

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

Area Wide - Parks and Recreation Projects

PRIORITY #			Estimated	Funds on	Additional
			Cost	Hand	Funds
		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.			

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		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.			

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		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	Funds on	Additional
			Cost	Hand	Funds
		Birchwood/Chugiak/Eagle River Areawide Subsurface Aquifer Study	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000
	Scope:	This project will do a comprehensive study of the subsurface aquifers in the Birchwood-Chugiak-Eagle River area.			
	Need:	A majority of the developed properties in Birchwood-Chugiak-Eagle River rely upon on-site water well and septic systems rather than public utilities. Little is known of the location of all subsurface aquifers that serve these rural properties. Proper plan			
	Status:	No work is underway. State grant funding is proposed.			

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	Birchwood-Chugiak-Eagle River Areawide Drainage Plan			\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000
	Scope:	This project will do a comprehensive study of the storm water drainage in the Chugiak-Eagle River area and make drainage plan recommendations.				
	Need:	Development in this region has produced a need for an areawide plan to handle future drainage needs. The last drainage plan was done in 1987. This project is the top ranked priority for the Birchwood Community Council.				
	Status:	No work is underway. State grant funding is proposed.				
PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	CBERRRSA Residential Pavement Rehab Senate Districts H & I			\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$0
	Scope:	This project will resurface local roads through reclaiming, overlaying, or rotomilling. Occasional spot dig outs and some curb repair work is also anticipated.				
	Need:	There were many roads in the district that were rated as Condition E or F in the last GASB survey. Resurfacing will extend the life of the road base. Resurfacing is far more cost effective than road reconstruction.				
	Status:	Design and construction funding provided with a 2012 state grant. This work will be managed by CBERRRSA.				
PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Eagle River Area Snow Disposal Site			\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000
	Scope:	This project will construct a snow disposal facility serving the Chugiak, Birchwood, Eagle River Rural Road Service Area (CBERRRSA).				
	Need:	The population growth and corresponding development in the Eagle River valley has produced a need for increased snow storage capacity. Using existing facilities is increasingly expensive as the trips made by dump trucks are greater and further.				
	Status:	No work is underway, However, a state grant has been requested.				
PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Eagle River Southfork Confluence Bridge			\$0	\$150,000	-\$150,000
	Scope:	Construct a pedestrian bridge.				
	Need:	No pedestrian trail connection across the South Fork of Eagle River exists.				
	Status:	Funding has been provided with a 2007 state grant.				
PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Hiland Rd Intersection Safety Improvements - South Creek Rd to South River Ln			\$0	\$0	\$0
	Scope:	This project will construct safety improvements at intersections along Hiland Road. The exact scope will be determined in the design phase with input from residents and the community council.				
	Need:	Safety concerns have been raised regarding this intersection.				
	Status:	No work is underway or scheduled in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. Funding priorities set by Chugiak, Birchwood, Eagle River Rural Road Service Area Board.				
PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Hiland Rd Overlay - Eagle River Loop Rd to River View Dr			\$1,600,000	\$0	\$1,600,000
	Scope:	Overlay the existing road surface and restripe.				
	Need:	This road surface is deteriorating to the point that safety and maintenance may be impacted. This project is the number 2 priority of the South Fork Community Council.				
	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
	Yosemite Dr Area Drainage	\$5,975,000	\$660,493	\$5,314,507
	Scope:	The study phase will analyze drainage patterns, infrastructure needs, construction options, and project costs in an area east of the Glenn Highway, north of Veterans Memorial Highway, and west of Eagle River Loop Road.		
	Need:	A study is needed to identify areawide solutions.		
	Status:	Survey and geotechnical work performed this fall. State grant funding is proposed for future design and construction. A contract amendment will be needed once design funding is available.		
PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Yosemite Dr Trail Overpass	\$900,000	\$0	\$900,000
	Scope:	This project will construct an overpass over Yosemite Drive to connect the Eagle River High School trails with the trails on the west side.		
	Need:	This project is a priority for the South Fork Community Council.		
	Status:	This project has not started. There is no funding programmed in the current six-year Capital Improvement Program.		
State Road Projects				
PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Eagle River Greenbelt Multi-use Trail - Glenn Hwy to Eagle River Nature Center	\$12,000,000	\$0	\$12,000,000
	Scope:	This project will construct a multi-use trail along the Eagle River Road corridor. It is anticipated that the trail will be separated from the roadway for most of its length. Trail lighting is expected with occasional benches and educational signs for users.		
	Need:	Eagle River Road is a narrow, winding two lane road with no pedestrian facilities. There is a high demand for recreational among non-motorized users along this corridor which is the only access to the popular Eagle River Nature Center and trailhead. This project is a priority for the South Fork Community Council.		
	Status:	This project has not started. This route is owned by the State of Alaska. Evaluation and prioritization for future funding will be done by the Alaska DOT&PF.		
PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Glenn Hwy Lane Expansion - Hiland Rd to Artillery Rd	\$65,000,000	\$0	\$65,000,000
	Scope:	This project would add an additional traffic lane in each direction to the Glenn Highway from Hiland Road to Artillery Road. This would include widening or replacing the two bridges crossing Eagle River. In addition, the interchanges with Hiland Road and Artillery Road would be evaluated and new ramps installed if beneficial.		
	Need:	Traffic volumes have continued to climb on one of the busiest road segments in Alaska. Frequent incidents along the roadway slow traffic to inefficient levels. The Long Range Transportation Plan includes this project.		
	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 through the State of Alaska.		
PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Glenn Hwy Trail Rehabilitation - Muldoon Rd to North Birchwood Lp	\$3,825,000	\$825,000	\$3,000,000
	Scope:	This project will resurface the existing trail, formalize a parking facility near the weigh station, and construct a memorial pull-out.		
	Need:	The trail has deteriorated to the point that maintenance is no longer cost effective.		
	Status:	Construction is planned for 2012 by Alaska DOT. This is a state owned facility and evaluation and funding would be through the State of Alaska.		
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	Glenn Hwy/Hiland Rd Interchange Expansion	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Scope:	To be determined in the design study.		
	Need:	Traffic, particularly left-turn movements, has increased to the point that congestion is increasing and safety is a growing concern.		
	Status:	A state grant was provided for preliminary analysis on the intersection needs. This is a state owned facility and evaluation and funding would be through the State of Alaska. This project is included in the Glenn Hwy Lane Expansion.		

