

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

Area Wide - Parks and Recreation Projects

PRIORITY #			Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
			\$600,000	\$0	\$600,000
	Multi-use Athletic Field Rehabilitation				
	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.			

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			\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
	Storm Damage Clean-up: Forest Health and Park Safety				
	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
			\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000
	Campbell Creek Greenbelt				
	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).			

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PRIORITY #			Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
			\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
	Charles Smith Memorial Park (gorillas)				
	Scope:	Funds will be used to install an outdoor gathering/picnic area and repair the basketball court.			
	Need:	This neighborhood park (the one with the gorillas along the Chester Creek Trail) is in proximity to children and adults that live in high density housing. The open space is underutilized and improvements will bring more people to the park. The basketball court is well-used, but needs repairs to keep it in safe operating condition. Asphalt is cracking and hoops are in poor shape.			
	Status:	Park Maintenance performs monthly safety inspections and repairs as necessary.			

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	Valley of the Moon Park	\$750,000	\$0	\$750,000
	Scope:	Funding will be used to improve parking, formalize an off-leash dog area, repair streambank erosion and improve community use park amenities.		
	Need:	Valley of the Moon is one of Anchorage's most popular community use parks. The two existing picnic shelters are always reserved, the rocket ship playground is loved by Anchorage families, the park's location on the Chester Creek Greenbelt makes it a popular trailhead access point and the old little-league field has evolved into a very popular, but ad-hoc, fenced dog area. These popular activities have created a demand that is more than the existing parking facilities can handle. Additionally, although the little league field is popular as a dog area, there are many dog park amenities that can be added to formalize the dog-area for increased usability and enjoyment by off-leash dog enthusiasts.		
	Status:	In the summer of 2009, the P&R Department completed a community park improvement project that included ADA improvements at the playground, added one piece of play equipment and added a picnic shelter.		
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	Margaret Eagan Sullivan Park	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000
	Scope:	Funding will be used to improve heavy use community spaces, trail, parking and to rehabilitate degradation to the lagoon's banks.		
	Need:	Margaret Eagan Sullivan is one of Anchorage's most heavily used parks. Parking lot improvements and outdoor gathering areas a necessary for the large numbers of park users who visit Westchester Lagoon within the park.		
	Status:	In the summer of 2011 the playground project was completed.		
Project Management and Engineering Projects				
PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	ARDSA Storm Drain System Condition Assessment and Rehabilitation Program	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000
	Scope:	This project will investigate/assess the condition of the Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area (ARDSA) storm drain systems and rehabilitate those system segments as the needs are identified and prioritized. This goal will be accomplished by evaluating the degree of degradation and functionality in our existing storm drain systems through CCTV video augmented by field inspection of pipe segments. The primary focus of this project will be to concentrate on metal pipes and sections with suspect corrosion, flooding, and drainage issues. Inherent with any of these investigative techniques, it may be incumbent upon the investigative staff to complete a condition survey, which may require cleaning debris from the storm drain pipe. Emergency rehabilitation will be completed on segments that have or are near failure to the extent that funding is available. Other sections will be prioritized to be included in a future capital improvement program.		
	Need:	There are approximately 2,213,000 linear feet of underground storm drain pipe in the Anchorage Road and Drainage Service Area. Metal pipe was primarily used prior 1990 and in some instances developers were creative and even used substitutes such as metal barrels/55 gallon drums laid end to end to divert or convey storm water from their properties. Much of the storm drain pipe that Anchorage has in the ground today is now deteriorated to the extent that in some instances it has completely vanished. Obviously these system failures impact the public in many ways. Primary impacts include health & safety consequences and property damage through flooding.		
	Status:	This project has not started. This is an annual program with bond funding anticipated.		
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	Benson Blvd at Spenard Rd Area Pedestrian Safety Improvements	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000
	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.		

