

Community Council Survey
2010 CAPITAL PROJECTS NEEDS LIST

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL	PRIORITY RANK
Birchwood	Rank #
FIRE DEPARTMENT <i>See Additions List</i>	
REPLACEMENT FIRE ENGINES	4
REPLACEMENT OF AIR RESOURCES EQUIPMENT (CHUGIAK)	3
OFFICE OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	
EAGLE RIVER TOWN CENTER AND EOC	1
HARRY J MCDONALD CENTER EXPANSION	2
PROJECT MANAGEMENT & ENGINEERING <i>See Additions List</i>	
Chugiak-Eagle River Areawide Aquifer Study and Drainage Plan	1
<i>NO</i> Eagle River Area Snow Disposal Site	DELETED
Eagle River Chugiak Road and Drainage System Rehab	3
Peters Creek Drainage Basin Flood Study	2
STATE OF ALASKA <i>See Additions List</i>	
Birchwood Loop Gravel Multi-purpose Trail	8
Chugiak High School Access Improvements (South Birchwood Loop Rd)	7
Glenn Hwy Expansion - North Eagle River Access Rd to South Birchwood Lp	3
<i>NO</i> Glenn Hwy Interchange - between North and South Birchwood Loop Rds	DELETED
Glenn Hwy Rut Repair - Eklutna Rd to Hiland Rd	4
Glenn Hwy Standard Highway Lighting - Hiland Rd to South Birchwood Loop	5
Glenn Hwy Standard Highway Lighting - South Birchwood Loop to Knik Bridge	6
North Birchwood Loop Rd Gravel Multi-purpose Trail	9
<i>NO</i> North Birchwood Loop Rd/Birchwood Spur Rd Upgrade	DELETED
South Birchwood Loop Rd Pavement Rehab	2

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**COMMUNITY COUNCIL SUGGESTIONS FOR
ADDITIONS/DELETIONS
 TO 2010 CAPITAL PROJECTS NEEDS LIST**

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: BIRCHWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date: April 22, 2009

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Name of Project	A=Add; D=Delete	Priority Rank (Combined with Survey projects)	Description of Addition/Reason for Deletion
NEW NORTHEAST CHUGIAK VOLUNTEER FIRE STATION	ADD	-#1- (fire Dept)	Area of continued rapid development. Location at this end of area needed to improve response time for safety reasons. need site selection, land aquisition, design, construction funding.
CHUGIAK VFD-REPLACEMENT OF WILDLAND FIRST RESPONSE APPARATUS	ADD	-#2- Fire dept	To assist with wildfires in the CVFD service area and replace worn out equipment. Current need is to first replace 1978 minipumper and a 1980 brush truck.
Knik Arm bridge Crossing	ADD	#1- Dept? Maybe SOA	Anchorage is out of developable land & in the stage of redevelopment. This is needed to relieve the pressure on the MOA & the Glenn Hwy, to provide a 3 rd route out of the MOA for safety reasons, to bring property values down to a more realistic level so we may continue to live here, & possibly provide an avenue for generating hydroelectric power.

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Glenn Hwy Interchange Study for Eklutna 770	ADD (SOA)	-#10-	<u>Study</u> the need for constructing a new interchange on the Glenn Hwy in conjunction with the Eklutna 770 project between the Old & New Glenn
Eagle River Area Snow Disposal Site	Delete PM&E		Local Road Board hopes to share a site with State of Alaska (SOA) rather than maintain their own site. Eklutna Inc has opened a very large snow disposal site within the past year in the immediate vicinity of Eagle River.
Glenn Hwy interchange between north and south Birchwood roads	Delete SOA		Need has not been demonstrated, nor areas determined to be immediately served. Study should be completed FIRST.
North Birchwood Loop Road/Birchwood Spur Upgrade	Delete SOA		SOA & ARRC will not commit to a grade separated crossing. North Birchwood Loop upgrade would negatively impact a large number of properties as not right-of-way for upgrade exists and would have to be purchased and road relocated in many areas.
South Birchwood Loop Rd Upgrade-Old Glenn Hwy to North Birchwood Lp Rd	Delete SOA		Widening, lighting and straightening is opposed by property owners as they would be negatively impacted as would their access. Right-of-way issues exist. Community opposes this.

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!**

Attention to Bruce Holmes and PM&E Dept head:

RE: Under PM&E stating a Birchwood ranking of #1....
you keep confusing two separate projects by combining them into one project.

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We support an expansion and upgrade of the existing 1987 Eagle River Drainage Study to also include those areas that have developed since the Study was published. For whatever reason, whether the current study was consulted and then ignored, or not consulted, we are having to expend a great deal of money to overcome some unexpected drainage problems endangering other properties, both public and private, affecting both State and local jurisdictions.

The second and separate project is a study to determine the location and capacity and chemistry of sub-surface aquifers for which over half of the population of the Chugiak-Eagle River area depends, and will continue to depend upon, for their on-site water wells. In South Fork, Eklutna Valley, and the Eagle River Valley, areas outside of the AWWU certificate of service, we are seeing more and more development. In the Birchwood and Chugiak council areas, we have areas that are also developing but extremely difficult to bring public water to because of pressure zones, topography, and such. The new proposed Title 21 rewrite is attempting to reduce lot sizes in these large lot areas where we have existing development thereby encouraging those holders of vacant properties to further subdivide bringing additional on-site systems into developed areas where the existing aquifers may not be able to safely serve both existing and new development...until we know the capacity and location, this is a negative and irresponsible process to encourage.

While the Aquifer Study could be contracted out by the MOA's PM&E dept, previous attempts to map the existing aquifers have been undertaken by the State or Federal government.

We have pointed out this oversight three separate times to you as we have completed our priority rankings over the years..and yet you persist in your misunderstanding.

Another but unrelated factor we find is where a council will give a high priority to a project or issue that is not physically in their council area but where the benefit is one that will affect more than one council area. The six councils out here do meet together and talk about our common problems. The first example (years ago) of this was when we all requested an elevated pedestrian crossing. Ignored by the MOA we went directly to the State (it crossed Eagle River Road) and because we all agreed, it happened. The safety of children traveling on foot to school each day, any child, is a concern for every resident out here. And yet, our own MOA forced us to go to the state.

Last year, many of us hi-listed identical projects having to do with safety and our welfare....all were fire department projects and desires. What regulation or policy do you need in place to recognize, list, and act on those common needs when they benefit more than one council area?

That said, I do thank you for soliciting our input and recognizing the value of informed local opinions.

Bobbi Wells, Chair
Birchwood Community Council
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