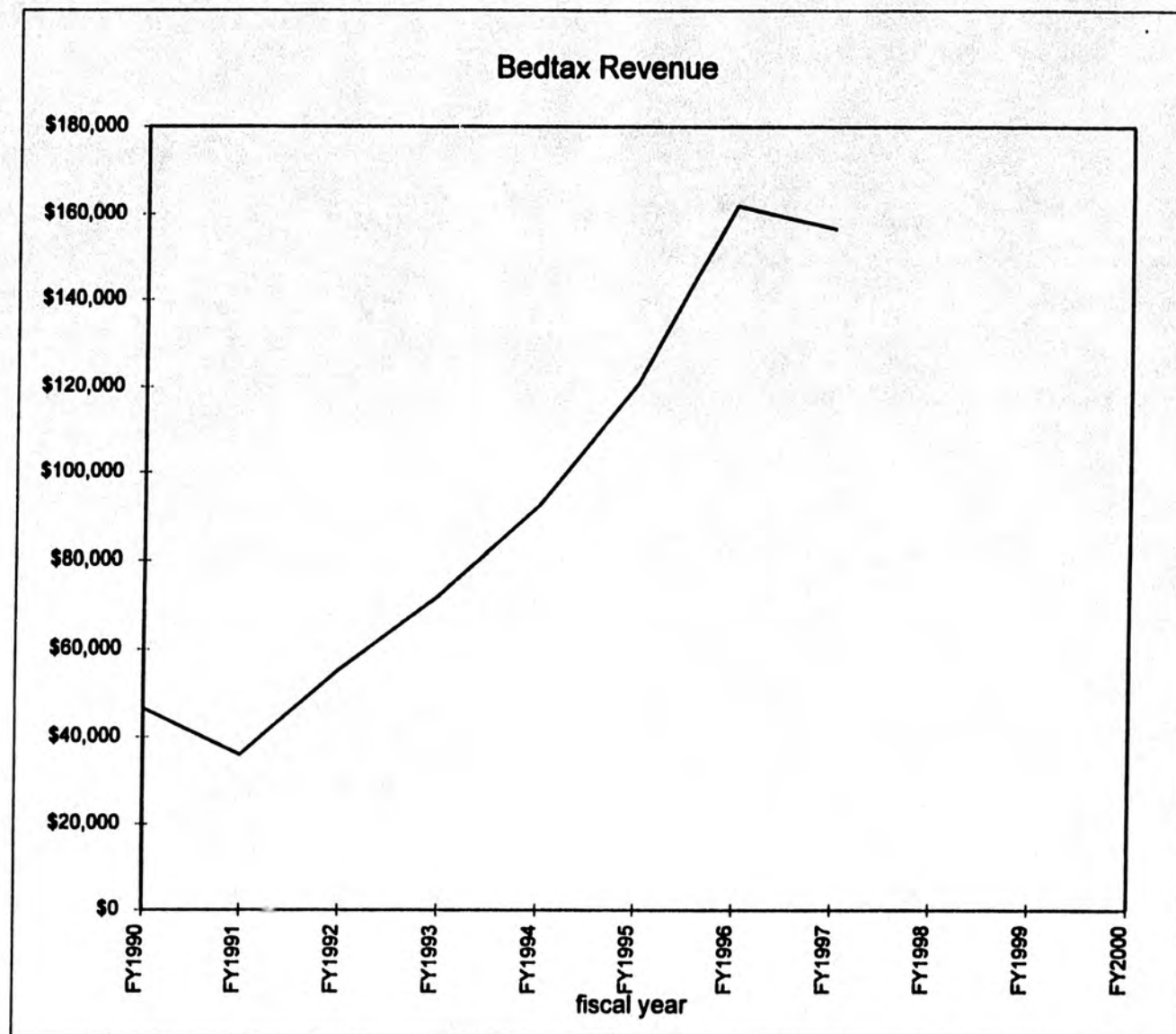


*April 1996 3%

Jan-93 \$ 16,226,567
 Feb-93 \$ 14,306,571
 Mar-93 \$ 16,407,191
 Apr-93 \$ 16,418,221
 May-93 \$ 17,327,961
 Jun-93 \$ 19,615,567
 Jul-93 \$ 19,463,886
 Aug-93 \$ 18,622,692
 Sep-93 \$ 20,667,994
 Oct-93 \$ 18,327,182
 Nov-93 \$ 17,652,797
 Dec-93 \$ 20,262,283
 Jan-94 \$ 16,117,235
 Feb-94 \$ 14,903,115
 Mar-94 \$ 17,321,467
 Apr-94 \$ 18,435,208
 May-94 \$ 19,749,435
 Jun-94 \$ 22,437,129
 Jul-94 \$ 21,761,817
 Aug-94 \$ 22,249,938
 Sep-94 \$ 23,556,013
 Oct-94 \$ 24,255,314
 Nov-94 \$ 20,372,738
 Dec-94 \$ 24,136,452
 Jan-95 \$ 18,124,788
 Feb-95 \$ 16,609,106
 Mar-95 \$ 18,835,648
 Apr-95 \$ 19,261,314
 May-95 \$ 21,423,795
 Jun-95 \$ 23,775,721
 Jul-95 \$ 23,673,458
 Aug-95 \$ 23,812,294
 Sep-95 \$ 27,424,286
 Oct-95 \$ 24,809,545
 Nov-95 \$ 23,056,236
 Dec-95 \$ 26,392,903
 Jan-96 \$ 20,215,313
 Feb-96 \$ 18,617,090
 Mar-96 \$ 20,232,571
 Apr-96 \$ 19,054,750
 May-96 \$ 23,039,462
 Jun-96 \$ 25,073,920
 Jul-96 \$ 25,139,600
 Aug-96 \$ 25,379,688
 Sep-96 \$ 28,789,213
 Oct-96 \$ 27,538,546
 Nov-96 \$ 23,252,205
 Dec-96 \$ 28,413,733