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	C St at 20th Ave Area Drainage Improvements			\$4,411,025	\$1,362,056	\$3,048,969
	Scope:	Recommended alternative is to abandon the failing storm drain that crosses Loussac Place and to construct two new storm drain outfalls with oil/grit separators that will outfall into Municipal Parkland east of A Street. The existing outfall will continue to serve the Loussac Manor facility but none of the upgradient areas formerly served.				
	Need:	The existing storm outfall is lower than the creek which causes sedimentation and ice build up in the system. The facility serves a local neighborhood. This project is a priority for street maintenance.				
	Status:	DSR Draft review concluded December 2012. Contract amendment being processed for design of preferred alternative.				
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	Chester Creek Flooding - Lagoon to A St			\$4,000,000	\$0	\$4,000,000
	Scope:	This project will study the causes of flooding in this drainage basin and explore costs/options related to dredging the lagoon. Future funding will be pursued to implement the recommendations of the study.				
	Need:	Flooding occurred in January 2009 impacting homes adjacent to the creek.				
	Status:	Project funding is proposed as a combination of state grants and local road bonds.				
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	Chester Creek Trail Surface Rehab			\$0	\$0	\$0
	Scope:	Rehab the trail surface.				
	Need:	Cracks and heaving on this trail are producing safety concerns with users.				
	Status:	This project has not started. 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.				
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	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 mid-town commercial district.				
	Status:	This project has not started. State grant funding is proposed.				
PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Spenard Rd Reconstruction Phase II - Hillcrest Dr to Benson Blvd			\$18,600,000	\$1,475,000	\$17,125,000
	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. Right of Way acquisition and final design are on hold pending a decision on a 3-lane or a 4-lane section. Project funding is proposed with a combination of state grants and local road bonds. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2015 depending on the availability of funding.				

State Road Projects

PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	A St Pedestrian Improvements - 14th Ave to Chester Creek Trail	\$600,000	\$0	\$600,000
	Scope: Construct pedestrian pathways on the west side of A St from 14th Ave to the Chester Creek trail.			
	Need: The west side of A St has no pedestrian facilities between 14th Ave and the Chester Creek trail. This project is a priority for the South Addition Community Council.			
	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
	A St/C St Rut Repair - 5th Ave to International Airport Rd	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$5,000,000
	Scope: This project will overlay or replace pavement on these major arterials.			
	Need: Alaska Department of Transportation has identified these streets as a high priority rut repair project. This project is also a priority for the Fairview Community Council.			
	Status: This project has not started. This is one of the routes identified in the AMATS TIP for which surface rehab funding is programmed.			
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	A/C Couplet Restripe to 4-lane - 9th Ave to Tudor Rd	\$480,000	\$0	\$480,000
	Scope: This project will restripe from the current 3-lane to a 4-lane configuration. Signal work is also anticipated.			
	Need: When constructed, pavement width was constructed to allow for a future restripe to 4-lanes if and when traffic volumes demonstrated the need. No studies have been completed demonstrating the need at this time.			
	Status: No work is underway. 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
	C St Pedestrian Improvements - 20th Ave to 22nd Ave	\$800,000	\$0	\$800,000
	Scope: This project will construct pedestrian pathways from 20th Avenue to 22nd Avenue on both sides of C Street.			
	Need: Both sides of C Street have missing links in the pedestrian pathways for this busy arterial. This project is a priority for the South Addition Community Council.			
	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.			
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	Fireweed Ln Reconstruction - Spenard Rd to Seward Hwy	\$10,414,500	\$3,389,500	\$7,025,000
	Scope: Project involves complete reconstruction of Fireweed Lane between Spenard Road and the Seward Highway and will include pedestrian, transit, bicycle and landscape improvements.			
	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. No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. This is a state owned facility and evaluation and funding would be by the State of Alaska.			
PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Ingra St/Gambell St Rut Repair - 5th Ave to 36th Ave	\$13,200,000	\$0	\$13,200,000
	Scope: Complete rut repair improvements which may include pavement replacement or overlay.			
	Need: Pavement is deteriorating on these major arterial routes.			
	Status: No work is underway. This is a state owned facility and evaluation and funding would be through the State of Alaska.			

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	Minnesota Dr Northbound Expansion - 16th Ave to 26th Ave			\$0	\$0	\$0
	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.				
PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Seward Highway to Glenn Highway Connection (H2H) - Bragaw St to Tudor Rd			\$765,500,000	\$21,155,000	\$744,345,000
	Scope:	Connect the Seward Highway to the Glenn Highway with a controlled access freeway. Project may include an 8-lane highway segment between Bragaw Street and Tudor Road. More details will be developed through the design and public involvement process.				
	Need:	The Highway to Highway improvements are considered necessary to address capacity, demand, safety, and system linkage to major destinations and freight mobility on the existing Seward Highway and Glenn Highway NHS routes. These NHS routes provide access to major employment centers in downtown and midtown Anchorage and major intermodal port, rail, and airport facilities. The Seward and Glenn Highway NHS routes are divided highways coming into the center of Anchorage, which transition to urban arterial streets with connecting roads, stop lights, and commercial and residential access. The urban arterial segments of the routes are characterized by high travel demand, congestion, and resulting safety issues caused by traffic levels that have exceeded the capacity of the existing arterial street network.				
	Status:	Funding for this project is programmed by the state. Environmental engineering is underway and alternative routes are being explored and moved through the public process. The project is currently on hold.				