

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**FISH CREEK TRAIL****Problem:**

Scope: A design and engineering contract is on track for completing the project design in 2008. Requested funds will be used to construct the Fish Creek Trail extension from Spenard Road to Northwood Park.

Status: The recently adopted Anchorage Bowl Park, Natural Resource, and Recreation Facility Plan outlines strategies for existing trail improvements and includes trail connectivity as an important component. This trail extension connects the Fish Creek trail across Spenard Road and extends the greenbelt trail south to Northwood Park, further enhancing the trail system for commuting to work and recreation opportunities.

Municipal bonds are funding the current design and engineering work. This project has been a priority for the Spenard Community Council for many years and they have appointed a 3-member panel to advise the implementation of this project.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT & ENGINEERING**Arctic Blvd Phase II - Right-Turn Lane at Tudor Rd**

Problem: The current configuration of the north leg of the Arctic Blvd/Tudor Rd intersection is inadequate to handle existing traffic.

Scope: Adds a right-turn lane for traffic going west on Tudor Road.

Status: Design, easement acquisition, and utility relocation phases are complete. Construction funding is anticipated for 2010.

Arctic Blvd Phase III Reconstruction - 36th Ave to Tudor Rd

Problem: Pavement is deteriorated and the current 4-lane configuration is not efficient and has safety issues.

Scope: Improvements are expected to include pavement, curbs, a center turn lane, medians, pedestrian facilities on both sides, street lighting, storm drains, and landscaping. The actual scope will be developed during the design phase which includes public involvement. Scope is expected to be either a 3-lane or 5-lane section.

Status: Design study efforts are underway with public involvement to follow. Construction funding is anticipated in 2012 or 2013.

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT & ENGINEERING**Benson Blvd at Spenard Rd Area Pedestrian Safety Improvements**

Problem: This intersection has a high accident rate and pedestrian safety is a growing concern. This project is a priority in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan.

Scope: This project will construct pedestrian safety improvements at this intersection of arterial streets. Specific improvements will be identified in the study.

Status: Full project funding is proposed with a combination of a 2009 state grant and local road bonds.

Fish Creek Improvements - Cook Inlet to Lake Otis Pkwy

Problem: Development has affected the natural flow of the creek and creek capacity is inadequate for current flow.

Scope: Construct water quality and drainage capacity improvements on Fish Creek.

Status: This is an annual funding program in the approved CIP. Several phases have already been funded and constructed.

Lakeshore Dr Extension/Upgrade - Aero Ave to Wisconsin St

Problem: While no immediate need exists, the OS&HP identifies this as a possible future collector street connection.

Scope: Improvements would include a new road base, curbs, pavement, underground storm drains, street lighting, and pedestrian facilities.

Status: No work is underway and no funding is proposed in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. The project will remain on the Capital Projects Needs List for future funding consideration. The project is identified as a collector route in the Official Streets and Highways Plan (OS&HP).

Lois Dr Upgrade - Tudor Rd south

Problem: This local road has never been constructed to urban standards.

Scope: Improvements are expected to include a new road base, curbs, pavement, underground storm drains, and street lighting.

Status: No work is underway and no funding is proposed in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. The project will remain on the Capital Projects Needs List for future funding consideration. Funding would be through the 30/70 Upgrade Road Improvement District program. In this program, property owners initiate the project and agree to pay 70% of the costs through special assessments.

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT & ENGINEERING**Lois Dr/36th Ave Upgrade - Northern Lights Blvd to Minnesota Dr**

Problem: This collector street has never been constructed to urban standards regarding width, curbs, drainage, street lighting, and pedestrian facilities.

Scope: This project will upgrade the road to urban collector standards including a new road base, curbs, pavement, underground storm drains, pedestrian facilities, and street lighting.

Status: No work is underway. Preliminary engineering and public involvement funding is anticipated in 2011 or 2012.

Spenard Rd Reconstruction/Safety Improvements Ph II- Hillcrest Dr to Benson Blvd

Problem: The Spenard Road Reconstruction is part of the Connect Anchorage Initiative. Spenard Road needs to be reconstructed to improve roadway elements such as pavement, driveways, curb cuts, sidewalks and curb ramps that do not meet current MOA and national standards. Safety is a concern along this corridor as many locations have a high accident rate. The Spenard Road corridor also supports one of the highest pedestrian and transit uses in Alaska. Current pedestrian and transit facilities along the corridor are minimal or non-existent and none meet ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards. There are no bicycle facilities along Spenard Road. The pavement has deteriorated to the point that maintenance is no longer cost effective. This project is a Top 3 priority for the North Star Community Council and also a priority for the Spenard Community Council.