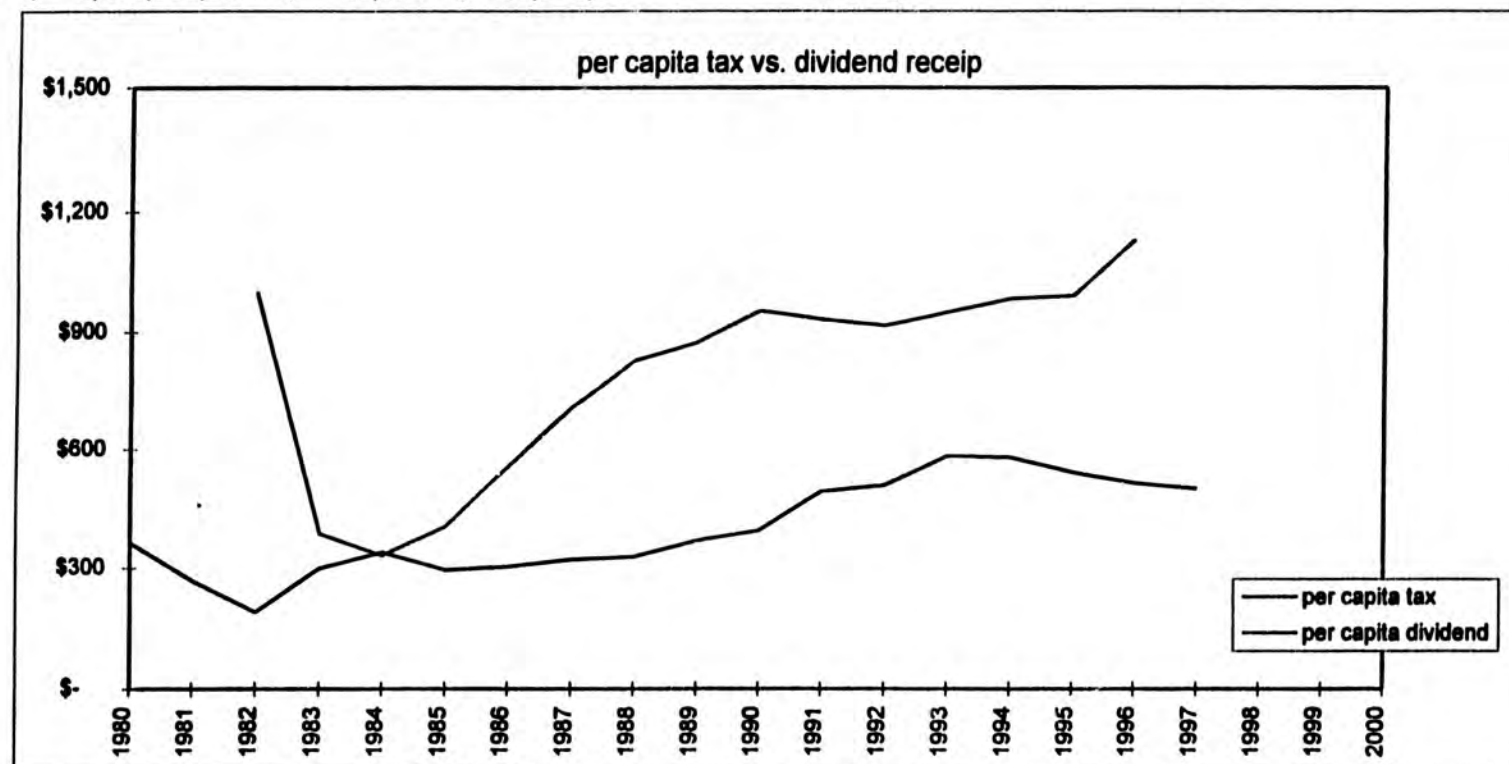
year	revenue	change	indicated commerce
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FY1991	\$ 35,915.31	77%	\$ 718,306
FY1992	\$ 55,344.73	154%	\$ 1,106,895
FY1993	\$ 72,055.08	130%	\$ 1,441,102
FY1994	\$ 92,212.63	128%	\$ 1,844,253
FY1995	\$ 120,607.47	131%	\$ 2,412,149
FY1996	\$ 161,879.26	134%	\$ 3,237,585
FY1997	\$ 156,513.77	97%	\$ 3,130,275
FY1998			
FY1999			
FY2000			



Prepared by Karl D. Borglum 7/8/97

	population	assessed real property	value per capita	areawide real property tax extraction	areawide real property per capita tax	perm. fund dividend	perm. fund dividend per capita
1980	17816	\$ 770,488,380	\$ 43,247	\$ 6,472,102	\$ 363		
1981	21119	\$ 842,929,720	\$ 39,913	\$ 5,647,629	\$ 267		
1982	25366	\$ 969,961,640	\$ 38,239	\$ 4,752,812	\$ 187	\$ 25,366,000	\$ 1,000
1983	29270	\$ 1,197,103,740	\$ 40,899	\$ 8,738,857	\$ 299	\$ 11,302,611	\$ 386
1984	33837	\$ 1,574,877,460	\$ 46,543	\$ 11,496,605	\$ 340	\$ 11,209,860	\$ 331
1985	39382	\$ 2,188,634,560	\$ 55,574	\$ 11,599,763	\$ 295	\$ 15,910,328	\$ 404
1986	42127	\$ 2,408,671,900	\$ 57,176	\$ 12,765,961	\$ 303	\$ 23,433,565	\$ 556
1987	39050	\$ 2,365,476,800	\$ 60,576	\$ 12,537,027	\$ 321	\$ 27,654,820	\$ 708
1988	37840	\$ 1,807,938,200	\$ 47,778	\$ 12,420,535	\$ 328	\$ 31,291,031	\$ 827
1989	37761	\$ 1,514,391,200	\$ 40,105	\$ 13,932,399	\$ 369	\$ 32,971,395	\$ 873
1990	39683	\$ 1,421,540,200	\$ 35,822	\$ 15,636,942	\$ 394	\$ 37,803,216	\$ 953
1991	40494	\$ 1,535,697,600	\$ 37,924	\$ 19,964,069	\$ 493	\$ 37,713,682	\$ 931
1992	43190	\$ 1,691,826,900	\$ 39,172	\$ 21,993,750	\$ 509	\$ 39,555,130	\$ 916
1993	45936	\$ 1,698,290,100	\$ 36,971	\$ 26,799,018	\$ 583	\$ 43,614,395	\$ 949
1994	48731	\$ 1,792,366,900	\$ 36,781	\$ 28,283,550	\$ 580	\$ 47,946,431	\$ 984
1995	50058	\$ 1,974,329,000	\$ 39,441	\$ 27,147,024	\$ 542	\$ 49,572,437	\$ 990
1996	50759	\$ 2,131,723,700	\$ 41,997	\$ 26,113,615	\$ 514	\$ 57,357,670	\$ 1,130
1997	53000 *	\$ 2,308,368,000	\$ 43,554	\$ 26,546,232	\$ 501	-	
1998							
1999							
2000							

