

Wasilla Chamber
of Commerce

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Mayor Edna DeVries & Manager Mike Brown



Takeaways

1. Much is happening in the Mat-Su!
2. Managing growth
3. Living within our means



2024 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES



WHO

The Arctic Winter Games is a prominent international event uniting circumpolar communities through sport competitions, cultural exchange and performance.

WHAT

The Arctic Winter Games provides an opportunity for youth to gather, grow, and learn through sports, while building relationships, fostering knowledge, and participating in a social and cultural exchange.

WHERE

*Sport competitions alongside art and cultural events will be featured throughout the **Mat-Su Borough** and are open to the public.*



Save the Date!
March 10-16, 2024

VENUES



School sites: Career Tech, Colony High and Middle, Knik Tribal Charter, Palmer High and Junior Middle, Sherrod, Sutton, Teeland Middle, Valley Pathways, Wasilla High

Borough sites: Government Peak Recreation Area, Brett Ice Arena, Emergency Operations Center

City sites: Menard Center (Wasilla), MTA Ice Arena (Palmer), Palmer Depot, Palmer Museum, Kincaid Park (Anchorage), MacDonald Center (Anchorage)

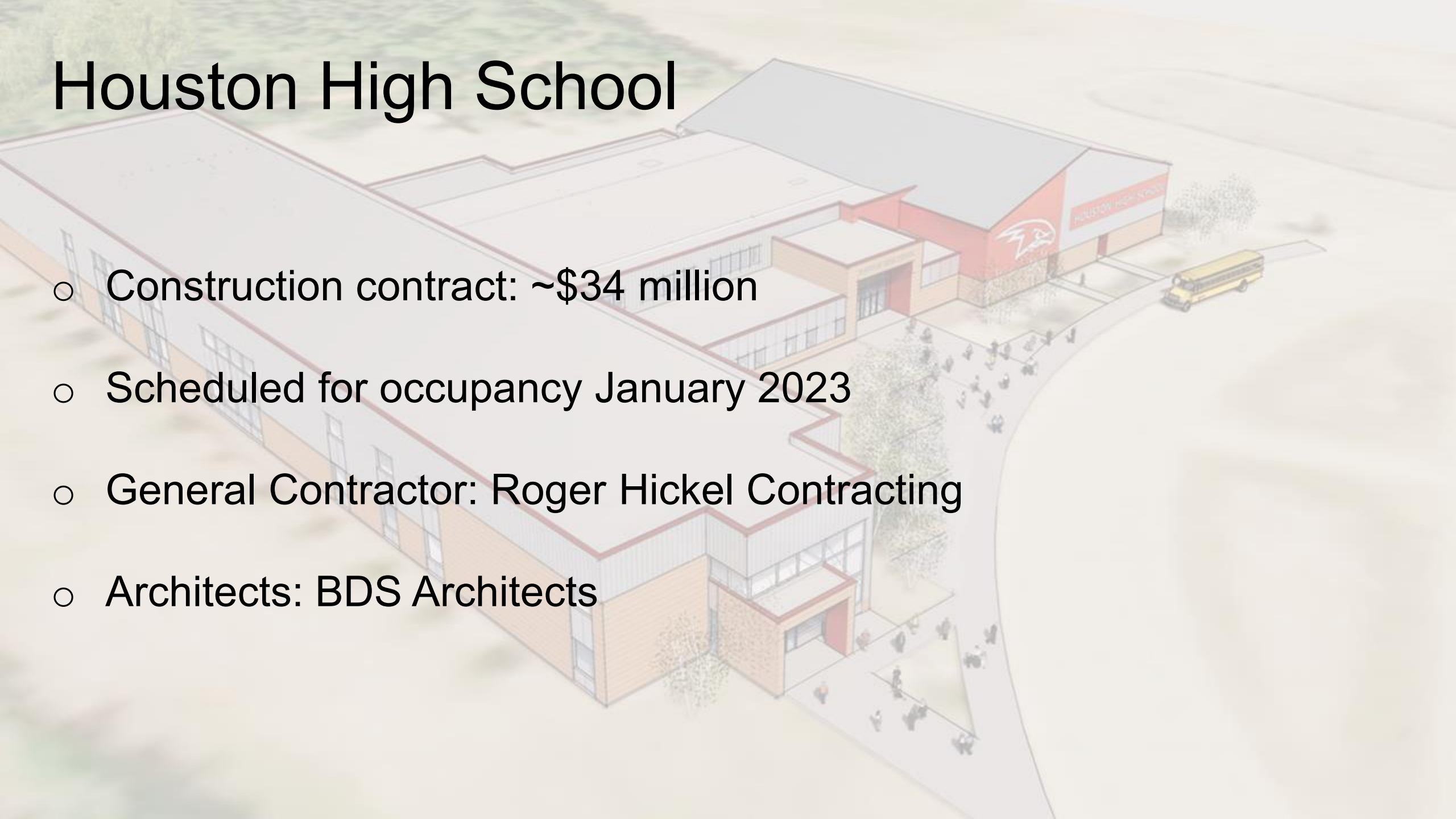
Private Business: Denali Gymnastics, Screaming Eagle Archery

