

Community Council Survey

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South Birchwood Loop Rd Upgrade - Old Glenn Hwy to North Birchwood Loop Rd

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

REPLACEMENT FIRE ENGINES

Problem:

Scope: Programmed replacement of 2 fire engines (2011-replaces a 1988 Segraves engine, 2012 replaces a 1992 E-One engine)

Status:

REPLACEMENT OF AIR RESOURCES EQUIPMENT (CHUGIAK)

Problem: New national safety standards have prompted AFD to replace its entire inventory of SCBAs. This request would bring Chugiak Volunteer Fire Department up to the same standard which is necessary to maintain compatibility with Anchorage Fire Department and Girdwood Fire Department as they migrate to the new compliant SCBA system.

Scope: This project would replace the entire inventory of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA's).

Status:

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OFFICE OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**EAGLE RIVER TOWN CENTER AND EOC**

Problem: The project implements a long-standing priority of the community. improved disaster preparedness in the Eagle River, Chugiak and Peters Creek/Eklutna areas through creation of the Emergency Operations Center Annex. The MOA Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has long recognized the need for an emergency coordination center based out of the Chugiak-Eagle River area. The Anchorage Emergency Operations Plan, 2005/2007, authorizes activation of a coordination center in Eagle River when Anchorage-based EOC operations are insufficient to protect life and property, as could easily occur in an emergency that cuts off key communication and transportation routes from Anchorage. Because of this priority, MOA has trained 25 Chugiak-Eagle River residents to serve on an incident management team and has pre-positioned critical equipment in Eagle River. All that is needed is an emergency operations facility. The Valley River Center is a preferred site because of its central location and colocation with other municipal agencies. Existing OEM staff would oversee the facility's operational readiness. Informal discussions are also underway with the State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management regarding their interest in using the coordination center as an alternate site in the event of emergency activation. Certainly this facility is important to the safety and security of local residents and potentially could benefit all Alaskans.

Scope: This project provides funds to complete renovation of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) within the Eagle River Town Center. The EOC will be equipped and maintained in a state of operational readiness for disaster response in the Chugiak-Eagle River region. When not in use for emergency response, the facility will be available for training for other municipal agencies and community organizations. □

Status: \$6.7M for the Town Center project has been raised from a combination of State, Municipal, private Foundation, and local community fund-raising efforts. This has allowed purchase of the Town Center building which will provide space for the EOC, and remodeling commenced in fall of 2008. The funding sought in the 2009 budget is for telecommunications and internet connectivity and completion and equipping of the EOC. □

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HARRY J MCDONALD CENTER EXPANSION

Problem: The expansion of Harry J. McDonald Center not only addresses recreational needs for the growing Eagle River-Chugak Area but also is an essential step to make the facility self-supporting. An indoor arena with two, as opposed to just one, ice rinks will generate sufficient revenue to operate the facility without any need for an operating subsidy.

Scope: Funding is requested to expand the Harry J. McDonald Center in Eagle River to address community needs for active family recreation. The expansion will add a second ice rink.

Status: The expansion will enhance and support greater community use for other activities including indoor soccer, wrestling tournaments, as well as trade, dog, craft, and local band shows, and other special events. Additional planned improvements include improved ADA-accessibility and accommodations for special needs recreation activities and social involvement. □ □ The Harry J. McDonald Center expansion is strongly supported by Chugiak-Eagle River residents, multiple sports groups, and endorsed by the Parks and Recreation Board of Supervisors and Chugiak-Eagle River Chamber of Commerce.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT & ENGINEERING

Chugiak-Eagle River Areawide Aquifer Study and Drainage Plan

Problem: Development in this region has produced a need for an areawide plan to handle future drainage needs.

Scope: This project will study the aquifer in the Chugiak-Eagle River area and make drainage plan recommendations.

Status: No work is underway and no funding is proposed in the approved CIP. The project will remain on the Capital Projects Needs List for future funding consideration.

Eagle River Area Snow Disposal Site

Problem: The population growth and corresponding development in the Eagle River valley has produced a need for increased snow storage capacity. Using existing facilities is increasingly expensive as the trips made by dump trucks are greater and further.

Scope: This project will construct a snow disposal facility serving the Chugiak, Birchwood, Eagle River Rural Road Service Area (CBERRRSA).

Status: No work is underway, However, a 2009 state grant has been requested for site selection, acquisition, and preliminary engineering funding.

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Eagle River Chugiak Road and Drainage System Rehab

Problem: Road and drainage needs exist throughout the service area.

Scope: Construct road and drainage improvements.

Status: The Chugiak, Birchwood, Eagle River Rural Road Service Area Board manages funding collected through property taxes for road and drainage improvements in their area. The local road board evaluates and prioritizes projects for funding. In addition, state grant funding is pursued annually.

