

**2014 Capital Projects  
Airport Heights - 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).				

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	<b>Sitka Street Park</b>	\$2,200,000	\$50,000	\$2,150,000
	Scope:	Funds will be used to build a skate park and design and build a paved multi-use trail connecting to the Chester Creek Greenbelt.		
	Need:	Neighbors identified a skate park as a community need. Additionally, neighborhoods desire a connection to the Chester Creek Trail through Sitka Park.		
	Status:	Residents completed a report card that identified needed park fixes and upgrades. Volunteers will complete small fixes in the summer of 2012.		

## Project Management and Engineering Projects

PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	<b>15th Ave at Sitka St Pedestrian Crossing Improvements</b>	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000
	Scope:	Construct a pedestrian crossing at the intersection. Study the feasibility of adding a traffic signal.		
	Need:	There are no pedestrian crossings on 15th Avenue between Medfra Street and Lake Otis Parkway. This project is included in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan but is not a high priority. The project is a priority for the Airport Heights Community Council.		
	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.		
	<b>15th Ave Surface Rehab - Minnesota Dr to Lake Otis Pkwy</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Scope:	This project will resurface 15th Avenue and bring this road segment into ADA compliance.		
	Need:	This major arterial has lost its top lift of pavement in many places. This project is a high priority for Street Maintenance.		
	Status:	Pavement rehab funds will be used to resurface this arterial. Work is anticipated in 2013 or 2014.		
	<b>16th Ave Pedestrian Connection - Sunrise Dr to Nichols Park</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Scope:	Construct pedestrian walkway and possibly covered stairs.		
	Need:	Elementary school students must climb up the existing hill to get to Airport Heights Elementary School. There are no existing pedestrian facilities at this well-traveled juncture. This project is a high priority for the Airport Heights Community Council.		
	Status:	No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. The project has been added to Capital Project Needs List for evaluation and prioritization.		
	<b>16th Ave Pedestrian Improvements - Lake Otis Pkwy to Sunrise Dr</b>	\$240,000	\$0	\$240,000
	Scope:	Construct pedestrian facilities on 16th Ave from Lake Otis Pkwy to Sunrise Dr.		
	Need:	This route serves Airport Heights Elementary School. The project is included in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan. A walkway is a priority for the Airport Heights 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
	<b>20th Ave Pedestrian Improvements - Tikishla Park to Bragaw St</b>		\$240,000	\$0	\$240,000
	Scope:	Construct pedestrian facilities, preferably on the south side.			
	Need:	20th Avenue serves as a major pedestrian corridor to East High School and Russian Jack Elementary School. Currently there are no pedestrian facilities on either side of the street. This project is a priority in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan. The Airport Heights Community Council ranks this project as a top 5 priority.			
	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>Airport Heights Dr West-side Pedestrian Facilities - Northway Dr to Debarr Rd</b>		\$199,000	\$0	\$199,000
	Scope:	Construct pedestrian facilities to fill the missing links on this roadway.			
	Need:	The new site plan for the AFD Fire Training Facility calls for a new sidewalk to be constructed along its entire frontage with Airport Heights Drive. This will leave gaps in the pedestrian facilities on either end. This project is included in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan. The project is a priority for the Airport Heights Community Council.			
	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>Airport Heights Elementary School Walkway Connector - Condos to 16th Ave</b>		\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
	Scope:	Construct a pedestrian facility.			
	Need:	Pedestrian access to Airport Heights Elementary from the condos is inadequate.			
	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>Airport Heights Rd at Debarr Rd Pedestrian Crossing Improvements</b>		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Scope:	Install new pedestrian friendly crossing signals and improve crosswalk visibility.			
	Need:	This busy crosswalk needs safer pedestrian and bicycle crossing treatment. This is the primary crossing for residents in the Airport Heights area to the south accessing Alaska Regional Hospital and the Northway commercial district. This project is a priority in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan and for the Airport Heights Community Council.			
	Status:	No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. The project has been added to Capital Project Needs List for evaluation and prioritization.			

PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
<b>ARDSA Storm Drain System Condition Assessment and Rehabilitation Program</b>		\$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 (Closed Circuit Television) videoing augmented and by field inspecting segments of pipe. 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 the cleaning and or vactoring of debris that covers the bottom of 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			
	Status: This project has not started. This is an annual program with bond funding anticipated.			
PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
<b>Bragaw St at Penland Pkwy Traffic Safety Crossing</b>		\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000
	Scope: This project will install new pedestrian safety crossing signals and improve crosswalk visibility.			
	Need: This intersection serves as the primary pedestrian access between the high-density residential area to the east and the commercial district to the west. This project is included in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan. This project is a high priority for the Airport Heights Community Council.			
	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>Bragaw St at Reka Dr Pedestrian Crossing Improvements</b>		\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000
	Scope: This project will construct pedestrian friendly crossing signals and improve crosswalk visibility.			
	Need: This crossing connects a high-density residential area with a commercial district. This project is included in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan. This project is a priority for the Airport Heights Community Council.			
	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>Chester Creek at Hillstrand Pond Rehab</b>		\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000
	Scope: This project will conduct an environmental scoping study that focuses on the impacts of sedimentation entering the pond, and then make recommendations based on the health of the watershed and the surround community. The final phase of the project would construct the recommended improvements.			
	Need: Hillstrand Pond is a widening of Chester Creek, west of Lake Otis Parkway. Area residents have expressed concern that the pond is being filled in with silt.			
	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
Chester Creek Middle Fork Rehabilitation - Lake Otis Pkwy to Russian Jack Park				\$0	\$0	\$0
	Scope:	This project will design and construct erosion, fish habitat, flooding, and storm drain improvements on Chester Creek.				
	Need:	Construct priority creek improvements to address flooding, erosion, and water quality issues.				
	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
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.				
PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
Cliffside Dr/Eastridge Dr Road Reconstruction RID - 20th Ave to Knoll Cir				\$3,325,000	\$300,052	\$3,024,948
	Scope:	This project will reconstruct Eastridge Drive from Knoll Circle south to Cliffside Drive and Cliffside Drive west and north to 20th Avenue. Improvements are expected to include a new road base using geotextile fabric and insulation board, install storm drains, replace the sidewalks, and upgrade the street lighting to current standards.				
	Need:	Property owners requested and then voted to form a road improvement district to reconstruct these local roads. The roads and sidewalks are in disrepair. There are significant drainage issues as well.				
	Status:	A public meeting with homeowners was held 12/11/12 at Anchor Park Methodist Church. Improvements to 20th Ave Storm was identified and funding is needed. Construction is tentatively scheduled for 2013 depending on the availability of funding.				
PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
Debarr Rd at Columbine St Intersection Safety Improvements				\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000
	Scope:	This project will construct a safe pedestrian crossing at this intersection.				
	Need:	This is the primary pedestrian crossing point on Debarr Road between the signalized intersections at Airport Heights and Bragaw that are one-half mile apart. This project is included in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan. This project is a priority for the Airport Heights Community Council.				
	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
East High School Area Pedestrian Access and Safety Improvements				\$1,250,000	\$250,000	\$1,000,000
	Scope:	This project will study options for improving pedestrian safety at the intersections of Bragaw Street and East Northern Lights Boulevard and Bragaw Street and 20th Avenue, make recommendations, and construct the safety improvements.				
	Need:	This project is a priority for the Airport Heights Community Council.				
	Status:	A 2012 state grant provided design funding.				

PRIORITY #				<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Funds on Hand</b>	<b>Additional Funds Required</b>
	<b>Lake Otis Pkwy Extension - DeBarr Rd to Airport Heights Rd</b>			\$35,000,000	\$0	\$35,000,000
	Scope:	Improvements are expected to include pavement, curbs, pedestrian facilities, street lighting, and drainage.				
	Need:	Increasing traffic in this area is expected to increase the need for this new road connection.				
	Status:	No work is underway and no funding is proposed in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. The project has been added to the Capital Projects Needs List for future funding consideration. However, the route is identified as a new major arterial link in the Official Streets and Highways Plan.				
PRIORITY #				<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Funds on Hand</b>	<b>Additional Funds Required</b>
	<b>Northern Lights Blvd at Bragaw St Pedestrian Crossing Improvements</b>			\$450,000	\$0	\$450,000
	Scope:	Construct pedestrian friendly crossing signals and improve crosswalk visibility.				
	Need:	This is a busy pedestrian crossing used by East High students. This project is included in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan. This project is a high priority for the Airport Heights Community Council.				
	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 #				<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Funds on Hand</b>	<b>Additional Funds Required</b>
	<b>Northern Lights Blvd Pedestrian Overpass to Goose Lake Lighting Upgrades</b>			\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
	Scope:	This project will install enhanced lighting.				
	Need:	Concerns have been expressed about the adequacy of existing lighting on this overpass related to safety.				
	Status:	No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. The project will remain on the Capital Project Needs List for evaluation and prioritization.				
PRIORITY #				<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Funds on Hand</b>	<b>Additional Funds Required</b>
	<b>Northway Dr Pedestrian Improvements (east side) - Penland Pkwy to Debarr Rd</b>			\$202,000	\$0	\$202,000
	Scope:	Construct a sidewalk on the east side of Northway Drive.				
	Need:	There is a missing pedestrian connection on the east side of Northway Drive. The construction of a new office building on the corner of Debarr and Northway creates new demand for pedestrian movement between office buildings and the restaurants and services in the Northway Mall area. This project is included in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan.				
	Status:	No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. The project will remain on the Capital Project Needs List for evaluation and prioritization.				

## State Road Projects

PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	<b>Airport Heights Rd at Glenn Hwy Pedestrian Crossing Improvements</b>			\$750,000	\$0	\$750,000
	Scope:	Construct pedestrian-friendly crossing signals and improve crosswalk visibility.				
	Need:	Crossing six lanes of high speed traffic is a daunting task for non-motorized users. This project is a priority of the Airport Heights Community Council and is included in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan.				
	Status:	No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. The project will remain on the Capital Project Needs List for evaluation and prioritization. This need will be addressed with the Airport Heights/Glenn interchange project.				
PRIORITY #				Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
	<b>Glenn Hwy at Airport Heights Rd Interchange</b>			\$0	\$0	\$0
	Scope:	The project scope is not set and will be clarified as preliminary engineering continues on the Highway to Highway project.				
	Need:	This intersection is one of the most congested in Anchorage.				
	Status:	No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. Improvements are expected to be part of the Highway to Highway Connection. Preliminary engineering efforts are just beginning on that project. 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
	<b>Seward Highway to Glenn Highway Connection (H2H) - Bragaw St to Tudor Rd</b>			\$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.				