

**2014 Capital Projects
Girdwood - 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).				

Project Management and Engineering Projects

PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Alyeska Hwy Pedestrian Safety Corridor Rehabilitation			\$2,500,000	\$0	\$2,500,000
	Scope:	This project will rehabilitate the trail. The trail rehabilitation will require the fiber optic cable be relocated.				
	Need:	The trail surface has deteriorated to the point that safety may be impacted. This project is a high priority for the Girdwood Community Council.				
	Status:	This is a state-owned facility and evaluation and funding would be through the State of Alaska. State grant funding is proposed.				
PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Arlberg Ave Reconstruction - Aspen Mountain Rd to Alyeska Hotel			\$6,200,000	\$0	\$6,200,000
	Scope:	This project will reconstruct this collector street.				
	Need:	This collector street is deteriorating.				
	Status:	No work has begun on this project. The Alyeska Resort repaved this road in 2008 delaying the need for a full road reconstruction.				
PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Arlberg Ave Upgrade - Garmisch Rd to Aspen Mountain Rd			\$3,760,000	\$0	\$3,760,000
	Scope:	Reconstruct the road base, install storm drains with curb and gutter, add pedestrian facilities, install street lighting, and landscaping.				
	Need:	This collector street is not constructed to collector street standards. This road serves the Girdwood residential area, the Alyeska ski area, and is the gateway to the Alyeska Prince Hotel. The existing road is too narrow with a deteriorating surface. Safety is a concern, especially in the wintertime, with a mix of traffic and pedestrians in icy conditions. This project is a high priority for the Girdwood Community Council.				
	Status:	This project has not started. State grant funding is proposed.				
PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	California Way Connection - Crow Creek Rd to Hightower Rd			\$3,500,000	\$0	\$3,500,000
	Scope:	This project will construct a new local roadway connection. Improvements are expected to include a paved or RAP surface, ditches, and a bridge across California Creek.				
	Need:	Interest has been expressed in constructing a new local road connection between Crow Creek Road and Hightower Road to promote neighborhood traffic circulation without using the Alyeska Highway.				
	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
	Girdwood RSA Road and Drainage System Rehabilitation			\$2,500,000	\$0	\$2,500,000
	Scope:	No work has been funded through this program. Design and construction funding is proposed annually as a combination of state grants and local road mill levies. State grant funding has been requested.				
	Need:	Local road and drainage problems have been identified by the Girdwood Road Board.				
	Status:	No work has been funded through this program. Design and construction funding is proposed annually as a combination of state grants and local road mill levies. Some work has already been constructed with federal earmarks. A state grant has been requested.				
PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Hightower Rd Upgrade - Alyeska Hwy to Community Center			\$2,900,000	\$800,000	\$2,100,000
	Scope:	This project will upgrade the local road that serves the Girdwood Community Center and Library. A paved two lane roadway with a new road base, ditches, and upgraded street lighting is proposed.				
	Need:	This road has never been built to current standards. The recently completed public facilities will create an increase in traffic volume for this road.				
	Status:	State grant funding is proposed for construction. A 2012 state grant has funded design. DOWL-HKM is preparing a scope of work and fee proposal for design services.				

State Road Projects

PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Alyeska Hwy Gateway Improvements			\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000
	Scope:	Not clear. Community input on purpose and need is desired.				
	Need:	Not clear. Community input on desired scope is needed.				
	Status:	The project has been nominated and added to the Capital Project Needs List. No back up info is available, but PM&E welcomes feedback from the community. 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
	Alyeska Hwy Traffic Calming			\$0	\$0	\$0
	Scope:	Install traffic calming measures to be identified in the design and public involvement phases.				
	Need:	Traffic Calming measures are typically used to slow traffic. Interest in slowing traffic on the Alyeska Highway has been shown. Coordination between the community and the state is required to clarify need and funding.				
	Status:	This project will remain on the Needs List for future funding consideration. 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
	Girdwood Airport Access Rd Reconstruction - Alyeska Hwy to Girdwood Airport			\$3,600,000	\$0	\$3,600,000
	Scope:	This project will construct road and drainage improvements on Danner, Davos, and Mt. Hood Roads in Girdwood.				
	Need:	This is the only access road and must be passable at all times. Unfortunately, it also lies in a heavily glaciated and poorly drained section of Girdwood, causing significant potholes and ice crevasses at various times throughout the year. This project is a high priority for the Girdwood Road Board.				
	Status:	This project has not started. A state grant has been requested to fund design and construction. This project is a priority for the Girdwood Valley Service Area Board.				
PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Seward Hwy Road/Bridge Rehab - MP 75 to 90			\$22,900,000	\$4,000,000	\$18,900,000
	Scope:	Rehabilitate pavement and rehabilitate or replace the following bridges: Placer Creek, Portage Creek, 20 Mile River, Peterson Creek, Virgin Creek, and Glacier Creek. Project may include road realignment, grade separations at Portage Valley and the Alyeska Highway, passing lanes, and pedestrian accommodations.				
	Need:	Bridges are deteriorating.				
	Status:	Environmental engineering is underway. This is a state-owned facility and evaluation and funding would be through the State of Alaska. Bridge work anticipated in 2015 with the road work to be done in a later year.				