

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

**Area Wide - Parks and Recreation Projects**

PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	<b>Multi-use Athletic Field Rehabilitation</b>	\$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
	<b>Storm Damage Clean-up: Forest Health and Park Safety</b>	\$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
	<b>Campbell Creek Greenbelt</b>	\$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 Project**

PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	<b>Section 36 Park Improvements</b>	\$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.			

## Project Management and Engineering Projects

PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	<b>145th Ave/Metz Ct Area Drainage</b>			\$80,000	\$0	\$80,000
	Scope:	This project will construct drainage improvements in the 145th Avenue and Metz Court Area. Improvements are expected to include improved ditching, new culverts, and brush clearing.				
	Need:	Flooding and glaciation occur at this location. This request is a priority to the LRSA, the community councils, and the neighborhood.				
	Status:	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.				
PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	<b>164th Ave Surface Rehab</b>			\$1,100,000	\$0	\$1,100,000
	Scope:	This project will move the roadway into the right of way and acquire easements/right of way as needed. The finished surface is anticipated to be either chip seal or strip paved.				
	Need:	This is a dirt/gravel road with substantial slope. Sections of the roadway are not in the right of way.				
	Status:	This project has not started. State grant funding is proposed.				
PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	<b>164th Ave/Betty St Area Drainage Improvements</b>			\$3,100,000	\$580,000	\$2,520,000
	Scope:	This project will install drainage improvements and rehab the road surface where needed.				
	Need:	Localized flooding and glaciation are issues in this neighborhood and areas downstream.				
	Status:	Construction anticipated in 2013 depending on the availability of funding. Initial project funding was received with 2011 state grants. State grant funding is proposed to complete construction funding.				
PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	<b>Birchtree/Elmore LRSA Road, Drainage, and Traffic Calming</b>			\$750,000	\$750,000	\$0
	Scope:	This project will construct road, drainage, and traffic calming improvements in the LRSA. The exact scope of the improvements will be determined by the local road board but are expected to include addressing the grade, right-of-way, and surface conditions				
	Need:	Local roads are primarily gravel and frequently have pot holes. Flooding and glaciation are concerns as well as speeding through this residential area. Some of the roads such as 142nd Ave have steep grades that negatively impact safety. Buffalo Street is used as a cut through for area traffic, especially for students and parents to access South High School and Goldenview Middle School. The intersection of Buffalo Street and 142nd Avenue is especially hazardous with the combination of the steep approach on 142nd and the school-related traffic on Buffalo Street. Emergency vehicle access and emergency egress are concerns for residents, particularly on the eastern segment of 142nd Avenue where no other exit exists. In addition, there are segments of this road that are outside of existing right of way. This project is a high priority for local residents who consider the existing conditions a life-safety issue.				
	Status:	A 2012 state grant has funded initial design efforts for improvements to 142nd. A design memorandum is being prepared to evaluate improvement alternatives. State grant funding has been requested for other LRSA needs.				
PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	<b>Bluebell Dr at Golden View Dr Intersection Safety Improvements</b>			\$1,614,328	\$600,000	\$1,014,328
	Scope:	This project will construct safety improvements to this intersection. Exact scope will be determined during design study, which is underway.				
	Need:	Safety concerns have been raised regarding this intersection. The primary concern is the steep road slope on Bluebell Drive at the Goldenview Drive intersection.				
	Status:	Preliminary design phase re-initiated. Design funded with 2008 State Grant. Project to be coordinated with Golden View Drive Upgrade. State grant funding is proposed for construction.				

PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
<b>Golden View Dr Connection (West) - Romania Dr to Potter Valley Rd</b>		\$13,000,000	\$0	\$13,000,000
	Scope:	This project will construct a collector route between Romania Drive and Potter Valley Road. The exact route and scope will be determined in the design process which includes public involvement. Improvements are expected to include pavement, drainage, pedestrian facilities, lighting, traffic calming, and landscaping.		
	Need:	This connection will be a vital link in south Anchorage that will enhance traffic circulation in the area and promote safety. This collector connection is in the Long Range Transportation Plan and the Official Streets and Highway Plan. This connection is vital for safety reasons because Goldenview Drive to the north provides the only collector street egress from this large area of south Anchorage. It is a high priority for emergency services (police, fire, medical), and the Rabbit Creek Community Council.		
	Status:	State grant funding is proposed for design.		
PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
<b>Golden View Dr Intersection and Safety Upgrades - Rabbit Creek Rd to Romania Dr</b>		\$41,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$38,000,000
	Scope:	This project will upgrade this collector street to current standards. Improvements are expected to include a new road base, pavement, a drainage system, pedestrian facilities, turn lanes, street lighting, and safety upgrades at the Rabbit Creek Road intersection.		
	Need:	This existing roadway is a narrow two-lane, strip-paved roadway with minimal pedestrian facilities, and inadequate drainage and lighting. This road serves Goldenview Middle School and a large residential area. This project is the number 1 priority for the Rabbit Creek Community Council and a high priority for the LRSA, the school district, the Traffic Department, and the neighborhoods. It will improve safety by providing pedestrian facilities to separate pedestrians and bicycles from vehicle traffic.		
	Status:	Preliminary design to 65% has been authorized for completion.		
PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
<b>Golden View Dr/Bufalo St/Elmore Rd/145th Ave Area Chip Seal Surfacing</b>		\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
	Scope:	Resurface these roads with a chip seal.		
	Need:	These gravel roads frequently have pot holes and contribute to Anchorage's air quality concerns.		
	Status:	State grant funding is proposed.		
PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
<b>Hillside Drainage Improvements</b>		\$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
<b>Hillside LRSA's Road and Drainage System Rehab</b>		\$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
	<b>Hillside LRSA's Traffic Calming</b>	\$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
	<b>Little Rabbit Creek Flooding and Glaciation Improvements</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Scope: This project will construct stream bank and channelization improvements to reduce flooding and glaciation and improve fish habitat.			
	Need: Due to development in the area, portions of Little Rabbit Creek are running steeper than before leading to erosion that is threatening structures.			
	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
	<b>Lower Hillside Area Storm Drainage</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Scope: This project will construct priority storm drainage improvements in the Anchorage Lower Hillside area.			
	Need: Drainage problems exist throughout the lower elevations of the Anchorage Hillside. The project is a priority for the community councils in this area.			
	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
	<b>Mountain Air Dr/Hillside Dr Extension</b>	\$8,038,906	\$5,200,000	\$2,838,906
	Scope: This project will construct a new collector connection south of Rabbit Creek Road and east of Golden View Drive. Improvements may include pavement, street lighting, drainage, and pedestrian facilities. Improvements at the Rabbit Creek Road/Mountain Air Drive intersection may be included as part of the project if the Alaska DOT is agreeable.			
	Need: Currently all traffic is routed to Goldenvue Drive to the west and Clarks Road to the east. This extension would provide a much needed secondary egress for this portion of south Anchorage. Construction of this extension will increase safety for the south Anchorage hillside area. This project is the number 1 priority for the Rabbit Creek Community Council. It is also a high priority for emergency services including police, fire, and medical.			
	Status: The 95% design phase is complete. Design funded by a 2008 and 2011 State Grant. Additional funding received in 2011 State Grant. Right-of-way acquisition phase underway. A decisional document is being routed for review.			
PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	<b>Potter Valley Rd Surface Rehab - Old Seward Hwy to Greece Dr</b>	\$3,014,000	\$313,964	\$2,700,036
	Scope: This project will overlay or replace pavement on this collector street.			
	Need: Pavement is deteriorating and pavement rehabilitation will be required.			
	Status: The project is on hold as the road is standing up better than expected. Project funding is proposed with a combination of state grants and local road bonds.			
State Road Projects				
PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	<b>Abbott Rd/Hillside Dr Trail - Rabbit Creek Rd to Seward Hwy</b>	\$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
	DeArmoun Rd Upgrade Ph II - 140th Ave to Hillside Dr			\$28,000,000	\$0	\$28,000,000
	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.				
PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Elmore Rd at Rabbit Creek Rd Intersection Safety Improvements			\$0	\$0	\$0
	Scope:	Construct safety improvements once clarified.				
	Need:	Safety concerns have been raised about this intersection.				
	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 by the State of Alaska.				
PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Old Seward Hwy Rut Repair - Potter Valley Rd to Rabbit Creek Rd			\$3,600,000	\$0	\$3,600,000
	Scope:	Pavement overlay or replacement.				
	Need:	Pavement is deteriorating.				
	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
	Old Seward Hwy Upgrade - Rabbit Creek Rd to Potter Valley Rd			\$30,000,000	\$0	\$30,000,000
	Scope:	While the scope has not been set, urban collector standards typically include a new road base, curbs, pavement, pedestrian facilities, storm drains, and street lighting.				
	Need:	This road has never been constructed to urban collector standards. There are safety issues with this section of the Old Seward Highway as there is strong recreational use but a narrow road with no shoulders and no pedestrian facilities. This improvement is the top priority for the Rabbit Creek 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 designated as a collector in the Official Streets and Highways Plan (OS&HP).				
PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Rabbit Creek Rd Upgrade - Seward Hwy to Golden View Dr			\$27,500,000	\$0	\$27,500,000
	Scope:	While the scope has not been set, suburban arterial standards typically include a new road base, paved lanes and shoulders, pedestrian facilities, and street lighting.				
	Need:	This road has not been constructed to suburban arterial standards.				
	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 a minor arterial in the Official Streets and Highways Plan.				
PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Rabbit Creek Rd/Southbound off-ramp Signal			\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000
	Scope:	This project would add a signal at this intersection.				
	Need:	Interest has been expressed in adding a signal to improve safety.				
	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 through the State of Alaska.				