* current estimate



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REPRESENTATIVE VIC KOHRING
DISTRICT 26

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 7, 1997

To: Rep. Eldon Mulder, Co-Chair
Deferred Maintenance Task Force

From: Vic Kohring *V.K.*

Subject: Road & Highway Maintenance Fund

As you may recall, during this past session I proposed the establishment of a "road and highway maintenance fund", to be funded from the Alaska Science & Technology Foundation's endowment.

I respectfully request that your deferred maintenance task force take up for consideration this plan during your hearings this summer. I've enclosed a copy of my proposal, which was approved by the House Department of Commerce & Economic Development Budget Subcommittee in March.

I would be pleased to present my plan to the task force at one of your hearings, to provide further details and answer any questions. Perhaps I could be placed on your agenda if it can be arranged.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and feel free to call if you require additional information. I can be reached in Wasilla at (800) 468-2186.

Enclosure

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**REPRESENTATIVE VIC KOHRING
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LEGISLATIVE LETTER OF INTENT

Subject: (1.) Deletion of the Alaska Science & Technology Foundation
(2.) Formation of the Alaska Highway & Road Maintenance Fund

"It is the intent of the Alaska State Legislature to delete all funding and thereby eliminate the Alaska Science & Technology Foundation (ASTF). One (1) Grant Administrator and one (1) Administrative Assistant will be retained for a period not to exceed three (3) years, to fulfill outstanding contractual obligations of ASTF and to close out all remaining functions."

"It is also the intent of the Legislature to create the **Alaska Highway & Road Maintenance Fund (AHRM)** and to reappropriate the unobligated balance of the ASTF endowment to the AHRM. The AHRM will be established in statute as an endowment, while ASTF's statutory authority will be repealed. Appropriations will then be made by the Legislature from the endowment's receipts for highway and road maintenance needs."

Submitted By:

**Rep. Vic Kohring, Chair
Dept. of Commerce & Economic Development
House Budget Subcommittee
March 19, 1997**

TALKEETNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

TALKEETNA, ALASKA

OCTOBER 1997



**THE NEED FOR
RENOVATION AND ADDITION
TO THE CURRENT SCHOOL STRUCTURE**

TALKEETNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1997 INFORMATION SHEET

Talkeetna Elementary is the oldest school in the Matanuska-Susitna School District.

HISTORY-

- 1964: 6,284 Sq. Ft. facility constructed by the State of Alaska to house 49 elementary and high school students.
1971: 7,948 sq. ft. added to provide a 90 student capacity.
85-95: 4 modular units installed to house additional classes and provide storage.

CURRENT

- Area Served: Students attend from an area that covers approximately 100 square miles.
Enrollment: 130 students to start the 97-98 school year,
44% over capacity
annual growth rate of 7% since 1990
Facility Use: 10 rooms are available for 14 educational functions. There is heavy use that includes community meeting and fund-raisers, out of town group activities, funerals, weddings, daily community school classes, preschool programs, home-school activities. The registration and activity use in 96-97 totaled over 2,500. It serves as the Community Building.

PROBLEMS

- Indoor space: Overcrowding, technology handicapped (the facility even lacks a public address system), inadequate Special Services Facilities, no handicapped access, 4 modular units without water or restrooms, inadequate storage, small and poorly equipped gym/multi purpose room.
Condition: Old, worn plumbing, equipment, motors. Noisy, inefficient heating system, aged fixtures, leaky roof (75% of rooms have water damage), deteriorating foundation, rusting fixtures in the restrooms.
Site limits: 5 acre site crowded with the building, parking lot, modular units: poorly constructed skating rink, old playground equipment, playing field is the asphalt parking lot

ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

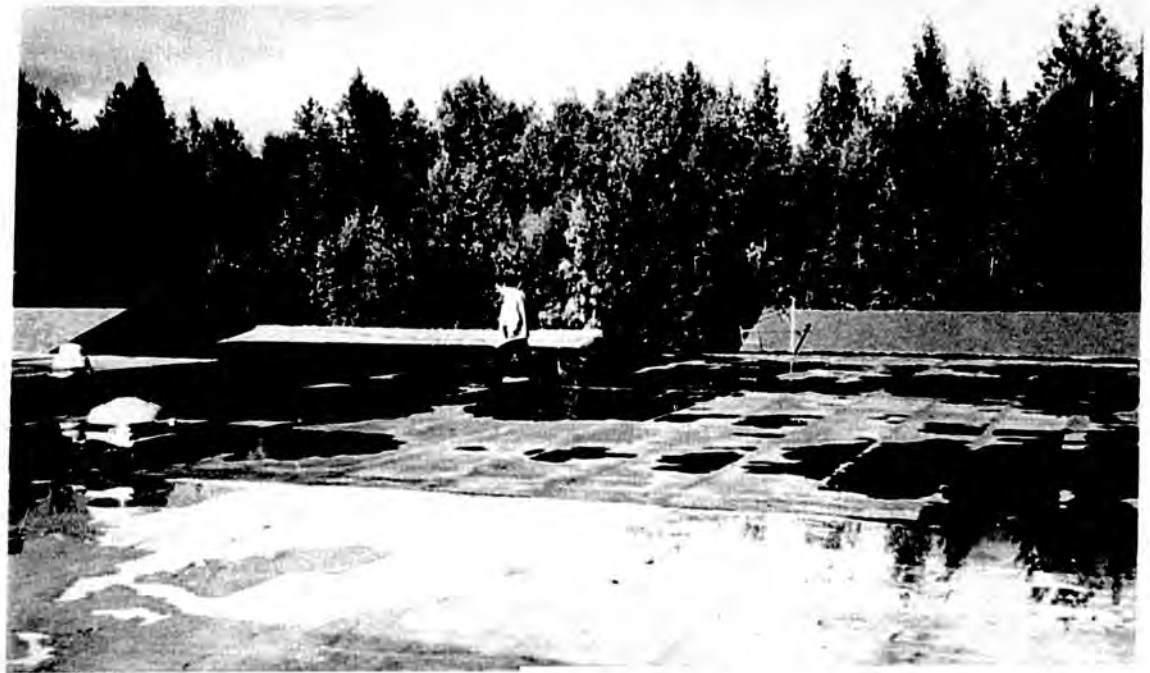
- Plans: In 1993 the Educational Specifications and Schematic Designs were completed and approved by the School District and Borough for a renovation /addition through the expenditure of \$130,000 re-appropriation of funds.
Site: 15 acres adjacent to the current school site have been purchased by the borough and site landscape plans have been completed
Funding commitment: The voters of the Mat-Su Borough approved a bond of 70%-30% in anticipation of state funding.
CIP ranking Talkeetna school currently ranks ninth on the DOE Capital Improvements Project list. Remains first on the school district list and borough list over the last four years.

SOLUTIONS

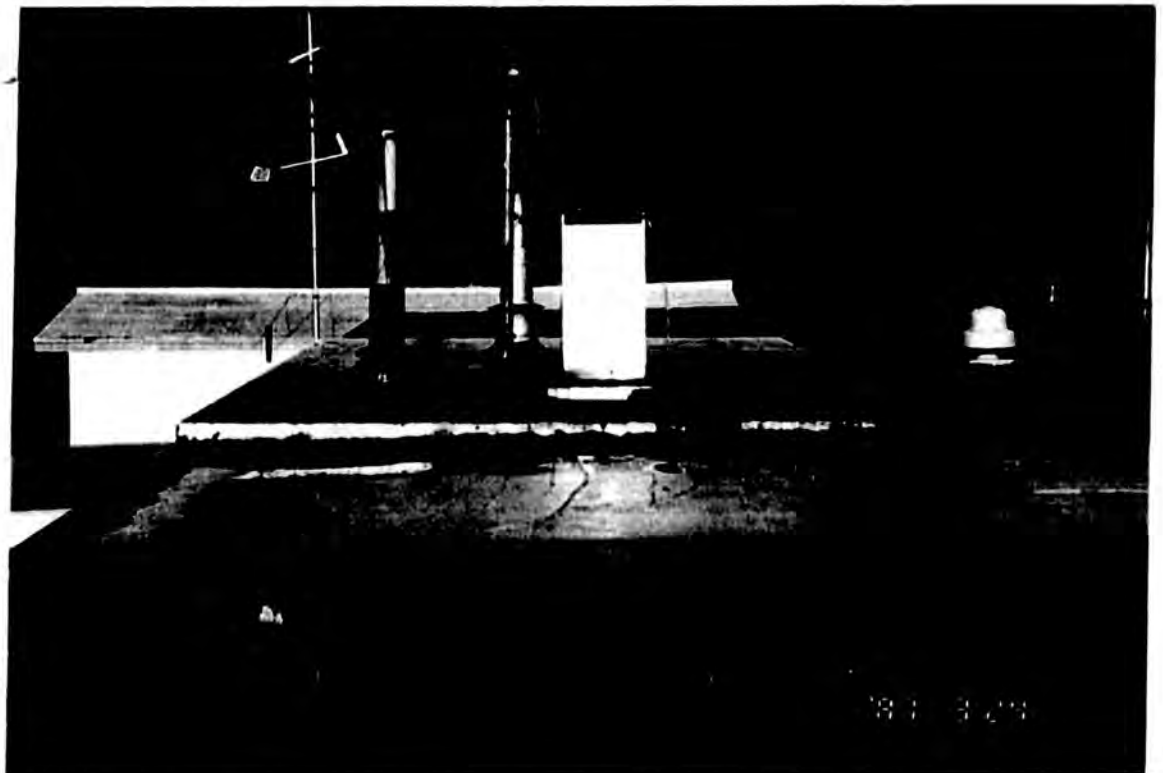
ALASKA EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY and EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES FUND
Bills introduced by Senators Mackie and Representative Kott in 1997 legislative session.

Using \$1.2 billion of the state's Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund, a facilities fund would be established. The investment income from this fund would pay off bonds sold to finance school repairs and construction. The legislation also would authorize selling \$500 million in bonds to pay for public works projects at schools and universities in 1998.

Bonds and reimbursement agreements could continue to be authorized within the financial capabilities of the education facilities fund, eliminating future yearly appropriations. With sufficient initial capitalization, this fund could sustain revenue bonds for continuing school construction well into the future.



Standing water on the roof due to age and poor design causes constant leakage from ceilings and water damage. An engineer's report completed in February 1994 recommends there be no more than 30 inches of snow on the roof at any time. In an area of 8 feet to 12 feet of annual snow fall this requires constant snow removal. The snow removal results in more breaks in the roofing surface and more leaks.





1994 EASTER HOLIDAY FLOOD: A teacher discovered this hazardous situation on Easter morning, 1994. The drains and underground plumbing could not accommodate the overflowing toilet. Gallons of water flowed into the hallway, classrooms and equipment rooms.



