

**2014 Capital Projects
Mid-Hillside - 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
		Ruth Arcand Park	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000
	Scope:	Add a small playground area at the Abbott-o-Rabbitt Little League fields.			
	Need:	Hundreds of families go to the Abbott-O-Rabbitt ball fields each summer for little league games. Children not playing ball would benefit from a place to play while their siblings are playing baseball.			
	Status:	The Parks & Recreation Department in partnership with the Anchorage Park Foundation and a group of little league volunteers recently completed accessibility and parking improvements at the ball field complex.			

PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Section 36 Park Improvements	\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000
	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.		
PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	FNBP Improvements	\$600,000	\$0	\$600,000
	Scope:	Bridge repair, trail sustainability projects, trail reroutes, building missing trail links, parking lot improvements.		
	Need:	There are over 100 miles of soft surface trails in FNBP. Trail and trail-head infrastructure (bridges, lighting, parking lots, signage, drainage) needs to be repaired to keep pace with increasing demand.		
	Status:	The FNBP Trail Improvement Plan was adopted by the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Urban Design Commission. The Improvement Plan identifies a list of projects supported by all trail user groups.		
Project Management and Engineering Projects				
PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	112th Ave and Mael St Intersection Safety Improvements	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
	Scope:	Construct safety improvements to the intersection of 112th Ave and Mael St.		
	Need:	The Mid-Hillside Community Council has identified this intersection as a priority project. Poor sight lines and steep grades raise safety concerns at this intersection.		
	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.		
PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Elmore Rd Extension - Abbott Rd to O'Malley Rd	\$25,000,000	\$0	\$25,000,000
	Scope:	This project will install a new road base, curbs, pavement, pedestrian facilities, drainage, and lighting. Elmore Road is classified as a collector street in the Official Streets and Highways Plan (OS&HP) and will be constructed accordingly.		
	Need:	Portions of this collector are constructed to gravel standards, but there is no connection between Abbott Road and O'Malley Road. The existing road does not meet standards regarding pavement, pedestrian facilities, drainage, and lighting. The need for this connection has increased with the connection north to Tudor Road. This project is a priority for the Abbott Loop Community Council.		
	Status:	Funding is proposed as a funding partnership of state grants and local road bonds.		
PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Hillside Drainage Improvements	\$0	\$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. 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
	Hillside LRSA's Road and Drainage System Rehab	\$0	\$0	\$0
	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
	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 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
	Huffman Rd Extension - Birch Rd to Hillside Dr	\$19,000,000	\$0	\$19,000,000
	Scope:	No scope has been determined.		
	Need:	This route would complete an east/west collector connector. However, steep grades and wetlands may make the project too expensive for the benefit.		
	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. The road is identified as a collector in the Official Streets and Highways Plan.		
PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Lake of the Hills Subd Dam Reconstruction	\$350,000	\$0	\$350,000
	Scope:	Complete a 65% design for the dam reconstruction to qualify for federal funding.		
	Need:	Dam does not meet current earthquake standards. Previous dam break resulted in loss of life and property destruction. Need 65% design study to qualify for federal disaster mitigation funding.		
	Status:	Design funding is proposed with a state grant.		
State Road Projects				
PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Abbott Rd Upgrade - Lake Otis Pkwy to Birch Rd	\$24,100,000	\$1,400,000	\$22,700,000
	Scope:	Reconstruct minor arterial to urban standards. Improvements are expected to include pavement, curb and gutter, storm drainage, street lighting, and pedestrian facilities. Spot safety issues will be addressed.		
	Need:	This project is not constructed to collector standards regarding pavement width, shoulder width, vertical hill design, pedestrian, and lighting facilities.		
	Status:	Reconnaissance study efforts by the State of Alaska are underway. This is a state owned facility and evaluation and future funding would be through the State of Alaska. The road is designated as a minor arterial in the Official Streets and Highways Plan (OS&HP).		
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
	Birch Rd at Abbott Rd Traffic Signal			\$750,000	\$0	\$750,000
PRIORITY #	Scope:	If the State determines a signal is warranted, funding will be pursued.				
	Need:	Traffic signal needs will be analyzed by the State of Alaska.				
	Status:	Included with State Abbott Road Project.				
				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
PRIORITY #	Birch Rd Upgrade - O'Malley Rd to Huffman Rd			\$15,000,000	\$0	\$15,000,000
	Scope:	Construct the road to standards.				
PRIORITY #	Need:	The road has not been constructed to standards regarding road and shoulder width, drainage, lighting, and pedestrian facilities.				
	Status:	No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. The project has been added to Capital Project Needs List for evaluation and prioritization. However, it is a state owned facility and prioritization and funding would be through the State of Alaska.				
				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	DeArmoun Rd Upgrade Ph II - 140th Ave to Hillside Dr			\$28,000,000	\$0	\$28,000,000
PRIORITY #	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.				
				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
PRIORITY #	O'Malley Elementary Safety Trail Crossing at O'Malley Rd			\$0	\$0	\$0
	Scope:	Scope will be determined in the design study phase once funding is provided.				
PRIORITY #	Need:	Pedestrian safety concerns have been expressed.				
	Status:	Design efforts by the State of Alaska for an upgrade to O'Malley Road have been funded and trail construction is anticipated as part of that project. This is a state-owned facility and evaluation and funding would be by the State of Alaska.				
				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	O'Malley Rd Trail - Seward Hwy to Hillside Dr			\$3,000,000	\$0	\$3,000,000
PRIORITY #	Scope:	This project will construct a trail alongside O'Malley Road.				
	Need:	The Anchorage Trails Plan calls for a trail in this minor arterial street corridor.				
	Status:	Design efforts by the State of Alaska for an upgrade to O'Malley Road have been funded and trail construction is anticipated as part of that project. This is a state-owned facility and evaluation and funding would be by the State of Alaska.				
				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
PRIORITY #	O'Malley Rd Upgrade - Seward Hwy to Hillside Dr			\$28,930,000	\$1,930,000	\$27,000,000
	Scope:	While the scope is not set, minor arterial improvements typically include a new road base, pavement, curbs, storm drains, street lighting, pedestrian facilities, and landscaping. The roadway will be upgraded to improve safety and capacity.				
PRIORITY #	Need:	This project is not constructed to current standards and traffic is increasing beyond the capacity of the existing facility. 16,000 vehicles a day use this narrow two-lane road with no pedestrian facilities and almost no lighting. This project is a priority for the Abbott Loop and Mid-Hillside Community Councils. The project is also included in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).				
	Status:	Design efforts by the State of Alaska for an upgrade to O'Malley Road are underway. Right of way funding has been requested through a state grant. This route is designated as a minor arterial in the Official Streets and Highways Plan (OS&HP). Construction is anticipated to begin in 2015.				