Peters Creek Drainage Basin Flood Study

Problem: To reduce flooding along Peters Creek, particularly on the west side of the Glenn Hwy.

Scope: The first funding would be for a preliminary drainage analysis of the Peters Creek drainage basin.

Status: No work is underway and no funding is proposed in the approved CIP. The project will remain on the Capital Projects Needs List for future funding consideration.

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Birchwood Loop Gravel Multi-purpose Trail

Problem: No trail exists. South Birchwood Loop is designated as a collector route in the OS&HP.

Scope: Construct gravel multi-purpose trail.

Status: No work is underway or funding scheduled. This is a state-owned facility and evaluation and future funding would be by the State of Alaska.

Chugiak High School Access Improvements (South Birchwood Loop Rd)

Problem: Public input on the need would be appreciated.

Scope: To be determined.

Status: No work is underway or funding scheduled. This is a state-owned facility and evaluation and future funding would be by the State of Alaska.

Glenn Hwy Expansion - North Eagle River Access Rd to South Birchwood Lp

Problem: The Long Range Transportation Plan anticipates the need to add lanes to address increased traffic volumes and congestion.

Scope: Tentative scope would include expanding both north and south directions from 2-lane to 3-lane configurations.

Status: No work is underway or funding scheduled. This is a state-owned facility and evaluation and future funding would be by the State of Alaska.

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Glenn Hwy Interchange - between North and South Birchwood Loop Rds

Problem: No access exists to the Glenn Highway between North Birchwood Loop Road and South Birchwood Loop Road. Construction would have some access and area circulation benefit.

Scope: Scope would likely include construction of some type of separated intersection.

Status: No work is underway or funding scheduled. This is a state-owned facility and evaluation and future funding would be by the State of Alaska.

Glenn Hwy Rut Repair - Eklutna Rd to Hiland Rd

Problem: Rutting and pavement deterioration are occurring. This road is used by over 43,000 vehicles a day.

Scope: Overlay the existing surface to remove the ruts.

Status: Full funding is proposed through the Federal Stimulus Package and construction is planned for 2009.

Glenn Hwy Standard Highway Lighting - Hiland Rd to South Birchwood Loop

Problem: Interest in improved lighting on the Glenn Highway has been expressed.

Scope: Install improved lighting using standard highway lights. Hightower lighting is not desired due to the light "pollution" it produces.

Status: This project is included as a "contingent" project in the Federal Stimulus Package. If additional funding is available to Alaska, it may be appropriated to this project.

Glenn Hwy Standard Highway Lighting - South Birchwood Loop to Knik Bridge

Problem: Safety on this highway traveled by an average of 35,000 vehicles daily is impacted by the lack of sufficient lighting. Interest has been expressed in improved lighting to improve safety. This project is a priority for the Birchwood and Chugiak Community Councils and the DOT.

Scope: Install standard lighting improvements on the Glenn Highway.

Status: This project is included as a "contingent" project in the Federal Stimulus Package. If additional funding is available to Alaska, it may be appropriated to this project.

North Birchwood Loop Rd Gravel Multi-purpose Trail

Problem: There are no pedestrian facilities along most of this arterial route. Local wheelchair users and others must use the road itself and the road shoulders are narrow.

Scope: Construct a gravel multi-purpose trail from the end of the existing trail to Stoltze Drive.

Status: This is a state-owned route and evaluation and funding would be by the State of Alaska DOT. The route is designated as a collector in the Official Streets and Highways Plan (OS&HP).

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North Birchwood Loop Rd/Birchwood Spur Rd Upgrade

Problem: This road has never been constructed to standards.

Scope: While the scope will be developed in the design study phase, improvements are expected to include a new road base, paved roads and shoulders, drainage, and pedestrian facilities.

Status: No work is underway or funding scheduled. This is a state-owned facility and evaluation and funding would be by the State of Alaska. The route is identified as an arterial in the Official Streets and Highways Plan.

South Birchwood Loop Rd Pavement Rehab

Problem: The pavement on this collector is beginning to deteriorate.

Scope: Replace the existing surface with new layers of asphalt.

Status: This is a state-owned route and evaluation and funding would be by the State of Alaska DOT.

South Birchwood Loop Rd Upgrade - Old Glenn Hwy to North Birchwood Loop Rd

Problem: This street is not constructed to suburban collector standards.

Scope: While the scope is not set, suburban collector improvements typically include a new road base, paved lanes and shoulders, pedestrian facilities, and street lighting.

Status: No work is underway or funding scheduled. This is a state-owned facility and evaluation and funding would be by the State of Alaska. The route is designated as a collector in the Official Streets and Highways Plan (OS&HP).