

Rabbit Creek Community Council

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To: Shelly Rogers, Budget Analyst

From: Rabbit Creek Community Council

Re: 2011 CIP

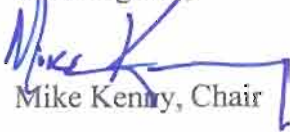
After tabulating the responses from our RCCC CIP survey, we assigned ranking numbers to the Municipality's 2011 Capital Projects priority list.

The vast majority of the responses did not include rankings for drainage projects. The recent passage of the Hillside District Plan contains elements that could dramatically change revenue sources and perhaps priorities for new watershed-wide drainage strategies.

Our rankings considered all projects, whether PM&E or DOT, collectively.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our preferences in projects the Rabbit Creek Community will likely support.

Best Regards,


Mike Kenry, Chair

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2011 Capital Projects
Rabbit Creek - Community Council Priority List
Municipality of Anchorage

Project Management and Engineering Projects

PRIORITY #	Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
NOT RANKED	\$80,000	\$0	\$80,000
145th Ave/Metz Ct Area Drainage			
Scope: This project will construct drainage improvements in the 145th Avenue and Metz Court Area. Improvements are expected to include improved ditching, new culverts, and brush clearing.			
Need: Flooding and glaciation occur at this location. This request is a priority to the LRSA, the community council, and the neighborhoods.			
Status: This project has not started. A requested state grant would fully fund the drainage improvements.			
PRIORITY #	Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
NOT RANKED	No Estimate	\$0	\$0
Birchtree/Elmore LRSA Road, Drainage, and Traffic Calming			
Scope: Construct road, drainage, and traffic calming improvements in the LRSA.			
Need: Local roads are primarily gravel and frequently have pot holes. Flooding and glaciation are concerns as well as speeding through this residential area.			
Status: This project has not started. A state grant has been requested.			
PRIORITY #	Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
8	\$1,600,000	\$600,000	\$1,000,000
Bluebell Dr at Golden View Dr Intersection Safety Improvements			
Scope: This project will construct safety improvements to this intersection. Exact scope will be determined during design study.			
Need: Safety concerns have been raised regarding this intersection. The primary concern is the steep road slope on Bluebell Drive at the Goldenview Drive intersection.			
Status: Preliminary design phase underway funded with a 2008 State Grant. A state grant has been requested and 2011 construction is planned.			
PRIORITY #	Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
9	\$46,000,000	\$0	\$46,000,000
Elmore Rd Extension - DeArmon Rd to Rabbit Creek Rd			
Scope: This project will construct a collector street. Improvements are expected to include pavement, drainage facilities, street lighting, pedestrian facilities on both sides, landscaping, and a bridge traversing Rabbit Creek.			
Need: There are no north/south collector streets connecting DeArmon Road and Rabbit Creek Road. The need for this project increased with the opening of South High School.			
Status: No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. However, this project has been added to the needs list for future funding consideration. The project is identified as a collector in the Official Streets and Highways Plan.			

PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
12	Golden View Dr at 142nd Ave Intersection Safety Improvements	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
	Scope: Scope will be determined in the study phase.			
	Need: Safety concerns have been raised regarding this intersection.			
	Status: No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. The project will remain on the Capital Project Needs List for future funding consideration.			
2	Golden View Dr Connection - Romania Dr to Potter Valley Rd	\$13,000,000	\$0	\$13,000,000
	Scope: This project will construct a collector route between Romania Drive and Potter Valley Road. The exact route and scope will be determined in the design process which includes public involvement. Improvements are expected to include pavement, drainage, pedestrian facilities, lighting, traffic calming, and landscaping.			
	Need: This connection will be a vital link in south Anchorage that will enhance traffic circulation in the area and promote safety. This collector connection is in the Long Range Transportation Plan and the Official Streets and Highway Plan. This connection is vital for safety reasons because Goldenview Drive to the north provides the only collector street egress from this large area of south Anchorage. It is a high priority for emergency services (police, fire, medical).			
	Status: No work is underway, but state grant requests are proposed in 2011 for design and 2014 for construction.			
4	Golden View Dr Safety Upgrade - Rabbit Creek Rd to Bluebell Dr	\$16,000,000	\$0	\$16,000,000
	Scope: This project will upgrade this collector street to current standards. Improvements are expected to include a new road base, pavement, a drainage system, pedestrian facilities, turn lanes, street lighting, and safety upgrades at the Rabbit Creek Road intersection.			
	Need: This existing roadway is a narrow two-lane, strip-paved roadway with minimal pedestrian facilities, and inadequate drainage and lighting. This road serves Goldenview Middle School and a large residential area. This project is a high priority for the LRSA, the school district, the Traffic Department, and the neighborhoods. It will improve safety by providing pedestrian facilities to separate pedestrians and bicycles from vehicle traffic.			
	Status: Project funding is proposed through a 50/50 partnership of state grant funding and local road bonds. The matching state grant has been requested.			
11	Golden View Dr/ Buffalo St/Elmore Rd/145th Ave Area Chip Seal Surfacing	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
	Scope: Resurface these roads with a chip seal.			
	Need: These gravel roads frequently have pot holes and contribute to Anchorage's air quality concerns.			
	Status: There is no funding proposed in the current CIP. This project will remain on the needs list for future funding consideration.			
Not Ranked	Hillside Drainage Improvements	No Estimate	\$0	\$0
	Scope: This project will complete a drainage study of the Anchorage Hillside area regarding existing and evolving drainage patterns and problem areas. The study is expected to identify and prioritize problem areas and capital projects to address the problems.			
	Need: Many areas on the Anchorage Hillside suffer from poor drainage. There are many unimproved roads that contribute to the drainage issues.			
	Status: Substantial drainage analysis and inventory has been completed on the Hillside. Annual state grant funding is proposed to begin implementing solutions for the prioritized problem areas. A state grant has been requested.			
Not Ranked	Hillside LRSA's Road and Drainage System Rehab	No Estimate	\$0	\$0
	Scope: Reconstruction of road and drainage facilities within Hillside Area Limited Road Service Areas (LRSA's). Specific projects to be identified by the local road boards.			
	Need: Many local roads remain dirt or gravel streets with high maintenance costs. In addition, these roads are a source of dust which reduces air quality for the community. This project is a priority for the hillside area community councils.			
	Status: No work has begun, but state grant funding is proposed annually in the approved CIP to supplement local mill levies.			

PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
Not Ranked	Hillside LRSA's Traffic Calming	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
	Scope: This project will fund traffic calming improvements in the Anchorage Hillside			
	Need: The project will improve safety by reducing speeds in local neighborhoods.			
	Status: No work has begun. Specific improvements will be identified by local LRSA road boards. A state grant has been requested.			
Not Ranked	Little Rabbit Creek Flooding and Glaciation Improvements	No Estimate	\$0	\$0
	Scope: This project will construct stream bank and channelization improvements to reduce flooding and glaciation and improve fish habitat.			
	Need: Due to development in the area, portions of Little Rabbit Creek are running steeper than before leading to erosion that is threatening structures.			
	Status: No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. Project will remain on the Capital Project Needs List for future funding consideration.			
Not Ranked	Lower Hillside Area Storm Drainage	No Estimate	\$0	\$0
	Scope: Construct priority storm drainage improvements in the Anchorage Lower Hillside area.			
	Need: Drainage problems exist throughout the lower elevations of the Anchorage Hillside.			
	Status: No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. This project will remain on the Capital Project Needs List for future funding consideration. This funding would be a combination of state grants with a local match from area Limited Road Service Areas.			
3	Mountain Air Dr/Hillside Dr Extension	\$8,447,000	\$4,600,000	\$1,547,000
	Scope: This project will construct a new collector connection south of Rabbit Creek Road and east of Golden View Drive. Improvements may include pavement, street lighting, drainage, and pedestrian facilities. Improvements at the Rabbit Creek Road/Mountain Air Drive intersection are now anticipated as part of the project.			
	Need: Currently all traffic is routed to Golden View Drive to the west and Clarks Road to the east. This extension would provide a much needed secondary egress for this portion of south Anchorage. Construction of this extension will increase safety for the south Anchorage hillside area. It is a high priority for emergency services including police, fire, and medical.			
	Status: Preliminary design phase underway funded by a State Grant. Additional funding is planned as a 2011 state grant request.			