Non-Profit: Glen Massey Theater, Alaska State Fair, Skeetawk, Musk Ox Farm



Houston High School

- Construction contract: ~\$34 million
- Scheduled for occupancy January 2023
- General Contractor: Roger Hickel Contracting
- Architects: BDS Architects



FY23 GOALS

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DIVERSIFICATION

- Self-administering Local Improvement Districts (LIDs)
- Port business development (partnerships and economic development zone)
- Preparations for 2024 Arctic Winter Games

DELIVER HIGH QUALITY SERVICES

- Continue e-Commerce and website improvements
- Improve financial documentation and online presence
- Continue advancements in problem reporter app
- Complete Houston High School
- Publish annual performance report
- Public push notifications
- Roads task force

MANAGING GROWTH

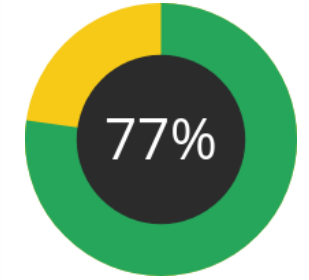
- Fund and construct transportation projects
- Improve Landfill operations
- Pursue wildland fire risk reduction
- Continue to adjust to meet service demands
- Complete Borough reapportionment
- Establish Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Create animal shelter capacity for contingencies

Mat-Su Borough 2021 Transportation Package

(approved by voters November 2, 2021)

Last updated:
June 28, 2022

Funding Status:

