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Problem: Fire Station #3-Airport Heights: Replacement of Anchorage's oldest station will allow for a bigger apparatus bay for additional equipment, enlarged living quarters and conversion of dormitory sleeping quarters to individual dorms. □ □ Fire Station #5-Spenard Road: Station 5 responds to Ted Stevens International Airport and the Spenard community. This busy station houses a medic unit, a ladder truck, and an engine company. In 2007, AFD purchased the land adjacent to station 5 to accommodate a future expansion. The expansion would renovate and expand the living quarters and convert the dormitory sleeping rooms to individual dorms. □ □

Scope: This project funds major renovations at AFD facilities throughout the city. □ □ 2009-Airport Heights Fire Station #3: \$300,000 local match required for \$6,000,000 in state funding for rebuilding the station □ □ 2009-Spenard Road Fire Station #5: \$300,000 local match required for \$4,500,000 in state funding for renovating the station

Status: Local match added to 2008 Legislative appropriation vetoed by Governor.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT & ENGINEERING

15th Ave and Norene St Pedestrian Stairs Lighting Improvements

Problem: The existing stairway is poorly lit and there are drainage concerns that may be undermining the structure. The lack of lighting is contributing to the increased use as a hangout for the homeless. This project is a priority on the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan. The project is a priority for the Airport Heights Community Council.

Scope: Upgrade lighting at the stairs. Assess the need for a cover and its possible attraction for the homeless population.

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

15th Ave at Sitka St Pedestrian Crossing Improvements

Problem: There are no pedestrian crossings on 15th Avenue between Medfra Street and Lake Otis Parkway. This project is included in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan. The project is a priority for the Airport Heights Community Council.

Scope: Construct a pedestrian crossing at the intersection. Study the feasibility of adding a traffic signal.

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

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT & ENGINEERING**16th Ave Pedestrian Improvements - Lake Otis Pkwy to Sunrise Dr**

Problem: This route serves Airport Heights Elementary School. A walkway is a priority for the Airport Heights Community Council.

Scope: Construct pedestrian facilities on 16th Ave from Lake Otis Pkwy to Sunrise Dr.

Status: No work is underway and no funding is proposed in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. The project has been submitted for evaluation and prioritization through the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan. The project will remain on the Capital Projects Needs List for future funding consideration.

20th Ave Pedestrian Improvements - Tikishla Park to Bragaw St

Problem: 20th Avenue serves as a major pedestrian corridor to East High School and Russian Jack Elementary School. Currently there are no pedestrian facilities on either side of the street. This project is a priority in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan. The Airport Heights Community Council ranks this project as a top 5 priority.

Scope: Construct pedestrian facilities, preferably on the south side.

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

20th Ave Walkway - Lake Otis Pkwy to Sunrise Dr

Problem: Students go up and down a hill to get to the neighborhood school in an unbuilt portion of 20th Avenue.

Scope: Construct pedestrian walkway.

Status: No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. The project has been submitted for evaluation and prioritization through the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan. The project will remain on the Capital Projects Needs List for future funding consideration.

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Airport Heights Area Traffic Calming and Safety Improvements

Problem: Many of the roads in the Airport Heights Area are long and straight. As a result, vehicles are often driven above the speed limit. Pedestrian facilities are also inadequate. This project is a high priority for the Airport Heights Community Council.

Scope: This project will construct traffic calming measures to reduce traffic speed and improve vehicle and pedestrian safety concerns. If funding is available, the following will be installed in 2009: 1) a median chicane on 16th Avenue between Lake Otis Parkway and Alder Street, 2) a traffic circle at the intersection of 16th Avenue and Birchwood Street, 3) a gateway treatment at 16th Avenue and Lake Otis Parkway, and 4) off-street parking at Airport Heights Elementary School.

Status: Design is underway. Construction funding is proposed with a 2009 state grant. With the completion of projects scheduled for construction in 2009, 75% of the projects identified in the Airport Heights Traffic Calming Study will be finished.

Airport Heights Elementary School Stairs

Problem: Pedestrian access to Airport Heights Elementary is inadequate.

Scope: Install stairs.

Status: No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. The project has been submitted for evaluation and prioritization through the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan. The project will remain on the Capital Projects Needs List for future funding consideration.

Alexander Ave Subdrains - Wintergreen St to Norene Dr

Problem: There are flooding issues on this street related to the inadequacy of the existing storm drain system. Most of the homes on the street have water in their crawl spaces.

