

Rogers Park Community Council 2008 Survey

- 122 Respondents
- 11 New Email addresses added
- Summary Below – More detail is available

- Parks
 - Priorities:
 - Bridge Connection at Maplewood over Chester Creek to Sitka Park
 - East Chester Park Upgrades
 - Carlson Park
 - David Green Park
 - Respondents requested additional information about how the funding will spent.
 - Some members felt none of these parks were a priority.
 - The Municipality should ADD resurfacing of the Chester Creek Path for CIP funding.

- Project Management and Engineering CIP Projects
 - 1 Northern Lights Sound Barrier
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 - 11 Lake Otis Pkwy Reconstruction – Northern Lights Blvd to DeBarr Rd
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 - 16 27th Ave Sidewalks
 - 17 Northern Light Blvd Median Landscaping
 - 18 Northwestern Ave Extension Upgrade RID – Columbia St to Lake Otis Pkwy
 - 19 Annapolis, Redwood and Zarvis Dr Widening and Pedestrian Improvements
 - 20 Seward Hwy Expansion – 20th Ave to 36th Ave
 - 21 Chester Creek at Hillstrand Pond Rehab
 - 22 Lovejoy crossing at Northern Lights Blvd.
 - 23 Northern Lights Blvd Expansion – Lake Otis Pkwy to Boniface Pkwy
 - Other Project Ideas
 - Resurface Wentworth

- Traffic Lights near RP Elementary
 - Sidewalk on Bennington
 - Lake Otis Pkwy at Stanford/ASD Campus
 - Surface alleyways to minimize dust, but allow drainage
- 66% of respondents feel the time allowed for pedestrians to cross is inadequate.
 - Intersections with Pedestrian Concerns:
 - Fireweed and The Seward Highway
 - Northern Lights and Maplewood/Drake
 - Northern Lights and the Seward Highway
 - Northern Lights and LaTouche
 - Northern Lights and Lake Otis
 - Lake Otis and 36th Ave
- University Lands
 - 71.4% feel that is very important that open space and trails on campus (UAA and APU) be preserved as much as possible. 23.1% feel this is somewhat important. 5.5% stated that it was unimportant
 - 39.1% of respondents use the campus trails and open space more than once per week. 15.2% use the trails once per week. 21.7% use the trails once per month. 23.9% responded that they hardly ever use the trails.
- Comprehensive Plan
 - 86.3% of respondents feel the Title 21 rewrite should reflect the Anchorage 2020 Comprehensive Plan.
- 43 Respondents expressed an interest in attending a RPCC event (picnic, etc). 10 are willing to donate supplies. Unfortunately, no one is willing to organize it!
- Other Comments
 - Improve Snow Removal in Woodside East
 - Homeless camping concerns (safety, litter, drinking)
 - Follow-up about the SCF Group Home at 36th and Cottonwood
 - Neighborhood Noise (dogs, small planes)
 - AWWU work along Chester Creek
 - Underground Powerlines
 - Community Building and Civic Engagement

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ANCHORAGE PARKS & RECREATION

Carlson Park

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Problem:

Scope: General improvements

Status: 2008 \$500K State Grant for Neighborhood Parks.

David Green Memorial Park

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Problem:

Scope: Upgrade, including parking

Status: 2008 \$500K State Grant for Neighborhood Parks.

Eastchester Park

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Problem:

Scope: Equipment upgrades

Status: 2008 \$500K State Grant for Neighborhood Parks.

Trail link between Sitka St and Chester Creek

1

Problem:

Scope: Trail Bridge connection to link park to greenbelt trails

Status:

PROJECT MANAGEMENT & ENGINEERING

36th Ave at Locarno Dr/Cottonwood Dr Intersection Safety (HSIP)

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Problem: Safety concerns have been raised at the 36th Avenue intersections with Locarno Drive and Cottonwood Drive.

Scope: Two safety improvements are being considered by DOT: 1) Widen 36th Avenue to include eastbound and westbound left turn lanes to move traffic stopped to turn left out of the higher speed thru lanes. 2) Restrict selected movements to and from Cottonwood/Loc

Status: Design is underway and construction by the State of Alaska is anticipated in 2009. Funding is through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).

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36th Ave at MacInnes St Pedestrian Overpass

Delete

Problem: The need for this project is linked to the construction of a new privately funded cultural center on MacInnes.

Scope: Construct a pedestrian overpass across 36th Ave at MacInnes St.

Status: No funding is proposed in the CIP. The project will remain on the Capital Project Needs List for future funding consideration.

Annapolis Dr, Redwood Dr, and Zarvis Dr Widening and Pedestrian Improvements

Problem: This project ranked number 25 out of 30 in the 2007 Rogers Park Community Council survey.

Scope: The exact scope of the project would be determined by meeting with property owners.

Status: No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. The project has been added to the Capital Project Needs List for future funding consideration.

Chester Creek at Hillstrand Pond Rehab

Problem: Hillstrand Pond is a widening of Chester Creek, west of Lake Otis Parkway. Needs have not been clearly identified.

Scope: Uncertain.

Status: No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. The project will remain on the Capital Project Needs List for future funding consideration.