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	Hiland Rd Upgrade - Stonehill Dr to River View Dr			\$6,400,000	\$0	\$6,400,000
	Scope:	Hiland Road would be upgraded from mile post 2.2 to mile post 3.5. Improvements are expected to include pavement, curbs, storm drains, street lighting, and landscaping.				
	Need:	This road does not meet current standards.				
	Status:	No work is underway nor funding planned for this upgrade. A state grant has been requested for a pavement overlay of a portion of this roadway.				
PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	Lower Hiland Rd Safety Improvements			\$0	\$0	\$0
	Scope:	Construct safety improvements to be identified in a design study effort.				
	Need:	Safety concerns have been raised in this area.				
	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.				
PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	South Fork/Hiland Rd Access Study			\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
	Scope:	This study would examine the access alternatives for the Hiland Road area.				
	Need:	The Hiland Road residential area has a single egress point. Limited access is a point of concern for residents, emergency responders, and the Municipality of Anchorage. The area is at risk for wildfire or other catastrophic event that would leave residents in a potentially hazardous situation. This project is a priority for the South Fork Community Council.				
	Status:	No work is underway or scheduled in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. Funding priorities set by Chugiak, Birchwood, Eagle River Rural Road Service Area Board.				
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	Veterans Memorial Highway (Eagle River Loop Rd) Trail - Glenn Hwy to Eagle River Bridge			\$0	\$0	\$0
	Scope:	Construct a multi-use trail parallel to Veterans Memorial Highway to link with existing trail on either end.				
	Need:	This section of trail is a missing link in the existing trail system and is identified in the Anchorage Trails Plan. Residents of Eagle River would like to see this section of trail constructed.				
	Status:	This project has not started. This is a state-owned arterial route so evaluation and funding of the project would be through the State of Alaska.				