FOUNDATION DAMAGE: Vegetation is growing in the cracks of the foundation. Water leaks through these foundation cracks into the building.



There is no playing field for the children. Games and outdoor P.E. are conducted on the asphalt parking lot.



THERE IS NO HANDICAP ACCESS

LACK OF STORAGE: Both classroom and storeroom storage is seriously inadequate, often causing unsafe conditions.

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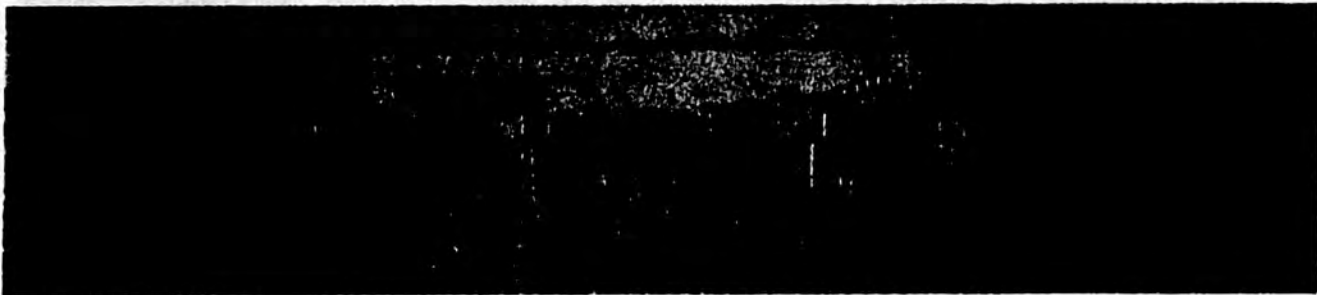
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Hello, This is Talkeetna Elementary

Hi ! I'm Peter Olson . My friends, Fer Page and Colleen Sonnentag and I have put together this project . We did this together because it's supposed to help develop our persuasive writing and communication skills. Today, we're going to talk about a new school for Talkeetna, the playground, and how we're different from other schools. We want to persuade you to continue to support the construction of a new school for our community. So, let's get started.



Winter By Peter

Our winters are very cold, like 30 below zero and below that, one big problem is the clothes we have to wear. When it's ten below zero we usually have to wear everything: hats, gloves, boots, coat, and snow pants. That's about ten pounds of gear. We usually play the more aggressive sports like football and soccer at this time, so it's hard to run at all. They plow a little around the edges of our playground but it's not enough. We need it all plowed.

Break Up By Fer

Break up is not good for kids in the spring time. The reason is when we are running, we fall in the snow and we get all wet. Also, there are huge mud puddles all over the field. When the gravel comes out we scrape our knees and legs. But when we want to play softball, we have to have scrapers come and plow off the



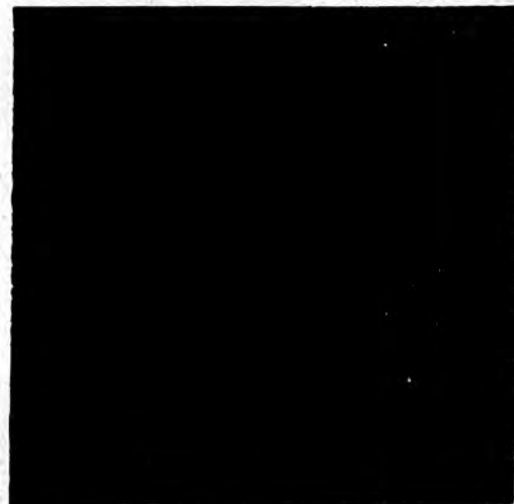
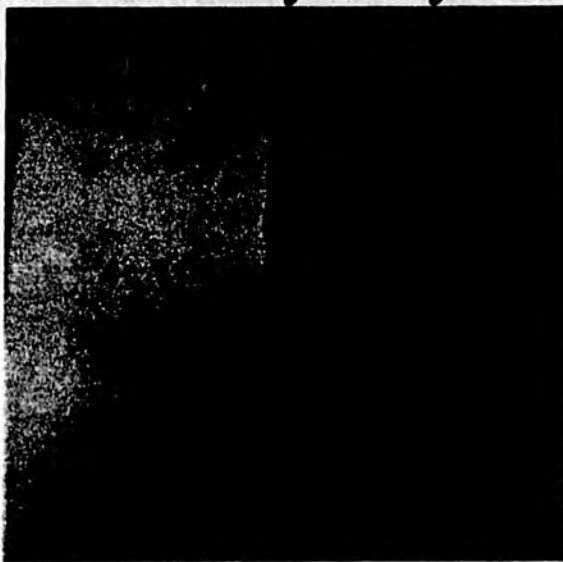
parking lot. The front of the school is asphalt and we get hurt even worse when we play on that. Our asphalt field doubles as our parking lot. When the school delivery truck comes we have to stop the softball game we're playing and wait. We have to tell the teachers we're going to play so they can park in the driveway. So, if we had a grass field it would be much better.

Fall By Colleen

In the fall our gravel playground freezes and it's as hard as a bullet. We wouldn't have as many people going to the nurses office if we had grass to play on. A grass field is necessary for our safety.

Problem Places By Fer

In Colleen's and my classroom, we have Visqueen over our ceiling and a hose from that to our sink. We could either have that or buckets sitting everywhere to catch all the water leaking from the roof. Our library is another problem place. Last year, the library had twenty books destroyed by the leaky roof.



Inequity by Colleen

Okay, look at our playground, our library, and our whole school basically. Now look at Willow's library. And Wasilla's. See the difference? Now compare the playgrounds. Can you see the BIG difference there. As you can see there's definitely better and worse qualities in each. Look how big the schools are compared to ours. Trapper Creek got a new school and they only have fifty kids. We have one hundred thirty-eight kids and I can't remember a year when we haven't written to our legislators asking for help.

Kids By Fer

I have written to the legislature for four years telling them how bad our school is. I have talked to Lyda Green on the radio. I am not alone. Many other kids have too.

