

Community Council Survey

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LIST SHOULD INCLUDE ALL KNOWN NEEDS INCLUDING THOSE ALREADY IDENTIFIED FOR FUNDING IN MOA BUDGETS

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ANCHORAGE PARKS & RECREATION**ANCHORAGE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL IMPROVEMENTS**

Problem: Alaska is experiencing a heightened awareness of the contributions our service men and women make for the entire United States of America. The Anchorage Veteran's Memorial should provide a respectful place to celebrate, grieve and respect the patriotic acts of our citizens. The existing facility does not meet the needs of a special events community space and is not ADA accessible.

Scope: A Mayor-appointed Veteran's Memorial Blue Ribbon Task Force has been guiding the project development of the Anchorage Veteran's Memorial in Delaney Park and selected a Preferred Alternative. Funds will be used to build the final selected design.

Status: The Anchorage Veteran's Memorial is intended to be a place that inspires and nurtures all visitors -- veterans, non-veterans and especially school children -- for a heightened sense of patriotism and an appreciation for the sacrifices endured by the veterans from the 49th State. The current Veteran's Memorial in Delaney Park has many limiting features and there is a strong desire within the community for the memorial to adequately reflect the contributions of our Alaskan veterans. The proposed memorial improvements will redesign the existing Veteran's Memorial to recognize the use of the space that has evolved over many years. The existing memorial will be reoriented to address problematic site conditions such as solar glare and traffic noise, existing elements will be reorganized and new elements will be constructed. These improvements will provide a fully accessible space for public ceremony while recognizing the needs of many for a space for quiet remembrance. It will provide space to acknowledge the campaigns of America's military while recognizing the specific sacrifices of Alaskans and their contributions to the protection of liberty. Improvements will make the memorial fully accessible to the disabled, will provide sound attenuation from nearby roadways, and provide lighting and visibility that meets the needs of our veterans and citizens while providing a safe and secure public space. The power of the memorial elements and the park surroundings into which it is placed will enable all visitors to contemplate both the cost of America's liberty and the memory of those men and women who have paid it through their military service.

The \$500,000 State request would be used to leverage \$250,000 in hand and \$500,000 in privately raised funds. Design and Development of the Veteran's Memorial is funded through the 2007 Municipal Park Bond.

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ANCHORAGE PARKS & RECREATION**SHIP CREEK TRAIL - TYSON ELEMENTARY TO GLENN HIGHWAY**

Problem: Ship Creek is intended to provide better pedestrian and bicycle access to schools, shopping, employment, and cultural/recreational centers and promote the sense of community for the low-automobile neighborhoods of Downtown.

Scope: The proposed 2.4 mile trail segment would satisfy a long planned need and connect Tyson Elementary School to the Glenn Highway Trail at Boniface Parkway. It will provide a much needed connection for the Mountain View neighborhood along the boundary of Elmendorf Air Force Base.

Status: The ultimate build-out of the Ship Creek Trail will create a regional trail facility that connects Kincaid Park via the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail with the Glenn Highway trail and Chugiak/Eagle River - a distance of over 40 miles.

TOWN SQUARE PARK - PHASE II

Problem: Upgrades are needed for Town Square Park to enhance the park for public events and improve visibility and connectivity to surrounding business and public areas including the Performing Arts Center and the Egan Center.

Scope: Funds would be used to leverage municipal and private funds to create a permanent summer reflecting pond/winter ice skating rink, improved lighting, installation of an irrigation system and stage area.

Status: The Town Square Park is Anchorage's primary public plaza and the heart of Downtown Anchorage. It provides venues for summer flowers enjoyed by tourist and residents, music in the park, civic events and festivals, winter ice skating -- all of which promote tourism, civic pride and economic development for related downtown businesses. In 2007, voters approved a \$250,000 Municipal Park Bond for the park, which improved the winter ice skating rink and brick pathways.

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OFFICE OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**DOWNTOWN LIBRARY**

Problem: The project is part of a larger effort to “renew” our library system. Anchorage has been without a downtown library since the Loussac Library moved to its Midtown location in 1986. The rapid redevelopment of downtown Anchorage is bringing new residents and businesses to the area. There is limited access to public technology. The library will bring Anchorage Public Library resources back to downtown and provide much-needed services to the area’s residents. Today the Eagle River library is being expanded to meet the growing needs of the community, the Muldoon Library was relocated, and Mt View Library is being restored to its original location. All part of the greater renewal project. The Loussac Library has also been identified for major improvements. A downtown library has long been desired by the local residents, businesses, and visitors. For many years, an anonymous donor has encouraged the MOA to identify a location, with the anticipation of providing necessary funds for its purchase. An initial \$600,000 contribution was made to the Library Foundation and is dedicated for this purpose. The donor intends to contribute the additional \$600,000 for a total of \$1.2 million for the purchase. With a State grant of \$1 million, the purchase, renovation and equipping can be completed with an anticipated opening of December 1, 2009.

Scope: This project provides funds to renovate an existing downtown building located in Anchorage on F Street between 6th and 7th Avenue. In addition to serving local downtown residents, the Downtown Branch Library will serve the thousands of Anchorage residents that work downtown and visitors to our city. The Downtown Branch will be different from other branch libraries, focusing on electronic resources, computer technology, and a strong Alaskan and business collection.

Status: The building is being purchased for \$1.2 million contributed by a private donor. A total of \$1.8 million is needed for the renovations, equipment, furnishings, and book collections. BP has contributed \$100,000 and Rasmuson Foundation has contributed \$200,000. The MOA plans to place the Downtown Library on the bond initiative this April for \$500,000. This request is for the State to contribute \$1 million as a match to the \$2 million in other sources identified. □

PROJECT MANAGEMENT & ENGINEERING**3rd Ave and Gambell St Signal**

Problem: The Traffic Department has identified this intersection as a priority location for a traffic signal. An average of over 10,000 vehicles pass through this intersection each day. Many pedestrians cross 3rd Avenue west of Beans Cafe, but there is not currently a signalized crossing making this a potentially hazardous mix of pedestrians and vehicles.

