

**2014 Capital Projects
Bear Valley - Community Council Priority List
Municipality of Anchorage**

Area Wide - Parks and Recreation Projects

PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Multi-use Athletic Field Rehabilitation			\$600,000	\$0	\$600,000
	Scope:	Funds will be used to rehabilitate existing fields to a reasonable standard for all users and increase field amenities to offer quality statewide and local spectator and player use.				
	Need:	Athletic fields in Anchorage play an important role by promoting healthy recreational activities and helping young athletes develop positive life skills. They also play a significant role in statewide athletics. Anchorage is one location for the State Cup soccer competition, hosting statewide soccer tournaments sponsored by local soccer clubs as well as little league and adult softball tournaments that draw teams into Anchorage from around the region and the state. Accommodating the local and regional use of the athletic fields within the Municipality requires fields that can withstand intense use over the summer sports seasons. Past use has resulted in large ruts and depressions, exposed soil and stones, and other hazards that have the potential to cause serious injury to participants.				
	Status:	Anchorage has 110 athletic fields to serve the community and state needs for healthy sports activities. Funds will be used to rehabilitate existing fields to safe and current field standards.				
PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Storm Damage Clean-up: Forest Health and Park Safety			\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
	Scope:	Funds will be used to conduct a follow-up risk assessment, develop a recommended strategy for species management (cottonwood, evergreen, birch), finalize a tree emergency plan and continue the clearing of hazard trees on parkland from the 2012 windstorm.				
	Need:	In September of 2012 more than 5000 trees were lost during a windstorm. Initial assessments estimate clean-up to be over 1 million dollars. The Anchorage Urban Forester's plan to address the damage include a mix of volunteer clean-up, commercial sales and contracted clean-up. Currently, park assets are safe for park and trail users, however as conditions change, follow-up risk assessment and clean-up is required.				
	Status:	Park Maintenance and horticulture crews have cleared parks and trails making current park assets safe for Anchorage citizens.				
PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Campbell Creek Greenbelt			\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000
	Scope:	Asphalt repair, lighting assessment and improvements, bridge repair/replacement, signage improvements				
	Need:	Anchorage has over 250 miles of paved trails. Current infrastructure is outdated, unsafe and in need of repair. Trail use, both summer and winter, will continue to increase and safety and quality condition of trail infrastructure and amenities needs to be a priority.				
	Status:	Bond funding and State legislative grant requests are pending. Areawide greenbelt trails (Campbell Creek Greenbelt, Chester Creek Greenbelt Coastal Trail and Ship Creek Trail) need a repair program to address safety and security concerns (over 250 miles).				

Parks and Recreation Projects

PRIORITY #			Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
			\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000
		Section 36 Park Improvements			
	Scope:	Funds will be used to begin trail development and complete access improvements.			
	Need:	Section 36 is approximately 640 acres of new park in south Anchorage. Improvements are needed to provide residents with access and recreational opportunities.			
	Status:	Although the master plan has not been officially adopted, it is generally agreed that trail and access improvements are needed to allow residents to use the land while protecting the resource.			

Project Management and Engineering Projects

PRIORITY #			Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
			\$2,500,000	\$0	\$2,500,000
		Heights Hill Surface Rehab/Subdrain - South of Clarks Rd			
	Scope:	This project will improve the drainage system and rebuild the road.			
	Need:	Road and subsurface drainage problems exist. This condition results in wintertime glaciation that impacts safety. This project is the number 1 municipal priority for the Bear Valley Community Council.			
	Status:	This project has not started. State grant funding is proposed.			

PRIORITY #			Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
			\$0	\$0	\$0
		Hillside Drainage Improvements			
	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. No clear plan has been developed for the future. This project is a high priority for the Rabbit Creek Community Council and a priority for some other councils.			
	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. 2011 grant funding was provided for initial construction activities			

PRIORITY #			Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
			\$0	\$0	\$0
		Hillside LRSA's Road and Drainage System Rehab			
	Scope:	This project will reconstruct road and drainage facilities within Hillside Area Limited Road Service Areas (LRSAs). Specific projects will 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
			\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
		Hillside LRSA's Traffic Calming			
	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 is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. Project will remain on the Capital Project Needs List for future funding consideration.			

PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Mountain Air Dr/Hillside Dr Extension			\$8,038,906	\$5,200,000	\$2,838,906
	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.				
	Need:	Currently all traffic is routed to Goldenvue 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. This project is the number 1 priority for the Rabbit Creek Community Council. It is also a high priority for emergency services including police, fire, and medical.				
	Status:	The 95% design phase is complete. Design funded by a 2008 and 2011 State Grant. Additional funding received in 2011 State Grant. Right-of-way acquisition phase underway. A decisional document is being routed for review.				

State Road Projects

PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Abbott Rd/Hillside Dr Trail - Rabbit Creek Rd to Seward Hwy			\$0	\$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 Highway.				
	Status:	No work is underway. This trail has been added to 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.				

PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Clarks Rd Drainage Improvements			\$3,000,000	\$0	\$3,000,000
	Scope:	This project will install new culverts at these locations.				
	Need:	Severely damaged culverts at the AT&T driveway and at Hoskens Road cause severe glaciation each winter. Glaciation on the roadway may impact safety.				
	Status:	No work is underway and no funding is proposed in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. This is a state owned facility and prioritization and funding would be through the State of Alaska. The project will remain on the Capital Projects Needs List for future funding consideration.				

PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Clarks Rd Surface Rehab			\$3,100,000	\$0	\$3,100,000
	Scope:	This project will rehab the road surface.				
	Need:	Pavement is deteriorating.				
	Status:	No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. This is a state owned facility and prioritization and funding would be through the State of Alaska.				

PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Clarks Rd Upgrade - Hillside Dr to Kings Way Dr			\$24,600,000	\$0	\$24,600,000
	Scope:	Upgrade Clarks Road to rural collector design standards. Improvements are expected to include two traffic lanes, shoulders, separated pedestrian facilities, and street lighting.				
	Need:	Clarks Road is a narrow, windy, mountainous road that is especially treacherous in the winter months. There are concerns with line-of-sight distances and grades as well. This road is the only access route to a large residential area. Bear Valley Elementary School is at the corner of Clarks Road and Hillside Drive. The road also provides access to Chugach State Park and as such is heavily used by pedestrians and bicyclists. The current design of the road is ill-equipped to accommodate either.				
	Status:	This is a state-owned road. Therefore, evaluation and prioritization for funding will be made by the State of Alaska. There is no funding proposed at this time.				