Scope: This project will reconstruct Spenard Road to minor arterial standards and will enhance safety for drivers, non-motorized users, and transit riders. The project is expected to include a reconfiguration from a four-lane to a three-lane section, pedestrian improvements on both sides meeting ADA standards, transit improvements, bicycle lanes, storm drain improvements, street lighting upgrades, and landscaping. Intersection realignment at 27th Avenue is also planned.

Status: Design is underway and continues to include substantial public involvement. Construction funding is proposed as a combination of 2010 bonds and a 2009 state grant.

Spenard Rd Surface Rehab - International Airport Rd to Wisconsin St

Problem: Pavement and curb deterioration are becoming safety concerns along this minor arterial.

Scope: Improvements are expected to include pavement overlay or replacement and ADA upgrades.

Status: No work is underway, but design funding is anticipated in 2010 or 2011.

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT & ENGINEERING**Spenard Rd/ARR Grade Separation**

Problem: The Alaska Railroad prefers to have at-grade road crossings eliminated to reduce safety concerns.

Scope: Construct separated railroad crossing.

Status: No work is underway and no funding is proposed in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. The project will remain on the Capital Projects Needs List for future funding consideration.

Van Buren St/48th Ave Area Circulation and Access Improvements

Problem: Significant truck traffic uses Van Buren Street as its only access. Van Buren Street is also used for access and parking for neighborhood parks, Spenard Community Center, and ball fields. The mixture of uses is undesirable. This project is a priority for the neighborhood and the Spenard Community Council.

Scope: This project will construct a new access road for use by truck traffic. Truck traffic will be prohibited from the portion of Van Buren Street used to access parks and recreation facilities. Improvements are expected to include pavement, curbs, and street lighting. Construction is expected to occur in two phases.

Status: Design and public involvement efforts are underway. Evolving economic and ownership issues have made selection of a final alternative a challenge.

STATE OF ALASKA**Fireweed Ln Reconstruction - Spenard Rd to Seward Hwy**

Problem: Safety and capacity concerns with the existing 4-lane road section, especially with regard to pedestrians and non-motorized travel.

Scope: Project involves complete reconstruction of Fireweed Lane between Spenard Road and the Seward Highway and will include pedestrian, transit, bicycle and landscape improvements. This project will convert an existing 4-lane facility into a 3-lane facility wi

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.

International Airport Rd Interchange at Postmark Dr

Problem: Anticipated traffic increases may call for capacity improvements at this intersection.

Scope: One potential capacity improvement is construction of an interchange.

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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International Airport Rd/Jewel Lake Rd Grade Separation		<input type="text"/>
Problem: Anticipated traffic increases may require additional traffic capacity.		
Scope: Capacity improvements may include a grade separated intersection.		
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.		
Minnesota Dr at Tudor Rd Interchange		<input type="text"/>
Problem: Traffic is expected to continue to increase at this intersection.		
Scope: Possibly construct an interchange.		
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. The project was identified in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)		
Minnesota Dr Corridor Controlled Access - Northern Lights Blvd to International Airport Rd		<input type="text"/>
Problem: Traffic is expected to continue to increase beyond the capacity of the existing configuration.		
Scope: Anticipated scope would focus on limiting access to Minnesota Drive.		
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.		
Minnesota Dr Northbound Expansion - 16th Ave to 26th Ave		<input type="text"/>
Problem: Traffic is expected to continue to increase beyond the capacity of the existing configuration.		
Scope: Add a north bound lane.		
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.		
Northern Lights Blvd @ Minnesota Dr Pedestrian Safety & Capacity Improvements (HSIP)		<input type="text"/>
Problem: Pedestrian safety and capacity issues have been identified at this intersection.		
Scope: Improvements to bicycle/pedestrian facilities at this intersection are required, but they must also preserve the intersection's capacity for vehicles. We propose to convert the westbound left/thru lane into a left-turn only lane to create a dual westbound		
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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Northern Lights Blvd @ Spenard Rd Intersection Improvements (HSIP)

Problem: Safety concerns have been identified at this intersection.

Scope: Construct improvements to the intersection of Northern Lights Blvd and Spenard Rd.

Status: Improvements may be included in the Municipality's Spenard Road Safety Project.

Northern Lights Blvd Rut Repair - Minnesota Dr to Wisconsin St

Problem: The rutting of this road surface may impact safety and maintenance.

Scope: Overlay or re-surface the existing roadway.

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 the Central Region's prioritized rut repair list.