

As announced earlier this month, the State of Alaska has restored funding for several critical road safety projects in Anchorage.

The over \$30 million in funding predominantly draws on the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). Most of the restored projects use HSIP Advance Construct funding (A/C), which allows the State to borrow against future years of federal funds. Additionally, the Governor has requested \$800,000 of State funding as part of his supplemental budget. These State funds are still subject to approval by the Legislature.

*The chart below provides a summary outline of those projects. Note that the timelines are still rough estimates. It was prepared by Graham Downey (Mayor LaFrance’s Office, Municipality of Anchorage) and reviewed by AKDOT&PF for accuracy.*

You can also view these projects on this map:

<https://muniorg.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/basic/index.html?appid=bb982129175e460d908c151e81321e67>

Road	Project Description	Timeline	Funding
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Ave</b> from Concrete Street to Karluk Street	Median barrier to prevent midblock crossings and manage vehicle turning, as well as improved lighting.	Construction – fall 2026	\$3,900,000 for construction from HSIP
<b>A Street</b> from Fireweed Lane to 36 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Lane reduction from Fireweed to 9 <sup>th</sup> . New traffic signal at 16 <sup>th</sup> . New pathway on west side from 14 <sup>th</sup> to Chester Creek Trail.	Design – 2026 Construction – summer 2027	\$632,000 for design from HSIP (A/C) for design.
<b>Gambell Street and Ingra Street</b> from 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave to 15 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Undergrounding Chugach Electric power lines, which will involve temporary lane closures.  Followed by removing utility poles, installing new lighting. Will remove obstructions from the sidewalk and improve visibility.  This also includes updated lighting and signals.	Undergrounding – March 2026  Utilities – summer 2027  Construction – summer 2028	\$2,100,000 for undergrounding from Chugach Electric  \$8,400,000 for pole removal, lighting, and sidewalk improvements from HSIP (A/C)  \$8,900,000 for updated signals from HSIP (A/C)

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<b>Seward Highway</b> from 15 <sup>th</sup> Ave to Fireweed Lane	Median barrier to prevent midblock crossings. Will be designed with community input for improved aesthetics.	Construction – summer 2026*	\$316,000 for construction from State of Alaska (*if approved by the Legislature)
<b>Tudor Road</b> channelization from Baxter Road to Patterson Street	Raised median and defined left-turn areas to separate car traffic to prevent head-on collisions and turning crashes	Construction – summer 2026	\$4,800,000 for construction from HSIP (A/C)
<b>Tudor Road</b> at Wright Street and Dale Street	Intersection improvements focused on pedestrian visibility and crossing safety.	Design – 2026	\$1,247,000 for design from HSIP (A/C)
<b>Tudor and Muldoon Road</b> mast arm lighting	Installing LEDs at intersections to improve visibility for pedestrian crossing and reduce the risk of vehicle crashes.	Installation – summer 2026*	\$191,000 for installation from State of Alaska (*if approved by the Legislature)
<b>Tudor and Muldoon Road</b> vulnerable road user safety audit	Assess risks to people travelling without a vehicle to identify future safety investments.	Safety audit – spring 2026.	Audit covered by existing HSIP funds.
<b>Tudor and Muldoon Road</b> vision 0 speed limit compliance	Systematic speed management measures, including installing more speed feedback signs and other targeted signage, as well as striping to reduce speeding	Signage – summer 2026  Painting – summer 2027	\$750,000 for paint, signs, and enforcement remains from prior HSIP funding
<b>Debarr Road</b> from Pine Street to Boniface Parkway	Installing speed feedback signs to encourage drivers to comply with the speed limit, reduce speeds, and reduce the severity of crashes.  Also, conducting a road safety audit, which will inform future safety investments.	Construction – summer 2026*  Safety audit – spring 2026.	\$235,000 for installation from State of Alaska (*if approved by the Legislature)  Audit covered by existing HSIP funds.

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<b>Flashing yellow arrows</b> at 21 intersections	Replacing 21 signals from green turn arrows to flashing yellow arrows to encourage awareness and prevent collisions.	Utilities – summer 2026  Construction – 2028	\$150,000 for utility work from HSIP  Construction is not yet funded, estimated to cost \$19.8M
<b>Red light indicator lights</b> at 22 intersections	Small, auxiliary lights that provide law enforcement the ability to enforce red light running.	Design – 2026  Construction – summer 2028	\$105,000 for design from HSIP
<b>Reflective signal backplates</b> regionwide	Reflective backplates increase the visibility of signals, reducing red-light running and rear-end crashes	Design – 2026  Construction – summer 2028	\$211,000 for design from HSIP  Construction is not yet funded, estimated to cost \$8.6M
<b>Smart pedestrian lighting</b> pilot	Smart lighting at a high-risk crosswalk. Technology detects pedestrians and follows them with a spotlight to improve visibility and prevent crashes.	Pilot – fall 2026	No funding required, offered as trial by manufacturer. Typical cost is \$25-30k per unit.