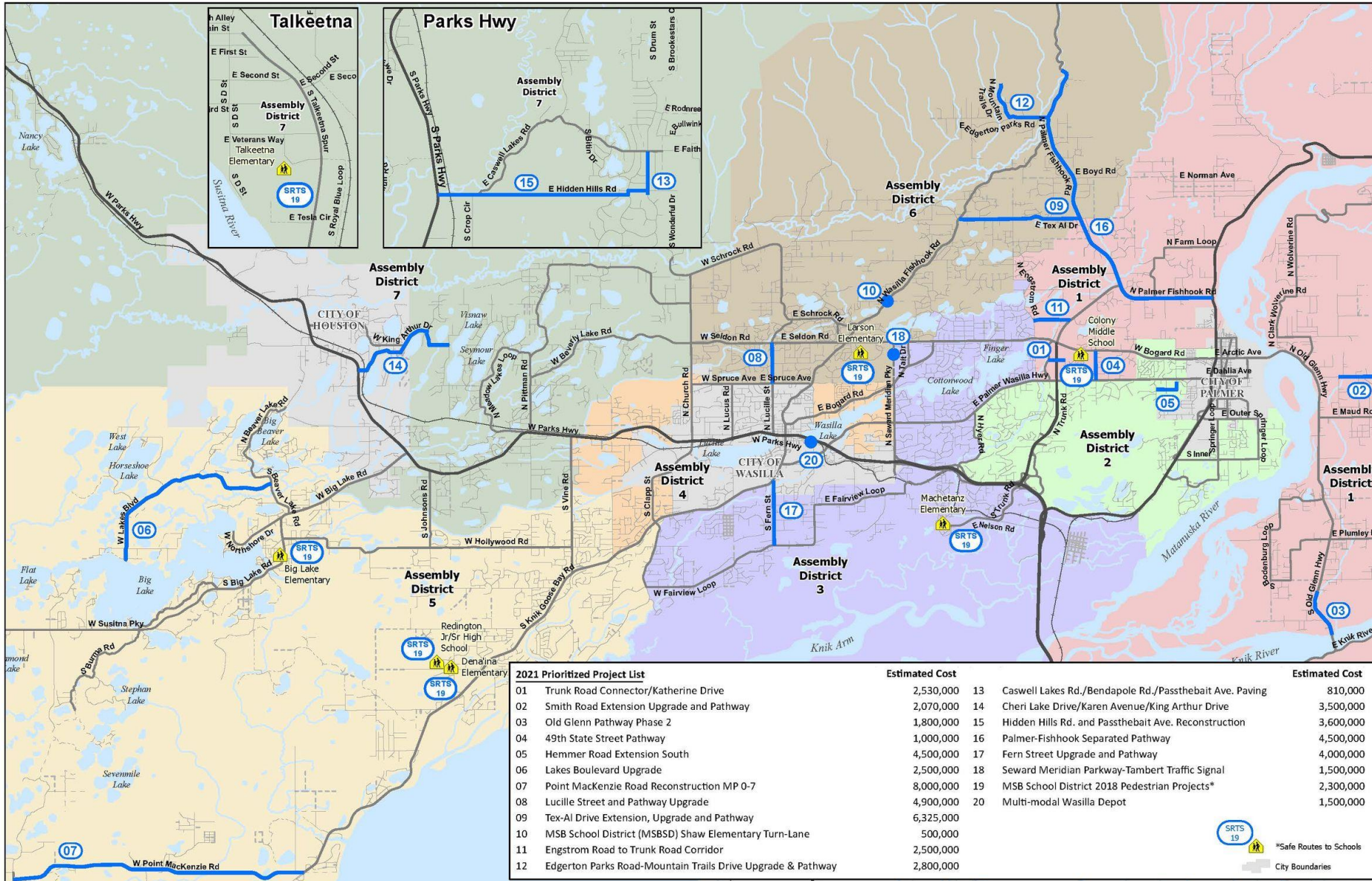


Goal: \$61.1 million

State grant for \$30 million contingent upon local match funding

Timeline:

- Engineering / permitting / right-of-way acquisition: 2022-2024
- Construction: 2023-2025



| 2021 Prioritized Project List | | Estimated Cost | Estimated Cost | |
|-------------------------------|---|----------------|---|-----------|
| 01 | Trunk Road Connector/Katherine Drive | 2,530,000 | 13 Caswell Lakes Rd./Bendapole Rd./Passthebat Ave. Paving | 810,000 |
| 02 | Smith Road Extension Upgrade and Pathway | 2,070,000 | 14 Cheri Lake Drive/Karen Avenue/King Arthur Drive | 3,500,000 |
| 03 | Old Glenn Pathway Phase 2 | 1,800,000 | 15 Hidden Hills Rd. and Passthebat Ave. Reconstruction | 3,600,000 |
| 04 | 49th State Street Pathway | 1,000,000 | 16 Palmer-Fishhook Separated Pathway | 4,500,000 |
| 05 | Hemmer Road Extension South | 4,500,000 | 17 Fern Street Upgrade and Pathway | 4,000,000 |
| 06 | Lakes Boulevard Upgrade | 2,500,000 | 18 Seward Meridian Parkway-Tambert Traffic Signal | 1,500,000 |
| 07 | Point MacKenzie Road Reconstruction MP 0-7 | 8,000,000 | 19 MSB School District 2018 Pedestrian Projects* | 2,300,000 |
| 08 | Lucille Street and Pathway Upgrade | 4,900,000 | 20 Multi-modal Wasilla Depot | 1,500,000 |
| 09 | Tex-Al Drive Extension, Upgrade and Pathway | 6,325,000 | | |
| 10 | MSB School District (MSBSD) Shaw Elementary Turn-Lane | 500,000 | | |
| 11 | Engstrom Road to Trunk Road Corridor | 2,500,000 | | |
| 12 | Edgerton Parks Road-Mountain Trails Drive Upgrade & Pathway | 2,800,000 | | |