College Village Subd Storm Rehab

Problem: The storm drain system in this subdivision is deteriorating.

Scope: Reconstruct or slip line storm drain as needed.

Status: No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. The project will remain on the Capital Project Needs List for future funding consideration.

Lake Otis Pkwy at Lake Otis Elementary - Pedestrian Overpass Bike Ramp

Problem: Interest has been expressed in adding bike ramps to the pedestrian overpass to allow students to take their bikes across.

Scope: Add bike ramps

Status: No work is underway and no funding is proposed in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. The project will remain on the Capital Project Needs List for future funding consideration.

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Lake Otis Pkwy Reconstruction - Northern Lights Blvd to DeBarr Rd

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Problem: Road section is inadequate for current and future traffic volumes and needs to be widened to accommodate a 5-lane section.

Scope: Complete reconstruction will include significant right-of-way acquisition to accommodate widening to 5 lanes with pedestrian and bicycle facilities on both sides. The storm drain system and street lighting will also be upgraded. The actual scope will be

Status: The project has been removed from the AMATS TIP, because of reductions in federal funding. Future funding will be pursued through AMATS. In addition, a 2008 state grant is proposed to fund design and construction.

Lake Otis Pkwy Safety Improvements - Tudor Rd to Northern Lights Blvd (HSIP)

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Problem: Safety concerns have been raised regarding turning movements.

Scope: Safety improvements may include a right-turn lane on northbound Lake Otis Parkway at the Northern Lights Boulevard intersection and installing a median to restrict turn movements at 42nd Avenue.

Status: Design is substantially complete and construction by the State of Alaska is planned for 2008. The project is funded through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).

Lake Otis Pkwy Sidewalk Reconstruction - 20th Ave to Northern Lights Blvd

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Problem: Sidewalk is in disrepair and has power poles and fire hydrants that restrict usage

Scope: Repair and possibly widen sidewalk and remove power poles and fire hydrants.

Status: No work is underway and no funding is currently programmed. This project has been added to the needs list for future funding consideration. It was originally planned to be part of the Lake Otis upgrade project from Northern Lights Boulevard to Debarr Road. The project is a priority in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan.

Lovejoy Dr Pedestrian Facilities - 27th Ave to Northern Lights Blvd

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Change

Problem: This is a missing link in the local sidewalk system and connects the neighborhood to Northern Lights Boulevard.

Scope: Construct a sidewalk or trail.

Status: No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. The project has been added to the Needs List for future funding consideration.

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Maplewood St Trail Connection - Maplewood St to Chester Creek Trail

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Problem: Local residents would like the existing pathway upgraded for safety reasons. This project is a priority for the Rogers Park Community Council.

Scope: Construct a trail from the north end of Maplewood St to Chester Creek Trail.

Status: No work is underway and no funding is proposed in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. The project has been added to the Capital Projects Needs List for future funding consideration.

Northern Lights Blvd Expansion - Lake Otis Pkwy to Boniface Pkwy

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Problem: Anticipated increases in traffic and congestion may stretch this route beyond it's current capacity.

Scope: The scope has not been determined. One option that may be considered is adding a through lane in each direction.

Status: No work is underway or scheduled in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. This route is designated as a major arterial in the Official Streets and Highways Plan.

Northwestern Ave Extension Upgrade RID - Columbia St to Lake Otis Pkwy

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Problem: This project ranked number 27 out of 30 for the Rogers Park Community Council in their 2007 survey.

Scope: Pave this alley.

Status: No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. Funding will be through the Road Improvement District program in which the project is initiated by property owners who agree to pay 70% of the costs through special assessments.

Rogers Park Area Traffic Improvements

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Problem: Many roads in the Rogers Park Area are long and straight. As a result, vehicles are often driven above the speed limit. The project is a priority for local neighborhoods, the Community Council, and the Traffic Department.

Scope: This project will construct traffic calming measures to reduce traffic speeds and improve safety.

Status: A study identifying specific improvements has been completed and design efforts are funded. Funding will be scheduled through the annual Traffic Calming Program managed by the Traffic Department. Contact the Traffic Department regarding improvements planned through the annual Traffic Calming Improvement Program. A 2008 state grant has been requested to fund construction combined with local bond funds.

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Rogers Park Elementary Overpass Improvements (across Northern Lights Blvd)

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Problem: Safety and accessibility concerns have been raised with this overpass. It is difficult for elementary school students to manage this crossing. It is poorly lighted. This project is a priority for the Rogers Park Community Council.

Scope: Construct bike ramps and upgrade lighting for this overpass. Install bike ramps to accommodate cyclists as well.

Status: No work is underway and no funding is proposed in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. The project will remain on the Capital Project Needs List for future funding consideration.

Seward Hwy Expansion - 20th Ave to 36th Ave

High

Problem: Traffic on this freeway already exceeds the capacity of the existing facility.

Scope: While the scope has not been established, this freeway segment is a significant link in the Highway to Highway connection to the Glenn Highway. Specific improvements will be identified in further design efforts not currently funded.

