

**2014 Capital Projects
Portage 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).				

State Road Projects

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.				
PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Seward Hwy Turn Lane at Mile 79			\$1,252,000	\$0	\$1,252,000
	Scope:	This project will add a turn lane on the Seward Highway at the entrance to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center. Realigning the intersection of the road that goes back to the park with the highway will also be evaluated.				
	Need:	The entrance to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center is on a curve of the Seward Highway where the speed limit is 55 mph. The limited visibility and frequent weather-induced slippery road surface contribute to safety concerns at this intersection.				
	Status:	This project has not started. This is a state-owned facility and evaluation and future funding would be by the State of Alaska.				