*Safe Routes to Schools
 City Boundaries



FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET

Property Values

13% increase in average appraised value of a residential home

9.37% increase in taxable assessed value

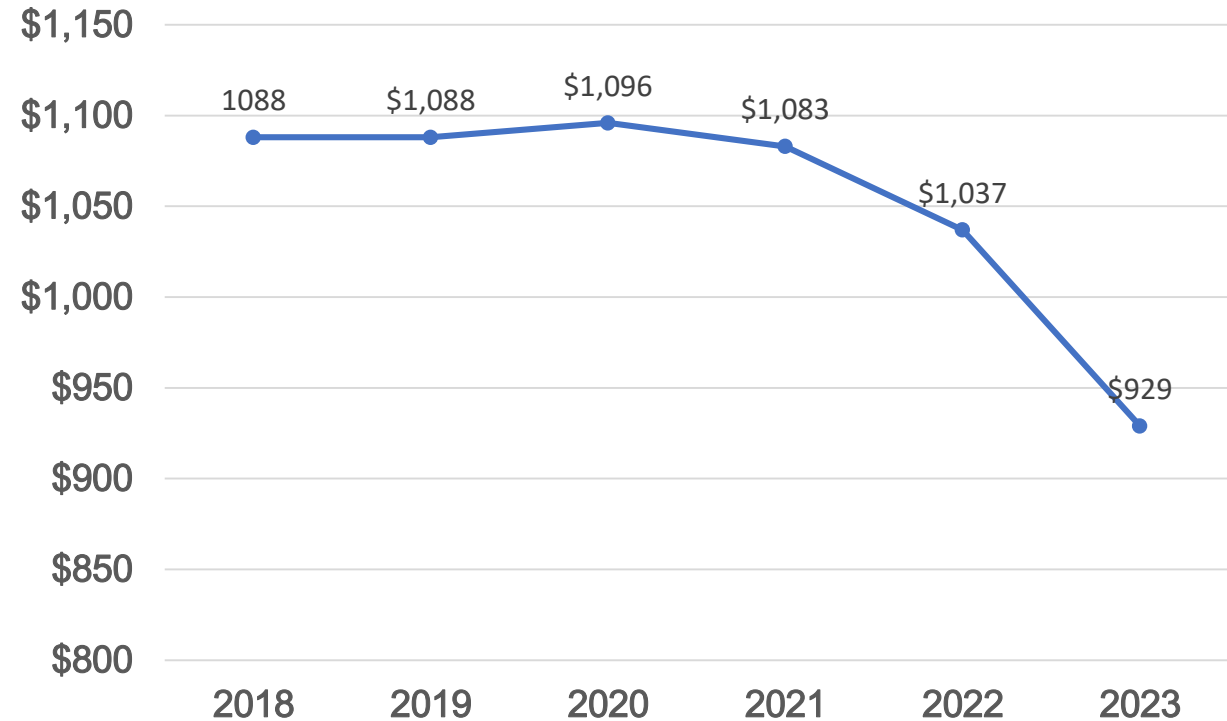
Senior/disabled veteran exemption increased to \$264,000

Spending

Areawide Borough operations budgeted expenses excluding capital and education: 1.3% reduction from previous year



Average Taxes per \$100,000



- 8.901 is lowest areawide mill rate since 1989
- Final debt service payment for the animal shelter this year
- Final Port debt service payment next year
- Likely to fully fund Transportation 2021 package approved by voters with zero debt

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