

# Delta Junction Plans for Impact

The City of Delta Junction has recently awarded a contract

to the Anchorage civil engineering firm of Tryck, Nyman & Hayes, to prepare the initial elements of a community development plan for the city, according to managing partner, Charles W. Tryck.

Delta Junction, located 97 miles south of Fairbanks where the Alaska Highway and the Richardson Highway meet, had approximately 700 persons residing there in 1970 and now with the impact of the trans-Alaska pipeline construction, has in excess of 1200 persons.

Alyeska Pipeline has recently completed a 2000-man construction camp just north of the City.

With the dramatic increase in population in the community and surrounding area, City officials sought and received the assistance of the State of Alaska, Department of Community and Regional Affairs, in funding the preparation of a community development plan to guide the growth of the City in future years.

Vernon R. Wiggins, head of the planning division of Tryck, Nyman & Hayes, stated, "Delta Junction is the smallest of the pipeline communities which is

going to receive a significant degree of impact from pipeline related activities.

"The impact, unlike that being felt in Fairbanks and Valdez, will be short-term and, when the pipeline construction phase is completed, very little activity will remain visible in the community.

The basic data volume of the study is expected to be completed in late February. The report will contain the results of all data gathered and will present the consultant's findings.

The final plan will be completed in late Spring of 1975, and will contain a land use plan, a community facilities plan and a delineation of land status in the Delta Junction area.