Scope: Install subdrains with footing drain stub-outs to each parcel.

Status: This project has not started. A 2009 state grant for \$2,200,000 is proposed to fully fund this project. If the grant is provided, construction could occur in 2010 or 2011.

Bragaw St at Penland Pkwy Traffic Safety Crossing

Problem: This intersection serves as the primary pedestrian access between the high-density residential area to the east and the commercial district to the west. This project is a priority in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan. This project is a high priority for the Airport Heights Community Council.

Scope: Install new pedestrian safety crossing signals and improve crosswalk visibility.

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

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT & ENGINEERING**Bragaw St at Reka Dr Pedestrian Crossing Improvements**

Problem: This crossing connects a high-density residential area with a commercial district. This projected ranks number 33 out of more than 300 in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan. This project is a priority for the Airport Heights Community Council.

Scope: Construct pedestrian friendly crossing signals and improve crosswalk visibility.

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

Chester Creek Middle Fork Rehabilitation - Lake Otis Pkwy to Russian Jack Park

Problem: Construct priority creek improvements to address flooding, erosion, and water quality issues.

Scope: This project will design and construct erosion, fish habitat, flooding, and storm drain improvements on Chester Creek.

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

Chester Creek Trail Surface Rehab

Problem: Cracks and bumps on this trail are producing safety concerns with users.

Scope: Rehab the trail surface.

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

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Cliffside Dr/Eastridge Dr Road Reconstruction RID - 20th Ave to Knoll Cir

Problem: Property owners requested and then voted to form a road improvement district to reconstruct these local roads. The roads and sidewalks are in disrepair. There are significant drainage issues as well.

Scope: Reconstruct Eastridge Drive from Knoll Circle south to Cliffside Drive and Cliffside Drive west and north to 20th Avenue. Improvements are expected to include a new road base using geotextile fabric and insulation board, install storm drains, replace the sidewalks, and upgrade the street lighting.

Status: This Road Improvement District (RID) has been approved by property owners and the Anchorage Assembly. Design should begin in 2009 and construction funding is expected in 2011 or 2012.

Debarr Rd at Columbine St Intersection Safety Improvements

Problem: This is the primary pedestrian crossing point on Debarr Road between the signalized intersections at Airport Heights and Bragaw that are one-half mile apart. This project is a priority in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan. This project ranked 7th out of 25 for the Airport Heights Community Council.

Scope: Construct a safe pedestrian crossing at this intersection.

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

Lake Otis Pkwy at 20th Ave Intersection Safety

Problem: This intersection has a relatively high accident rate. This project is a priority for the Traffic Department.

Scope: This project will construct safety improvements to this intersection. Dedicated left-hand turn lanes on Lake Otis Parkway are anticipated. The curb bulb-out on the northeast side of the intersection will be removed to allow for an optional straight ahead/right-turn lane traveling north on Lake Otis Parkway. In addition, the traffic signals will be altered to match the new lane configuration.

Status: No work is underway or scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. However, intersection safety matching funds may be used for this project.

Lake Otis Pkwy Extension - DeBarr Rd to Airport Heights Rd

Problem: Increasing traffic in this area is expected to increase the need for this new road connection.

Scope: Improvements are expected to include pavement, curbs, pedestrian facilities, street lighting, and drainage.

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

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT & ENGINEERING**Lake Otis Pkwy Reconstruction - Northern Lights Blvd to DeBarr Rd**

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. No work is underway or scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program.

Northern Lights Blvd at Bragaw St Pedestrian Crossing Improvements

Problem: This is a busy pedestrian crossing used by East High students. A fatality occurred near this intersection in 2008. This project is included in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan. This project is a top 3 priority for the Airport Heights Community Council.

Scope: Construct pedestrian friendly crossing signals and improve crosswalk visibility.

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

Northern Lights Blvd Expansion - Lake Otis Pkwy to Boniface Pkwy

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 6-year Capital Improvement Program. The project will remain on the Capital Projects Needs List for future funding consideration. This route is designated as a major arterial in the Official Streets and Highways Plan.

Northern Lights Blvd Pedestrian Overpass to Goose Lake Lighting Upgrades

Problem: Concerns have been expressed about the adequacy of existing lighting on this overpass related to safety.

Scope: Install enhanced lighting.

Status: No work is underway or scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. The project will remain on the Capital Projects Needs List for future funding consideration. The project has been submitted for evaluation and prioritization in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan.