Status: A major investment study has been completed by the State of Alaska. This is a state-owned facility and evaluation and future funding would be by the State of Alaska. The route is identified as a Freeway in the Official Streets and Highways Plan. The project is also included in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Woodside East Road and Drainage Improvements

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Problem: The road surface is deteriorating to the point that safety may be impacted and maintenance is no longer cost effective. This project was ranked number 20 out of 30 by the Rogers Park Community Council in 2007.

Scope: Re-build the roadway and install a storm drain system.

Status: This project has been added to the needs list for future funding consideration. There is no funding programmed in the current six-year CIP. Because these are local roads, this project would be funded through the Road Improvement District (RID) program. Property owners pay 10% of the cost of the project through special assessments, and the Municipality pays the other 90%. A Road Improvement District has been requested.

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Highway to Highway Connection - Bragaw St to 36th Ave

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Problem: Congestion is growing throughout Anchorage. One option being evaluated in the Highway to Highway Connection

Scope: Connect the Seward Highway to the Glenn Highway through the Fairview area, while improving connectivity within that neighborhood. Provide a controlled access freeway link between the New Seward and Glenn Highways. The project may construct a 8-lane segment between Tudor Road and Bragaw Street. The project will include grade separations at major street intersections, pedestrian facilities, and ramp locations at selected locations to provide ingress/egress to the downtown and midtown areas. Portions of the freeway may be covered to reclaim airspace for recreational, commercial, and/or residential development.

Status: Environmental efforts are underway by the state. This is a state owned facility evaluation and funding would be through the State of Alaska. The project is also being managed by the state.

Ingra St/Gambell St Rut Repair - 5th Ave to 36th Ave

Problem: Pavement is deteriorating on these major arterial routes.

Scope: Complete rut repair improvements which may include pavement replacement or overlay.

Status: No work is underway. This is a state owned facility and evaluation and funding would be through the State of Alaska.

Northern Lights Blvd Bike Path Resurfacing - Seward Hwy to Lake Otis Pkwy

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Problem: This section of trail is showing its age. Further deterioration may impact safety.

Scope: Resurface or overlay existing trail.

Status: No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. This is a state owned facility and evaluation and funding would be by the State of Alaska.

Northern Lights Median Landscaping - Latouche St to Lake Otis Pkwy

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Problem: The Rogers Park Community Council has identified this project as a priority.

Scope: Install landscaping in the median of Northern Lights Blvd to enhance their aesthetic appeal.

Status: No work is underway and no funding is proposed in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. The project has been added to the Capital Projects Needs List for future funding consideration.

Seward Hwy at 36th Ave Intersection Safety (HSIP)

2008 Construction?

Problem: Safety issues have been raised at this intersection.

Scope: Construct identified safety improvements.

Status: Design by the State of Alaska is substantially complete and construction is expected in 2008 or 2009. Funding is through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).

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**Seward Hwy at Northern Lights Blvd & Benson Blvd Pedestrian/Bicycle Improvements
(HSIP)**

High

Problem: These are two of the busiest intersections in the Municipality. Safety concerns have been raised for the pedestrians and bicyclists who use these crossings.

Scope: This project will construct pedestrian and bicycle improvements to the crossings of the Seward Hwy at Northern Lights Blvd and Benson Blvd.

Status: Funding is through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and programmed in the AMATS TIP for 2009.

Rank # = Numerical priority ranking of all projects; ("1" equals highest priority)

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL SUGGESTIONS FOR
ADDITIONS/DELETIONS
TO ANNUAL CAPITAL PROJECTS SURVEY**

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Rogers Park

Date: June 4, 2008

ADDRESS: 2421 Maple Ave Contact Name: Heather Ireland

Phone: 337-2089

Name of Project	A=Add; D=Delete	Priority Rank (Combined with Survey projects)	Description of Addition/Reason for Deletion
Chester Creek Trail Resurfacing	A	High	Cracks and bumps make the trail unsafe.
Northern Lights Sound Barrier	A	1	2008 funding is not adequate to complete noise protection for all sections along this busy roadway.
Underground Utility Lines	A	4	Poles and wires in neighborhood are old and unsafe. Project would improve visual landscape.
Seward Highway Buffer Park	A	7	Design and planning funds for a Landscape Architect to evaluate options to create noise and barrier as well as address safety concerns regarding public inebriates.
36 th Avenue Sound Barrier	A	14	Add noise protection for southern edge of neighborhood along this busy roadway.
27 th Ave Sidewalks	A	16	Pedestrian facilities lacking in this section of the neighborhood.
36 th Ave at MacInnes- Pedestrian Overpass	D	0	Construction at the parcel north of the intersection is NOT going to occur at this time.
Lovejoy Drive Pedestrian Facilities	Change	22	Sidewalks exist along Lovejoy between 27 th and Northern Lights. Improvements need to be made to address crossing Northern Lights at Lovejoy.

INSTRUCTIONS: List above any suggested **additions or deletions** (*corrections or changes* should be noted on the survey form). Include the completed **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS** form when returning your response. Direct inquiries to Bruce Holmes, Capital Budget Analyst, at 343-4479. **"Thank You" -- for your valuable input!**