

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

Area Wide - Parks and Recreation Projects

PRIORITY #			Estimated	Funds on	Additional
			Cost	Hand	Funds
		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	Funds on	Additional
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		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	Funds on	Additional
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		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).			

Project Management and Engineering Projects

PRIORITY #			Estimated	Funds on	Additional
			Cost	Hand	Funds
		Birchwood/Chugiak/Eagle River Areawide Subsurface Aquifer Study	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000
	Scope:	This project will do a comprehensive study of the subsurface aquifers in the Birchwood-Chugiak-Eagle River area.			
	Need:	A majority of the developed properties in Birchwood-Chugiak-Eagle River rely upon on-site water well and septic systems rather than public utilities. Little is known of the location of all subsurface aquifers that serve these rural properties. Proper planning requires identification of the aquifers. Insufficient information can produce negative impacts on the health and environment as well as to the pocketbook. This study is included in the Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan.			
	Status:	No work is underway. State grant funding is proposed.			

PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Birchwood-Chugiak-Eagle River Areawide Drainage Plan	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000
	Scope:	This project will do a comprehensive study of the storm water drainage in the Chugiak-Eagle River area and make drainage plan recommendations.		
	Need:	Development in this region has produced a need for an areawide plan to handle future drainage needs. The last drainage plan was done in 1987. This project is the top ranked priority for the Birchwood Community Council.		
	Status:	No work is underway. State grant funding is proposed.		
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	CBERRRSA Residential Pavement Rehab Senate Districts H & I	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$0
	Scope:	This project will resurface local roads through reclaiming, overlaying, or rotomilling. Occasional spot dig outs and some curb repair work is also anticipated.		
	Need:	There were many roads in the district that were rated as Condition E or F in the last GASB survey. Resurfacing will extend the life of the road base. Resurfacing is far more cost effective than road reconstruction. Approximately two to three miles of local roads can be resurfaced with the requested grant.		
	Status:	Design and construction funding provided with a 2012 state grant. This work will be managed by CBERRRSA.		
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	Eagle River Area Snow Disposal Site	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000
	Scope:	This project will construct a snow disposal facility serving the Chugiak, Birchwood, Eagle River Rural Road Service Area (CBERRRSA).		
	Need:	The population growth and corresponding development in the Eagle River valley has produced a need for increased snow storage capacity. Using existing facilities is increasingly expensive as the trips made by dump trucks are greater and further.		
	Status:	No work is underway, However, a state grant has been requested.		
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	Eagle River Chugiak Road and Drainage System Rehab	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Scope:	Construct road and drainage improvements.		
	Need:	Road and drainage needs exist throughout the service area.		
	Status:	The Chugiak, Birchwood, Eagle River Rural Road Service Area Board manages funding collected through property taxes for road and drainage improvements in their area. The local road board evaluates and prioritizes projects for funding. In addition, state grant funding is pursued annually.		
State Road Projects				
PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Chugiak High School Access Improvements (South Birchwood Loop Rd)	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Scope:	No clear scope has been suggested.		
	Need:	No clear purpose and need have been communicated.		
	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.		
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	Glenn Hwy Expansion (HOV Lanes) - North Eagle River Access Rd to South Birchwood Lp	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Scope:	Tentative scope would include expanding both north and south directions from 2-lane to 3-lane configurations.		
	Need:	The Metropolitan Transportation Plan anticipates the need to add lanes to address increased traffic volumes and congestion.		
	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 through the State of Alaska.		

PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
North Birchwood Loop Rd/Birchwood Spur Rd Surface Rehabilitation		\$4,000,000	\$0	\$4,000,000
	Scope:	This project will re-surface the existing roadway, rehabilitate the drainage ditches and shoulders, replacing culverts as needed, and replacing/installing guardrail as needed.		
	Need:	This road has never been constructed to standards. This project is a priority for the Birchwood Community Council.		
	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 an arterial in the Official Streets and Highways Plan.		
PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
South Birchwood Loop Rd Pavement Rehab		\$8,000,000	\$0	\$8,000,000
	Scope:	Replace the existing surface with new layers of asphalt.		
	Need:	The pavement on this collector is beginning to deteriorate.		
	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 designated as a collector in the Official Streets and Highways Plan (OS&HP).		
PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
South Birchwood Loop Trail - Glenn Hwy to Birchtree St		\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000
	Scope:	This project would construct a trail with a hardened natural organic surface.		
	Need:	No trail exists. South Birchwood Loop is designated as a collector route in the OS&HP. This project is included in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan.		
	Status:	No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. However, this is a state owned facility and prioritization and funding would be through the State of Alaska.		