State Road Projects

PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
10	Potter Valley Rd Surface Rehab - Old Seward Hwy to Greece Dr	\$3,014,000	\$313,984	\$2,700,036
	Scope: This project will overlay or replace pavement on this collector street.			
	Need: Pavement is deteriorating and pavement rehabilitation will be required.			
	Status: Design has been finalized. Construction has been postponed as the road is holding up better than expected.			
14	Abbott Rd/Hillside Dr Trail - Rabbit Creek Rd to Seward Hwy	no estimate	\$0	\$0
	Scope: Construct missing trail links and reconstruct those in poor condition.			
	Need: The trail is not fully constructed between Rabbit Creek Road and the Seward Hwy			
	Status: No work is underway. This trail will remain on the Capital Project Needs List for evaluation and future funding consideration. Both Abbott Road and Hillside Drive are state owned facilities and funding would be from state or federal sources.			
13	DeArmour Rd Upgrade Ph II - 140th Ave to Hillside Dr	\$28,000,000	\$0	\$28,000,000
	Scope: The project scope is not set.			
	Need: Drainage, pavement condition, lighting, and safety issues have been identified.			
	Status: Environmental and design work was completed by the State of Alaska. However, the project is being re-evaluated in light of public comment and future funding is uncertain. This is a state owned facility.			
7	Elmore Rd at Rabbit Creek Rd Intersection Safety Improvements	no estimate	\$0	\$0
	Scope: Construct safety improvements which will be identified in the design process.			
	Need: Safety concerns have been raised about this intersection.			
	Status: No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. This is a state owned facility and evaluation and funding would be by the State of Alaska.			
5	Old Seward Hwy Upgrade - Rabbit Creek Rd to Potter Valley Rd	\$30,000,000	\$0	\$30,000,000
	Scope: While the scope has not been set, urban collector standards typically include a new road base, curbs, pavement, pedestrian facilities, storm drains, and street lighting.			
	Need: This road has never been constructed to urban collector standards. There are safety issues with this section of the Old Seward Highway as there is strong recreational use but a narrow road with no shoulders and no pedestrian facilities.			
	Status: No work is underway or scheduled in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. This is a state-owned facility and evaluation and funding would be by the State of Alaska. This route is designated as a collector in the Official Streets and Highways Plan.			
6	Rabbit Creek Rd Upgrade - Seward Hwy to Goldenvue Dr	\$27,500,000	\$0	\$27,500,000
	Scope: While the scope has not been set, suburban arterial standards typically include a new road base, paved lanes and shoulders, pedestrian facilities, and street lighting.			
	Need: This road has not been constructed to suburban arterial standards.			
	Status: No work is underway or scheduled in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. This is a state-owned facility and evaluation and funding would be by the State of Alaska. The route is identified as a minor arterial in the Official Streets and Highways Plan.			

Bear Valley, Rabbit Creek, Glen Alps, Hillside East, Mid-Hillside, Huffman O'Malley

PRIORITY #		Estimated	Funds on	Additional
Not Ranked	Section 36	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000
Scope:	Funds will be used to implement projects identified in the Section 36 Master Plan, including trail development, access improvements and trailhead amenities.			
Need:	Section 36 is a 600+ acre parcel of land located in the Southeast Park District which has the largest concentration of natural use areas and the lowest number of municipal parks and developed outdoor recreation areas. Expected population growth in the next 10 - 15 years on the hillside will increase the need for outdoor recreation services in this area.			
Status:	Section 36 is currently held in the Municipal Heritage Land Bank and existing municipal bond money is being used to complete a master plan for the 600 acre park. Section 36 will be transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department when the master plan is complete.			

SUGGESTIONS FOR **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS** TO
CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL SURVEY

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Rabbit Creek Date: 6/1/2010
 ADDRESS: _____ Contact Name: Mike Kenney Phone: 345.8046

Name of Project	A=Add D=Delete	Priority Rank (Assign with Survey points)	Description of Addition/ Reason for Deletion
<u>RG RD/Goldenview Dr Intersection Rebuild</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Major intersection poorly designed used by middle school and Dense subdivisions.</u>
			<u>Knowing in budget of Goldenview RD safety upgrade #4</u>

INSTRUCTIONS: Review the *Capital Projects Planned*. List above any suggested **additions** or **deletions** (corrections or changes should be noted on the survey form). Include the completed **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS** form when returning your response. Direct inquiries to Christine Chesnut, at 343-4484. Thank You -- for your valuable input!