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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:

HERITAGE LAND BANK

EAGLE RIVER HLB PARCELS

Problem: Area's growth needs development of open spaces, residential and other use-type activities for uncommitted land.

Scope: Post-land use study planning for coordinated development or allocation of areas in HLB parcels where recommended by the LUS for open space and other uses.

Status: Recent land use study made recommendations for open space and limited types of development. \$50k appropriated in 2008; remainder to be appropriated as conditions warrant.

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EAGLE RIVER LIBRARY

Problem: Chugiak-Eagle River is the fastest growing area in the municipality. It also has the highest library use among the five branches. □ The current library occupies 12,000 sq ft in a strip mall, a space that is only 2/3 the recommended size relative to the number of patrons served and is becoming increasingly cramped as the growth in library services continues to outpace population growth. It uses furniture discarded by other libraries, an increasingly tattered collection of books and materials, and outdated technology. The new library space will address not only the rapid growth in the community but also the need for new technology and the need for separate spaces for young children and teens.

Scope: The municipality has purchased the Valley River Center in Eagle River to create a town center housing the library and all local municipal services, thereby implementing a key recommendation of the Eagle River Revitalization Plan and a long-standing top priority of the community. A focal point of the new "town hall" will be the Eagle River branch Library. The new library will be over 20,000 square feet, double its current size, including a new teen area and children's area as well as expanded computer area. The new library will also be outfitted with new furniture and equipment, replacing existing furniture that is more than 30 years old. Chugiak-Eagle River is the busiest branch library in the municipality with more than 11,000 visits a month. □

Status: The municipality has secured \$1M in private funds, over \$1.5M in local funds, \$1.7M in Municipal funds, and \$1.9 in state funds to purchase and renovate the building. A local fundraising campaign is still underway. The new library is targeted to open in June 2009. Additional funds are needed for library collections, furnishings, and information systems and for enhancement of the children's area. □ □

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EAGLE RIVER TOWN CENTER AND EOC

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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. □

EAGLE RIVER/CHUGIAK TRAIL LIGHTING

Problem: Safety in winter is critical on heavily wooded areas. Trail lighting will improve security and enhance outdoor recreation in Eagle River.

Scope: Add needed trail lighting.

Status: Community supports improved lighting.

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT & ENGINEERING**Brooks Rd/Chugiak Dr/Cross Rd Upgrade**

Problem: This project is a priority for the Chugiak, Birchwood, Eagle River Rural Road Service Area Board. Because these roads have not been built to current standards, safety may be impacted.

Scope: These roads are not constructed to current design standards.

Status: No work is underway. A 2009 state grant has been requested to fully fund the project.

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. A 2009 state grant has been requested to fund site selection, easement acquisition, and preliminary engineering.

Eagle River CBD Circulation Study

Problem: Concern has been expressed about options for improving circulation in the Eagle River CBD area.

Scope: The project will conduct a comprehensive circulation study for the entire road and pedestrian network within the downtown core of Eagle River. The study will include an assessment of pedestrian improvement needs, access management alternatives, the need for improved connectivity between the Old Glenn Highway and Business Boulevard, and traffic flows along the Old Glenn Highway, including the movement of freight vehicles.

Status: AMATS funding for a preliminary circulation study has been provided and the study is underway. Funding for a second phase study that addresses DOT issues is proposed with a 2009 state grant. If no grant is provided, this phase may also be funded through AMATS.

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT & ENGINEERING

EAGLE RIVER CBD STUDY

Problem: Concern has been expressed about options for improving circulation in the Eagle River CBD area.

Scope: The project will design and construct circulation improvement for road network within the downtown core of Eagle River. A study, currently underway, is assessing pedestrian improvement needs, developing access management alternatives, evaluating the need for improved connectivity between the Old Glenn Highway and Business Boulevard, and analyzing traffic flows along the Old Glenn Highway, including the movement of freight vehicles.

Status: Design funding is proposed for 2010 in the AMATS TIP. Construction funding is not currently programmed.

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.

Farm Ave/End St Sidewalks

Problem: Interest has been expressed in adding sidewalks to these local roads.

