

**2011 Capital Projects
Spenard - Community Council Priority List
Municipality of Anchorage**

Project Management and Engineering Projects

PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
8	27th Ave Pedestrian Safety - Minnesota Dr to Blueberry St	\$1,750,000	\$0	\$1,750,000
	Scope: This project will construct pedestrian safety improvements along this corridor. The exact improvements will be determined in the design phase.			
	Need: This is a high volume pedestrian corridor in mid-town Anchorage. 27th Avenue has no pedestrian facilities between Spenard Road and Blueberry Street. The existing attached sidewalks between Minnesota Drive and Spenard Road are often used for parking. This project is a priority in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan.			
	Status: This project has not started. Design funding is proposed in 2011 and construction funding in 2013. State grant funding is proposed.			
2A	Arctic Blvd Phase II - Right-Turn Lane at Tudor Rd	\$2,133,007	\$1,673,668	\$459,339
	Scope: Adds a right-turn lane for traffic going west on Tudor Road.			
	Need: The current configuration of the north leg of the Arctic Blvd/Tudor Rd intersection may be inadequate to handle existing traffic.			
	Status: This project is on hold pending the recommendations of the re-design of Arctic Boulevard into a three-lane roadway. The need for this project will be evaluated in the design process for Arctic Boulevard Phase III. The project will be cancelled in not needed as part of the 3-lane concept.			
2B	Arctic Blvd Phase III Reconstruction - 36th Ave to Tudor Rd	\$9,109,934	\$588,098	\$8,521,836
	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. The recommended scope is to reconfigure as a 3 lane section.			
	Need: Pavement is deteriorated and the current 4-lane configuration is not efficient and has safety issues.			
	Status: The Traffic Department has determined a three-lane section will be used along the 36th Avenue-to-Tudor Road segment of Arctic Boulevard to match the road sections to the north and south. Design phase efforts have been partially funded. Project funding is anticipated with a combination of state grant and local road bonds. Construction is expected to begin in 2012 or 2013 depending on the availability of funding.			
3E *	Benson Blvd at Spenard Rd Area Pedestrian Safety Improvements	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000
	Scope: This project will construct pedestrian safety improvements at this intersection of arterial streets. Specific improvements will be identified in the study.			
	Need: This intersection has a high accident rate and pedestrian safety is a growing concern. This project is a priority in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan.			
	Status: These improvements will be included in the Spenard Rd Reconstruction Phase II project.			
4 *	Fireweed Ln at Arctic Blvd Pedestrian Safety	\$650,000	\$0	\$650,000
	Scope: This project will construct pedestrian safety improvements to this intersection. The exact improvements will be determined in the design phase.			
	Need: This project is a priority in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan. This is a high volume pedestrian area located between a residential area and the midtown			
	Status: This project has not started. Design funding is proposed in 2011 and construction funding in 2013 with state grants.			

PRIORITY #	7	Fish Creek Improvements - Cook Inlet to Lake Otis Pkwy	Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
			No Estimate	\$0	\$0

Scope: Construct water quality and drainage capacity improvements on Fish Creek.
 Need: Development has affected the natural flow of the creek and creek capacity is inadequate for current flow.
 Status: State grant funding is proposed for future work. Several phases have already been funded and constructed.

PRIORITY #	X	Lakeshore Dr Extension/Upgrade - Aero Ave to Wisconsin St	Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
			\$23,000,000	\$0	\$23,000,000

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Scope: Improvements would include a new road base, curbs, pavement, underground storm drains, street lighting, and pedestrian facilities.
 Need: While no immediate need exists, the OS&HP identifies this as a possible future collector street connection.
 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).

PRIORITY #	5	Lois Dr/36th Ave Upgrade - Northern Lights Blvd to Minnesota Dr	Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
			\$10,500,000	\$0	\$10,500,000

Scope: Upgrade collector street to urban standards. Improvements are expected to include a new road base, pavement, curbs, pedestrian facilities, street lighting, storm drainage, and landscaping. The typical section will be developed in the design phase with public input.
 Need: This is a strip paved road with inadequate drainage, lighting, and pedestrian facilities. The pavement condition is also deteriorating.
 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.