Scope: Install a traffic signal at this intersection.

Status: Funding is proposed through a combination of 2009 state grant and local road bonds. If funded, construction could begin in 2010 or 2011.

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT & ENGINEERING**7th Ave Surface Rehab - L St to A St (not including G St to E St)****Problem:** Pavement and curbs are deteriorating.**Scope:** Rehab pavement and curb as required. Install ADA upgrades.**Status:** No work is underway. design funding is planned for 2013 or 2014 in the approved CIP.**CBD Traffic Signal Replacement, Phase I****Problem:** Traffic signals in the Central Business District (CBD) are reaching the end of their useful life.**Scope:** Replace signals in the CBD with upgraded facilities.**Status:** A design study report has been completed. Final design and utility phase funding is proposed for 2010. Construction funding is planned for 2012 and 2013 in the approved CIP.**Cordova St Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements - 3rd Ave to 16th Ave****Problem:** Cordova Street has sidewalks on both sides that are adjacent to the curb, but no bicycle facility outside the road pavement. Excessive speeds on this route are a concern of the Fairview Community Council. This project is a priority for them. This project is viewed as an extension of the 9th Ave reconstruction project by the community council.**Scope:** This project will construct pedestrian and bicycle improvements along a collector street. Future improvements are expected to include connections north to Ship Creek and south to Chester Creek.**Status:** This project has not started. A 2009 state grant has been requested to fund initial design study efforts. The route is identified as a collector street in the Official Streets and Highways Plan (OS&HP). Construction funding is proposed for 2014 in the approved CIP.**Cordova St Reconstruction - E 2nd Ct to 16th Ave****Problem:** This section of Cordova Street is beginning to show signs of wear. The pedestrian facilities are in the greatest need of repair. Street lighting does not meet current urban standards. This project is a priority for the Fairview Community Council.**Scope:** Reconstruct this portion of Cordova Street. Improvements are expected to include a new road base, two lanes of traffic with on-street parking in most blocks, evaluating the storm drain system, replacing pedestrian facilities, and upgrading the street lighting.**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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PROJECT MANAGEMENT & ENGINEERING**E St Corridor Enhancements Phase II - 2nd Ave to 4th/5th Alley**

Problem: The pedestrian and lighting amenities on this collector street corridor do not meet desired standards. Upgrades are expected to encourage private business investment and economic development in the downtown core area.

Scope: This project will improve pedestrian facilities and enhance landscape amenities and wayfinding. Heated sidewalks are proposed as well as adding curb bulb outs at intersections, adding landscaping and pedestrian lighting, decorative paving, and taking some existing on-street parking to widen sidewalks.

Status: No work is underway. Project funding is proposed through a combination of state grant and local bond funds. Design funding is planned for 2011 or 2012.

E St Corridor Enhancements Phase III - 7th/8th Alley to Delaney Park Strip

Problem: The pedestrian and lighting amenities on this collector street corridor do not meet desired standards. Upgrades are expected to encourage private business investment and economic development in the downtown core area.

Scope: This project will improve pedestrian facilities and enhance landscape amenities and wayfinding. Heated sidewalks are proposed as well as adding curb bulb outs at intersections, adding landscaping and pedestrian lighting, decorative paving, and taking some existing on-street parking to widen sidewalks.

Status: No work is underway. Project funding is proposed through a combination of state grant and local bond funds. Design funding is planned for 2012 or 2013.

Eagle St Surface Rehab - 3rd Ave to 6th Ave

Problem: Pavement is deteriorating.

Scope: Replace or overlay pavement.

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.

F St Corridor Enhancements Phase II - 4th/5th Alley to 7th/8th Alley

Problem: The completion of the Denaina Center will attract large conventions and conferences to downtown Anchorage. The existing pedestrian facilities may be hazardous to "outside" visitors during the winter months.

Scope: Construct roadway improvements to this downtown corridor to make it more pedestrian-friendly and create an attractive environment for local users and out-of-town visitors.

Status: No work is underway. Project funding is proposed through a combination of state grant and local bond funds. Design funding is anticipated for 2012 or 2013.

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G St Corridor Enhancements Phase II - 3rd Ave to 5th Ave

Problem: Pedestrian amenities need upgrading.**Scope:** Upgrade pedestrian amenities.**Status:** No work is underway. Design funding is anticipated in 2011 or 2012.

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I St/L St Rut Repair - 3rd Ave to 13th Ave

Problem: This major arterial has an ADT over 15,000. The road surface has pot holes and cracking. Increased deterioration could impact safety. This project is a priority for the state DOT.**Scope:** This project will construct pavement rehabilitation improvements on a major arterial street. Improvements are expected to include rut-repair and/or pavement overlay.**Status:** No work is underway or funding scheduled. This is a state-owned route and evaluation and funding would be by the State of Alaska DOT.

Ingra St Channelization - 3rd Ave to 4th Ave (HSIP)

Problem: Safety issues have been identified in this corridor.**Scope:** Channelization will be installed to address safety issues.**Status:** Design is underway and 2010 construction is anticipated. Funding is through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).

Ingra St/Gambell St Extension - 3rd Ave to Whitney Rd

Problem: The connection will be a critical transportation connection to minimize traffic impacts on downtown, if the Knik Arm Crossing moves forward.**Scope:** Construct major transportation corridor.**Status:** No work is underway or funding scheduled. This is a state-owned route and evaluation and funding would be by the State of Alaska DOT.

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

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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.