Parents and the PTA By Peter

Our PTA members and parents have invited many different important people to meetings and potlucks. Every year our PTA sends two people down to Juneau to talk to the legislature. The legislators keep saying we're on this list that we're next to get a new school. The parents write letters too. Their letters sound a lot like the kids'.

We all hope our Kindergarten friends will get the new school. We all know we won't. Peter and I are leaving this year and Fer the next. We haven't given up the idea that one day there will be a anew Talkeetna Elementary School. Have you??

September 23, 1997

Dear Dr. Lehman,

Thank you for taking time to visit Talkeetna Elementary School this past week. It was a pleasure to meet you and to briefly discuss my concerns about the school and school site.

I began teaching Physical Education at Talkeetna Elementary in 1989, although I have lived and substituted in the community since 1981. My daughter will leave this school at the end of this year, and my son, now six years old, will attend school in Talkeetna for five more years. It has been a mixed blessing to teach here for a number of reasons:

- 1) I have had the benefit of being very personally involved with the education of my own children.
- 2) It has been wonderful to work with a positive and innovative staff; and with a dedicated Parent Support Group.
- 3) The Physical Programs which I have established for children (Circus, Skiing, Outdoor Education), have been embraced by the school and have reached far beyond the boundaries of school into the community. The Green Light Circus and the Denali Junior Nordic Ski Club, as well as the budding Talkeetna Youth Soccer Program, are all examples of school/community long-range projects.

The DRAWBACK of working at Talkeetna Elementary is the abysmal condition of the school and the outdoor site. I have used the phrase, "an accident waiting to happen," too many times in the past nine years. Incidentally, the Accident Record at Talkeetna School is remarkably good; my nerves and my patience are threadbare.

It is with no pride that I admit that my daughter and her 6th grade peers have NEVER had the opportunity to play or learn physical skills on grass. These children, and those who preceeded them SINCE THE SCHOOL WAS BUILT, have never run, jumped, rolled, fallen, on a field...they have been required to learn/play in an undersized gym...they have spent recesses sliding in mud, augering into pea gravel, or dodging traffic in their 4-square court/parking lot.

I myself painted the 4-square lines, in the least trafficked area of the parking lot; I have set up tennis nets in the parking lot, and directed traffic in order to do so; countless afternoon P.E. classes have been interrupted (in the parking lot), so that trucks could deliver mail or food to the school; noon co-ed softball has been played on an

undersized asphalt "field" (in the parking lot). And this year children bring pea gravel back into school from the "playground" out back...the kids say they'd rather have dirt because they can't RUN through pea gravel. Their shoes sink and fill with gravel...the custodians are watching wear and tear occur to carpeting and the gym floor at an accelerated pace...who knows how long the vacuums will hold out.

In short, your visit was the catalyst which has kicked me into action. Despite my position on the Talkeetna Elementary Rennovation Project, and the hard work and countless volunteer hours spanning SEVEN years on the parts of many other individuals, our school has remained the same. It has not changed...what has occurred is a huge commitment on the parts of teachers, parents, and community members to provide top quality programs in a "shoestring" setting.

Every year I apologize to my students for not being able to give them more quality space to learn and play. I wonder if I'll be apologizing to my son when he finally reaches 6th grade. On a personal level AND on a professional level I find the condition of this school site to be intolerable, and I would say to my legislators that these conditions are unforgivable...because the issue is CHILDREN, their well-being, their safety, their education.

Dr. Lehman, I beseech you to understand and promote the seriousness of a need for a new school in Talkeetna. The problems here are identifiable, real, and unconscionable. I am an advocate for children and the quality of their learning environments. My apologies mean nothing to them.

Just this morning I put a check in the mail for an additional \$1,000,000 of personal liability insurance. This is what I feel I must do in order to protect myself from a situation which is out of my control...I would rather put this personal money into equipment or a field trip for my P.E. program... it would be better spent.

I hope you will realize my dedication to my students, community, profession, and school district in this letter. I think it is time to be serious advocates for the children here.

Very sincerely,

Karen Mannix
P.E. Teacher
Talkeetna/Trapper Creek



To: Deferred Maintenance Task Force

From: ^{MBW} Mac Whyte, Principal

RE: Houston Jr./Sr. High Fact Sheet

The following information is provided in conjunction with your visit on 10/1/97:

Built: 1985

Size of physical plant: 96,000 square feet.

Number of Teaching Spaces: 36. All currently in use.

Capacity: 640 students. Current Enrollment: 562

Houston Jr./Sr. High was built as a middle school. The long range plan being to build a high school on the other side of the football field to the northeast.