PRIORITY #	6	Northern Lights Blvd Pedestrian Connection - Lois Dr west to Captain Cook Estates Cir	Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
			\$1,070,000	\$150,000	\$920,000

Scope: This project will construct a missing pedestrian pathway on the south side of Northern Lights Boulevard. A bus stop is also in the area.
 Need: This project will provide a missing pedestrian link to connect existing sidewalks and tie a residential area to midtown. This project is a priority in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan.
 Status: Design study funded with a state grant. A state grant has been requested.

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3B *

Spenard Rd Reconstruction - Minnesota Dr to Benson Blvd

Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
\$22,348,000	\$1,775,000	\$20,573,000

Scope:	The project is expected to improve vehicle and pedestrian safety and will include new pavement, curb and gutter, traffic signals, street lighting and landscaping. The recommended alternative in the Preliminary Engineering Report is to convert to a 3-lane section and to convert Spenard/36th Avenue to a couplet.
Need:	This arterial street is constructed as a 4-lane curbed street with attached pedestrian facilities. The lack of designated turn lanes and pedestrian facility separation combine to cause Spenard Road to have a higher than normal accident rate.
Status:	Development of environmental approval is pending, waiting on State of Alaska. Approval for Categorical Exclusion is on hold. Future funding is uncertain.

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3C *

Spenard Rd Reconstruction Phase II - Hillcrest Dr to Benson Blvd

Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
\$18,000,000	\$0	\$18,000,000

Scope:	This project will construct this minor arterial to current urban standards. Improvements are expected to include a new road base, curb and gutter, storm drain, transit improvements, lighting upgrades, pedestrian crossing improvements, and landscaping.
Need:	The surface of the roadway is experiencing rutting, cracking, and pot holing to the point that safety may be impacted. Street maintenance expense has increased as a result of the road condition, which is deteriorating beyond the scope of normal maintenance. This corridor also includes the highest rate of pedestrian/bicycle related crashes in Anchorage.
Status:	Design is substantially complete, pending resolution of the final scope. ROW acquisition and final design on hold pending additional funding. Project funding is proposed as a 50/50 match with state grants and local road bonds. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2011 or 2012 after community concerns have been addressed.

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3D *

Spenard Rd Surface Rehab - Benson Blvd to 36th Ave

Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000

Scope:	This project will rehabilitate the surface of the roadway.
Need:	The surface of the roadway is experiencing rutting, cracking, and pot holing to the point that safety may be impacted. Street maintenance expense has increased as a result of the road condition, which is deteriorating beyond the scope of normal maintenance.
Status:	This project has not started. Design funding is proposed in 2012 and construction funding in 2014. Pavement rehab will be needed several years before the reconstruction project is ready.

PRIORITY #

3A *

Spenard Rd Surface Rehab - International Airport Rd to Wisconsin St

Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
\$1,700,000	\$0	\$1,700,000

Scope:	Improvements are expected to include pavement overlay or replacement and ADA upgrades.
Need:	Pavement and curb deterioration are becoming safety concerns along this minor arterial.
Status:	This project has not started. Design funding is proposed in 2013 and construction funding in 2015.

PRIORITY #

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Spenard Rd/ARR Grade Separation

Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
\$105,000,000	\$0	\$105,000,000

Scope:	Construct separated railroad crossing.
Need:	The Alaska Railroad prefers to have at-grade road crossings eliminated to reduce safety concerns.
Status:	No work is underway or scheduled in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. The project will remain on the Capital Projects Needs List for future funding consideration.

PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
1 A	Van Buren St/48th Ave Area Phase II Circulation and Access Improvements	\$3,900,000	\$0	\$3,900,000
	Scope: Construct road, drainage, pedestrian, traffic, and parking improvements.			
	Need: Road, drainage, lighting, pedestrian, traffic, and parking are inadequate.			
	Status: Companion project to phase I. Design by same consultant. Project is tied to a land swap of park property and an April approval by voters of the swap is required for the project to move forward. Construction funding is proposed with a state grant and 2010 road bonds. A matching state grant has been requested.			