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Northway Dr Pedestrian Improvements (east side) - Penland Pkwy to Debarr Rd

Problem: There is a missing pedestrian connection on the east side of Northway Drive. The construction of a new office building on the corner of Debarr and Northway creates new demand for pedestrian movement between office buildings and the restaurants and service

Scope: Construct a sidewalk on the east side of Northway Drive.

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

Penland Pkwy Drainage and Surface Rehab - Airport Heights Rd to Bragaw St

Problem: Pavement on this collector is maintaining better than expected. Storm drain improvements may also be included to address flooding. Drainage appears to be a higher priority.

Scope: Improvements are expected to include pavement overlay or replacement, as well as some road base reconstruction and storm drain upgrades.

Status: Public involvement and preliminary engineering are underway. Construction is expected to occur in phases.

Sitka St at 15th Ave Area Drainage

Problem: There is localized flooding and ice build up at the intersection of Sitka St and 15th Ave. This project is a priority for the neighborhood, Airport Heights Community Council, and Street Maintenance.

Scope: This project will replace a crushed storm drain system under Sitka Street. The project will improve safety and reduce O&M costs by reducing flooding and ice build up.

Status: Funding is proposed through a combination of 2009 state grant and local road bonds. If the grant is provided, construction is expected to occur in 2010.

STATE OF ALASKA

Airport Heights Rd at Debarr Rd Pedestrian Crossing Improvements

Problem: This busy crosswalk needs safer pedestrian and bicycle crossing treatment. This is the primary crossing for residents in the Airport Heights area to the south accessing Alaska Regional Hospital and the Northway commercial district. This project is a priority in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan and for the Airport Heights Community Council.

Scope: Install new pedestrian friendly crossing signals and improve crosswalk visibility.

Status: This is a state-owned facility and evaluation and future funding would be by the State of Alaska. The project will remain on the Capital Projects Needs List for future funding consideration.

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Airport Heights Rd at Glenn Hwy Pedestrian Crossing Improvements

Problem: Crossing six lanes of high speed traffic is a challenge for non-motorized users. This project is a priority of the Airport Heights Community Council and the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan.

Scope: Construct pedestrian-friendly crossing signals and improve crosswalk visibility.

Status: This is a state-owned facility and evaluation and future funding would be by the State of Alaska. This need will be addressed with the Airport Heights/Glenn interchange project. The project will remain on the Capital Projects Needs List for future funding consideration.

Airport Heights Rd West-side Pedestrian Facilities - Northway Dr to Debarr Rd

Problem: The new site plan for the AFD Fire Training Facility calls for a new sidewalk to be constructed along its entire frontage with Airport Heights Road. This will leave gaps in the pedestrian facilities on either end. This project is included in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan. The project is a priority for the Airport Heights Community Council.

Scope: Construct pedestrian facilities to fill the missing links on this roadway.

Status: No work is underway. A 2009 state grant has been requested. This is a rut repair priority for the state.

Debarr Rd Rut Repair - Lake Otis Pkwy to Muldoon Rd

Problem: Rutting and pavement deterioration are occurring.

Scope: Overlay or resurface this arterial.

Status: No work is underway. A 2009 state grant has been requested. This is a rut repair priority for the state.

Glenn Hwy at Airport Heights Rd Interchange

Problem: This intersection is one of the most congested in Anchorage.

Scope: The project scope is not set and will be clarified as preliminary engineering continues on the Highway to Highway project.

Status: No work is underway or funding scheduled. Improvements may be part of the Highway to Highway Connection. Preliminary engineering efforts are just beginning on that project. This is a state-owned facility and evaluation and future funding would be by the State of Alaska.

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Seward Hwy to Glenn Hwy Connection (H2H) - Bragaw St to Tudor Rd

Problem: The Highway to Highway improvements are considered necessary to address capacity, demand, safety, and system linkage to major destinations and freight mobility on the existing Seward Highway and Glenn Highway NHS routes. These NHS routes provide access to major employment centers in downtown and midtown Anchorage and major intermodal port, rail, and airport facilities. The Seward and Glenn Highway NHS routes are divided highways coming into the center of Anchorage, which transition to urban arterial streets with connecting roads, stop lights, and commercial and residential access. The urban arterial segments of the routes are characterized by high travel demand, congestion, and resulting safety issues caused by traffic levels that have exceeded the capacity of the existing arterial street network.

Scope: Connect the Seward Highway to the Glenn Highway.

Status: The formal project scoping phase has ended. Purpose and need statements are under development.