

Huffman/O'Malley Community Council's Rankings 2011 Capital Projects

The HOCC has grouped these CIP items into three categories: Please Include in CIP; Include if Possible; Please Delete from CIP. A short explanation is offered for each. Under each category, the projects are placed in their appearance order on the CIP list, and have not been ranked for each category.

Please Include in CIP

Birch Rd Safety Improvements - Huffman Rd to Naknek Lane
Birch Road is in dire need of improvements.

Davis Road Upgrade RID - 135th Ave to DeArmoun Rd
This projecting will be funded by the property owners, and should be supported.

Hillside Drainage Improvements
Poor development standards have created this issue, which should be addressed.

Hillside LRSA's Road and Drainage System Rehab
As long as this project is partially underwritten by the residents, it should go forward.

Lower Hillside Area Storm Drainage
If the LRSA's agree to fund these projects, they should proceed.

Birch Rd Rut Repair/Drainage/Safety - Abbott Rd to Huffman Rd
Birch Road is in dire need of improvements.

Birch Rd Upgrade - O'Malley Rd to Huffman Rd
Again, Birch Road is in dire need of improvements.

Huffman Rd Rehabilitation - Lake Otis Pkwy to Pintail St

Huffman Rd Subdrain Extension west of Shiloh Dr

O'Malley Rd Interchanges at Old and New Seward Hwys

O'Malley Rd Trail - Seward Hwy to Hillside Dr

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Include if Possible in CIP

Mountain Park/Robin Hill LRSA Road & Drainage
If the LRSA is willing to fund this project, it should proceed.

Rainbow Ave Drainage - east of Gregory St
If the residents are willing to fund this project, it should proceed.

Furrow Creek Improvements - Turnagain Arm to Elmore Rd
These drainage issues have been caused by developers and previous road "improvements".

Westwind Dr Surface Rehab - Legacy Dr to DeArmoun Rd

It is difficult to conclude the condition of this road section is a high priority. Certainly there are other projects that are wiser expenditures of taxpayer dollars. However, if the residents are willing to fund this project, it should proceed.

We do not support the following projects and recommend they be deleted from CIP

Huffman Rd at Lorraine St Intersection Improvements

This is indeed a steep hill, and any lowering of the road would raise the adjoining driveways, causing difficulties for the homeowners. As alternative access routes exist, it is not vital to address this situation.

Elmore Road Extension - Abbott Loop to O'Malley

The extension of Elmore between Abbott Loop and O'Malley would substantially increase vehicle traffic, create safety issues, and reduce trail and horseback-riding opportunities in and around HOCC residential neighborhoods. Also, Anchorage Water and Wastewater reportedly spent as much as \$250,000 restoring Little Campbell Creek in 2009 when they installed a new water line there. Based on similar MOA road projects, Little Campbell Creek would be extensively culverted at this proposed Elmore Road crossing. This project creates many problems in order to create a shortcut where it is not needed.

Hillside LRSA's Traffic Calming

The only reason to "calm" traffic is when we create wide, flat, fast roads. These create the situation where artificial responses are needed. Context Sensitive Design addresses these situations, demanding that area roads are built appropriately.

DeArmoun Road Upgrade Ph II - 140th Ave to Hillside Dr

This project is not wanted by the residents.

Huffman Road Reconstruction - Elmore Rd to Birch Rd

This section of road should not be upgraded to "urban" standards. Curbs and gutters would increase effluent to Cook Inlet, and creating a wide, fast road is outside of the goals of Context Sensitive Design and would require artificial methods to decrease speeds. The trail along this road, however, should be improved.

Huffman Rd Reconstruction - Old Seward Hwy to Lake Otis Pkwy

Again, upgrading this road to "urban" standards will be detrimental. A dedicated northbound turn lane onto Gregory would be appropriate, routing "through" traffic to the outside, as would an improved trail.

Huffman Road Rut Repair - Pintail St to Elmore Road

This is a brand-new road. If ruts are appearing, this is the contractor's responsibility.

O'Malley Rd Pedestrian Crossing at the Alaska Zoo

There is no parking on the south side of O'Malley Road. Nor is there any pedestrian facilities, such as multi use trail along this stretch of road. Why then is a pedestrian crossing needed?

O'Malley Rd Upgrade - Seward Hwy to Hillside Dr

Upgrading this road to "urban" standards will only create a wide, fast road that will need to be artificially controlled. Curbs and gutters will increase effluent to Cook Inlet instead of recharging underground reservoirs.