Parks and Recreation Project

PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
1	Fish Creek Trail	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000
	Scope: Requested funds will be used to construct the Fish Creek Trail extension from Spenard Road to Northwood Park.			
	Need: The Anchorage Bowl Park, Natural Resource, and Recreation Facility Plan outlines strategies for existing trail improvements and includes trail connectivity as an important component. The Fish Creek Greenbelt trail is a needed trail connection that would work to complete Anchorage's network of trails connecting neighborhoods and providing outdoor recreation opportunities.			
	Status: A design and engineering contract is on track for completing the project design.			

State Road Projects

PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
1	Fireweed Ln Reconstruction - Spenard Rd to Seward Hwy	\$8,166,500	\$2,100,000	\$6,066,500
	Scope: Project is expected to include pedestrian, transit, bicycle and landscape improvements. This project may also convert an existing 4-lane facility into a 3-lane facility with a continuous left-turn lane, and protected left-turn lanes at major intersections. Public involvement will continue to be a key factor in final scoping decisions.			
	Need: There are safety and capacity concerns with the existing 4-lane road section, especially with regard to pedestrians and non-motorized travel.			
	Status: Project transferred back to DOT and no work is underway. All funding is proposed through the AMATS program, with the next funding slated for 2015. The majority of this route is state owned.			

PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
X	International Airport Rd Interchange at Postmark Dr	\$21,000,000	\$0	\$21,000,000
	Scope: One potential capacity improvement is construction of an interchange.			
	Need: Anticipated traffic increases may call for capacity improvements at this intersection.			
	Status: No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. This is a state route and evaluation and funding would be through the State of Alaska.			

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PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
X	International Airport Rd/Jewel Lake Rd Grade Separation	\$45,000,000	\$0	\$45,000,000
	Scope: Capacity improvements may include a grade separated intersection.			
	Need: Anticipated traffic increases may require additional traffic capacity.			
	Status: No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. This is a state route and evaluation and funding would be through the State of Alaska.			

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PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
X	Minnesota Dr at Tudor Rd Interchange	\$25,000,000	\$0	\$25,000,000
	Scope: Possibly construct an interchange.			
	Need: Traffic is expected to continue to increase at this intersection.			
	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 through the State of Alaska. The project was identified in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).			
3	Minnesota Dr Corridor Controlled Access - Northern Lights Blvd to International Airport Rd	\$19,900,000	\$0	\$19,900,000
	Scope: Anticipated scope would focus on limiting access to Minnesota Drive.			
	Need: Traffic is expected to continue to increase beyond the capacity of the existing configuration.			
	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 project is identified in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)			
4	Minnesota Dr Northbound Expansion - 16th Ave to 26th Ave	\$16,700,000	\$0	\$16,700,000
	Scope: Add a north bound lane.			
	Need: Traffic is expected to continue to increase beyond the capacity of the existing configuration.			
	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 project is included in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).			
2	Northern Lights Blvd Rut Repair - Minnesota Dr to Wisconsin St	\$1,170,000	\$0	\$1,170,000
	Scope: Overlay or re-surface the existing roadway.			
	Need: The rutting of this road surface may impact safety and maintenance.			
	Status: No work is underway or scheduled. This is a state-owned facility. Evaluation and prioritization are done by the State DOT. However, this project is identified as a need in the AMATS Rut repair list.			

DELETE

* support for Fireweed & Spenard Road projects conditioned on development of a consensus plan

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

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: SPENARD

Date: 4/18/10

ADDRESS: _____ Contact Name: JASON BELLEFON Phone: _____

Name of Project	A=Add; D=Delete	Priority Rank (Combined with Survey)	Description of Addition/Reason for Deletion
ARR - at grade pedestrian facilities	A	PME 9	For safety reasons construct and/or repair pedestrian facilities at all ARR at-grade crossing w/ Spenard
Trail Connection - N. Lights between Lois & Forest Dr.	A		For safety reasons connect trail between Lois Dr. + Forest Dr.
35th & McRae	A		reiterate priority of existing project - 1B

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 343-4494. "Thank You" -- for your valuable input!