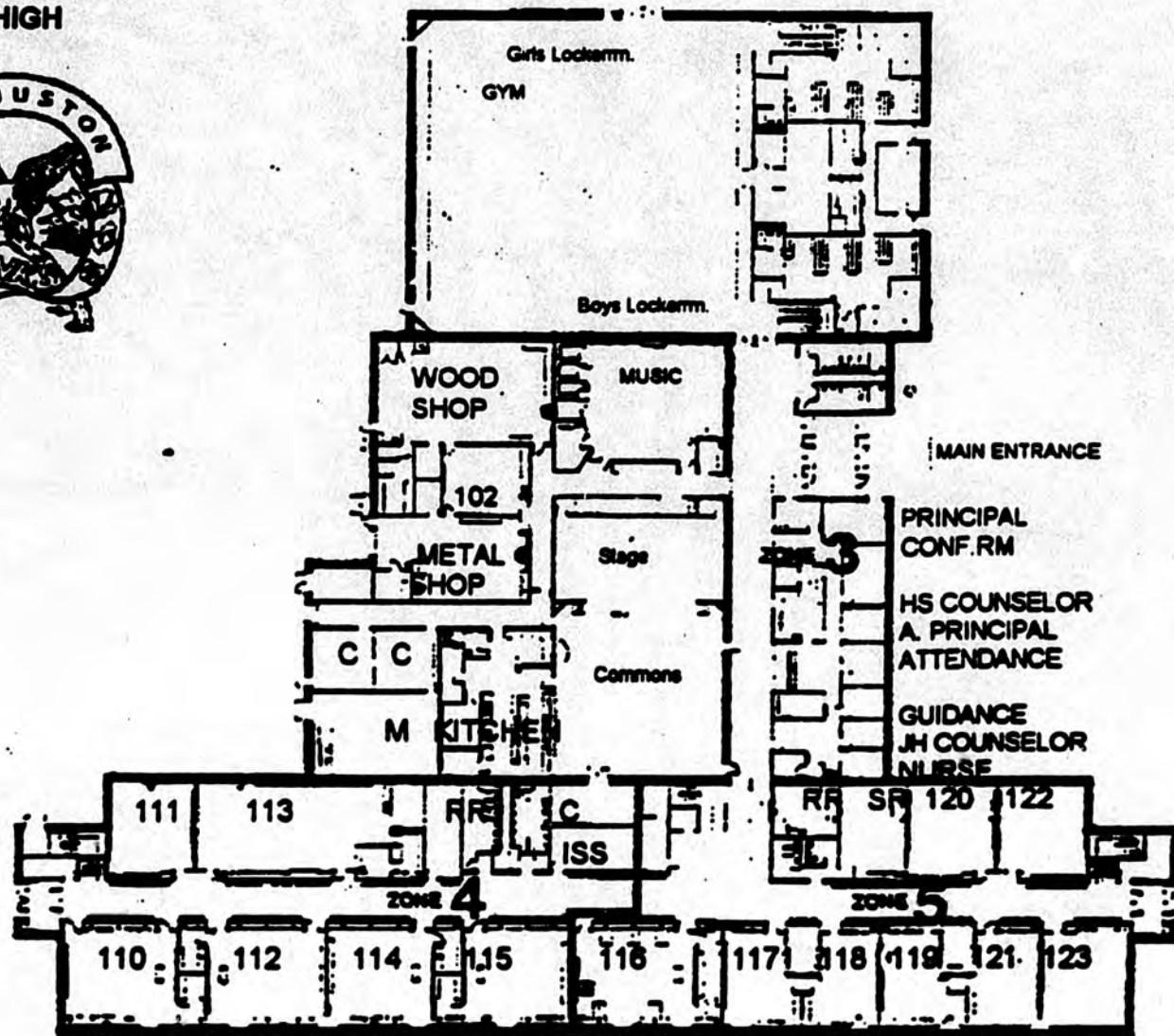
The teaching spaces are ideally suited for the middle school student.

In the area of maintenance the following areas need to be addressed;

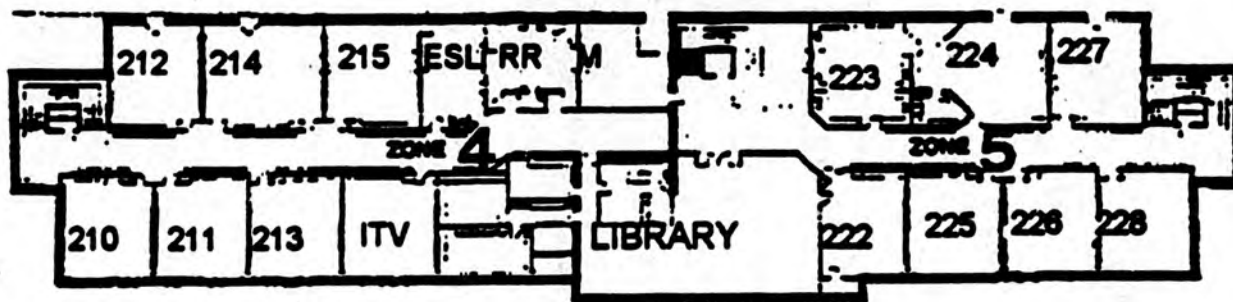
1. Size of specialized teaching spaces need to be expanded. Examples being the science and shop areas.
2. Storage areas are being used for instruction and office spaces. Examples being AISI room, Bi-Lingual Office.

3. Limited storage spaces for needs of supplies, custodial/maintenance and activity programs.
4. Student lockers in physical education spaces are inadequate for secondary students and need to be replaced.
5. Office spaces are inadequate based on the needs of students and the size of support staff.
6. The water contains lead above the minimal standards allowed. The district is currently exploring an engineering solution.
7. The roof leaks in the valley areas. These areas need to be replaced.
8. Electrical and water lines need to be expanded to the activity fields.
9. Carpet is due for replacement throughout the building.
10. All bathrooms need anti graffiti type stalls.

**HOUSTON JR./SR.
HIGH**



First Floor



Second Floor

MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative Task Force
FROM: Barbara McDaniel
RE: Houston Jr./Sr. High School Needs
DATE: October 1, 1997

Thank you for coming out to the Valley to personally inspect our roads and schools. Although I no longer live in the Houston area since the Miller's Reach fire, I am still an advocate for the needs of Houston Jr./Sr. High School because I recognize the need for equal educational opportunity for this area.

Parents in the Houston attendance area and district administrators have watched indicators of need such as low test scores, low graduation rates, and high teacher turnover continue over the past several years at this school. The Houston PTSA has worked to gather data such as where our disappearing students were going, how many were going to correspondence (with the lowest graduation rate), how many were using their own transportation to attend better funded schools, etc., and most importantly, why they were making these choices.

This information, combined with the obvious lack of a middle school program for our 6, 7, and 8 grade students (widely available elsewhere in the borough) demonstrates a critical need for the construction of the separate high school building. Construction of the high school will address: (1) the lack of a high school level facility, (2) open up an existing middle school building for the borough's need for a new middle school, and (3) reduce overcrowding at Big Lake Elementary by allowing the sixth graders at that school to at last partake in the borough middle school program.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative Task Force
FROM: Sandra and Ernest Dean
RE: Repairs and Maintenance of Wasilla High School
DATE: October 1, 1997

Thank you for providing this opportunity to express concern over issues involving our community.