Scope: Install sidewalks.

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. The project has been added to the Capital Project Needs List for evaluation and funding consideration. Please note that funding priorities in this area are set by Chugiak, Birchwood, Eagle River Road Service Area Board.

Glenn Hwy/Eagle Glen Subd Area Drainage

Problem: The existing drainage system is not adequate to handle the flow and substantial flooding occurs along the Glenn Highway and in the Eagle Glen Subdivision. This project is a priority for local property owners, the State of Alaska, Maintenance staff, elected officials, and the CBERRRSA road board.

Scope: This project will improve drainage along the Glenn Highway and in the Eagle Glen Subdivision area. Specific improvements will be identified in the design study.

Status: Design and public involvement are underway. Final funding is proposed a a 2009 state grant and a local mill levy match.

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Eagle River Loop Rd Rut Repair - Eagle River Rd to Hiland Rd

Problem: The road surface is beginning to rut.**Scope:** Overlay or resurface existing pavement.**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. This project is on a prioritized list by the Central Region of DOT.

Eagle River Rd Highway Lighting - Fire House Ln to Chain of Rock St

Problem: Improved lighting will enhance safety along this arterial corridor.**Scope:** Install highway lighting on this section of Eagle River Road.**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.

Eagle River Rd Trail Rehab - Old Glenn Hwy to Mile Hi Rd

Problem: The existing trail is showing its age and is no longer cost effective to maintain.**Scope:** This project will rehabilitate the Eagle River Road Trail from the Old Glenn Highway to Mile Hi Road.**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.

Eagle River Rd Upgrade - Old Glenn Hwy to Greenhouse Rd (MP5.3ish)

Problem: Future vehicle and pedestrian traffic may require the expansion of this facility.**Scope:** Not set.**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.

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 route and evaluation and funding would be by the State of Alaska DOT.

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Glenn Hwy Lane Expansion - Hiland Rd to Artillery Rd

Problem: Traffic volumes have continued to climb on one of the busiest road segments in Alaska. Frequent incidents along the roadway slow traffic to inefficient levels.

Scope: This project would add an additional traffic lane in each direction to the Glenn Highway from Hiland Road to Artillery Road. This would include widening or replacing the two bridges crossing Eagle River. In addition, the interchanges with Hiland Road and

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.

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 Trail Rehabilitation - Muldoon Rd to North Birchwood Lp

Problem: The trail has deteriorated to the point that maintenance is no longer cost effective.

Scope: This project will resurface the existing trail, formalize a parking facility near the weigh station, and construct a memorial pull-out.

Status: No work is underway. However, design funding is tentatively planned for 2009 through the AMATS TIP. This is a state-owned facility and evaluation and funding would be by the State of Alaska.

Glenn Hwy/Artillery Rd Interchange Expansion

Problem: Traffic and congestion is increasing at this intersection

Scope: The scope will be determined in the design study phase.

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. A state grant was provided for analysis of Artillery Road and Hiland Road interchanges at the Glenn Highway.

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North Eagle River Access Rd/Old Glenn Hwy Area Intersection Safety

Problem: Concerns about traffic and pedestrian safety in this developing area have been raised. This project is a priority for the Birchwood Community Council.

Scope: Study and analyze the traffic patterns, pedestrian access, and safety issues in the area of this North Eagle River intersection. The study will include the Snowmobile Lane intersection.

Status: This is a state-owned route and evaluation and funding would be by the State of Alaska DOT. A 2009 state grant has been requested to fund this study.

Old Eagle River Rd Upgrade (RTP) - Monte Rd to Baranoff Ave

Problem: This collector route has not been constructed to collector street standards. This project is a high priority for the CBERRRSA road board.

Scope: Upgrade or reconstruct Old Eagle River Road to urban collector standards. Improvements are expected to include pavement, curbs, storm drainage, street lighting, pedestrian facilities, and traffic calming as required.

Status: A 2009 state grant has been requested to fund this project. The project is included in the Municipality's Road Transfer Program (RTP). In this program, the municipality will design, upgrade, and take over ownership of the road if the state provides full funding for the upgrades.

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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.