

Legislative Update



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For immediate release:

Good Afternoon –

Today, Governor Parnell announced his vetoes to SB 230: FY11 Capital Budget. While we don't know what the Governor's specific reasons are for cutting these very important projects, each of them have been through a thorough public process involving community councils and many individual community members. Here are the items in our area that were vetoed:

House District 37:

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| • Aleutians East Borough/Cold Bay | Airport Apron & Taxiway | \$700.0 |
| • Naknek Electric | Geothermal Energy Project | \$750.0 |
| | (partial veto – remaining balance left in place of \$1,250.0) | |
| • Sand Point | Wastewater Improvements | \$386.1 |
| • Unalaska | WWTP Upgrade | \$2,369.0 |

House District 38:

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| • AVCP | Wood Heating Project | \$610.0 |
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In addition, Governor Parnell vetoed \$25,250.0 from the AEA Renewable Energy Round III grants. This means that AEA will not have enough funds to go further down the list and the following projects will not receive funding in this round:

- Akutan Geothermal Development Project
- Adak Renewable/Diesel Project
- Kongiganak Flywheel Energy Storage
- Cheforak Wind Turbine Installation
- Napaskiak Wind Study

While I am very disappointed the Governor did not recognize the importance of these much needed investments, I would like to thank all of you who advocated in support of these projects by writing or calling. I worked with Representative Bryce Edgmon on securing funding for the House District 37 projects and Representative Bob Herron on securing funding for the House District 38 projects. Together, we will continue to work on funding for projects like these, which are crucial to the safety and livability of our communities.

Please give me a call or send me an email if you have any questions about the budget or any other issues important to you and your family.