The issue I would like to speak to today is the maintenance and repair of Wasilla High School as well as other schools in the Mat-Su Borough that are in disrepair. Over and over we hear of the need to build additional schools to accommodate the growing population in the Borough; however, if we do not maintain the existing buildings so that they remain in service, we are never going to catch up. Maintenance and repairs to Wasilla High School have been deferred for too many years; already, it may not be cost effective to make the repairs that are necessary. There was an attempt to "patch" the roof this summer as a temporary fix, but the roof still leaks. There are ventilation problems within the school building. The only air circulating through the classrooms is the cold winter air that blows in around window frames that are falling apart. Some teachers have resorted to stuffing the holes with newspapers, garbage sacks, and whatever else will stave off the cold. Some classrooms are freezing, and other classrooms just down the hall are stuffy and hot. The ventilation ducts throughout the school (or at least the intakes/outlets that are visible) are extremely dirty and nasty. It is impossible to regulate temperature from one classroom to another, much less throughout the school. This, together with the crowded classrooms, creates a breeding ground for bacteria and may be the source of many missed days of school. My own son has been home for three days this week with an upper respiratory infection. I have seen with my own eyes (after many days of rain last year) the wet sheetrock in the rooms with crud growing on them, and the wet smelly carpets throughout the school. This is not a good environment for learning.

I am also concerned with the condition of the desks and chairs the students are using, and the lack of books, computers, etc. I attended the open house at the high school last evening, and in four out of five classrooms that I visited, I sat in a plastic chair with a split bottom that pinched my behind. Many of the desks are in sad repair as well, and there are too few of them. The classrooms are too crowded, and there are not enough books to go around. The library is understocked, and there are too few computers in the school. In my son's biology class, they are restricted in what they can do because of the lack of computers, microscopes, and other basic equipment.

I would encourage you as legislators to please place education in this state as your No. 1 priority. These children are our future - we had better make every effort to make sure they go into the future with the best education we can give them. Maybe it is time to take a look at the Permanent Fund and use some of that money for education - at Wasilla High School, the rainy day is now, and the roof is still leaking!!!

Thanks again for listening.

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BIG LAKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

September 25, 1997

Deferred Maintenance Task Force
Capitol Building, Room 501
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Members:

The Big Lake Chamber of Commerce appreciates the Deferred Maintenance Task Force holding a public meeting and visiting sites requiring upgrading in the Mat-Su Valley. The Mat-Su Borough Assembly adopted Resolution No. 97-043 requesting the support of the Task Force "to urge the State of Alaska Legislature to meet its fundamental obligation to support the construction, repair and maintenance of buildings that are adequate and safe for the education of Alaska's children." The Big Lake Chamber of Commerce concurs with these findings and supports the Assembly's resolution.

In addition, the Chamber supports the Borough's planning processes to identify needs and schedule the implementation of projects. The following projects included in the Mat-Su Borough's Capital Improvement Program FY 1998-2003 are important to Big Lake and should be considered by the Task Force.

Transportation Improvement Program:

- South Big Lake Road/Fisher's Y Intersection Realignment
- South Big Lake Road Realignment
- Big Lake area Multi-Use Pathways
- Big Lake Road/South Big Lake Road Upgrade (Parks Highway to Proposed Hurma Road Realignment)
- South Big Lake Road/Elementary School/ Business District Illumination

Federal Aid Airport Transportation Program:

- Big Lake Airport
 - Install new lighting system
 - Expand and upgrade landing strip

School District Capital Improvement Program:

- Meadow Lakes Elementary School
- Houston High School new construction

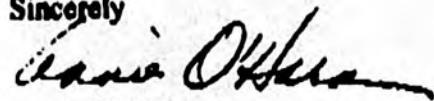
"Alaska's Bear-Round Playground!"

Borough Capital Projects:
Big Lake Library new construction

Recommended State-Sponsored Projects:
Big Lake State Parks Rehabilitation

Thank you for recognizing the needs of the Matanuska-Susitna Valley and for taking steps to improve our infrastructure.

Sincerely



Annie O'Hara
President, Big Lake Chamber of Commerce

Annie O'Hara

owns "Framed by Annie"
in Big Lake

encl.

cc: Representative Beverly Masek
Senator Lyda Green
Barbara Lacher, Borough Mayor
Jay Nolfi, Borough Assembly
Tom Logan, Big Lake Community Council

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RESOLUTION NO. WC97-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE GREATER WASILLA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REQUESTING THE DEFERRED MAINTENANCE TASK FORCE URGE THE STATE OF ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO SATISFY ITS OBLIGATION TO SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING'S WHICH ALLOW FOR THE SAFE EDUCATION OF ALASKA'S CHILDREN THROUGHOUT THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH.

WHEREAS: The Alaska State Legislature's last eduction construction reimbursement funding program was for buildings constructed after 1990, and

WHEREAS: The debt necessary for construction of the school district's three highest priority schools was authorized by Matanuska-Susitna Borough voters in 1995, and

WHEREAS: The funding provided under the last state program was inadequate to meet the school construction needs of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, and

WHEREAS: The student population of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has increased by forty percent since 1990, and

WHEREAS: There are now approximately 2,000 children throughout the Matanuska-Susitna Borough forced to receive instruction in temporary, modular buildings maintained by local government to satisfy the overcrowding emergency, and

WHEREAS: The lack of new construction, combined with the increased and projected growth adds greater stress to the existing deferred maintenance backlog throughout the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, and

WHEREAS: The State of Alaska has a basic and fundamental responsibility to provide safe and adequate buildings for educating Alaska's youth, and

WHEREAS: The education of Alaska's youth is of paramount importance to the success of both the commercial and civic well being of our society,



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NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved ^{by} the Board of Directors of the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce requests the support of the Deferred Maintenance Task Force to urge the Alaska State Legislature to meet its obligation to support education by funding of buildings throughout the Matanuska-Susitna Borough which are adequate and safe for the education of our children.

Adopted by the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce this 29th day of September, 1997.

Stacie Stigar
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