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ANCHORAGE PARKS & RECREATION

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MEMORANDUM

Date: July 6, 2026

To: Parks and Recreation Commission

Cc: Shanna Gamble, Director

From: Taylor Keegan, Development and Operations Manager

Subject: **PRC 26-16: 2027 Capital Improvement Budget and 2027 – '32 Capital Improvement Program**

Overview

This memorandum provides an overview of the proposed 2027 Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) and the 2027–2032 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department. Pursuant to Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) 4.60.090.E, the Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and Assembly on matters pertaining to parks and recreation within the service area, including the development of policies for long-range and short-range capital programs (AMC 4.60.090.E.1) and advising on fiscal matters, including the annual budget prior to its presentation to the Assembly (AMC 4.60.090.E.2). Department staff request that the Commission review the proposed program and adopt a resolution of support recommending approval to the Administration and Assembly.

Background

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is the Municipality's six-year plan for acquiring, developing, and rehabilitating parks, recreation facilities, and trails within the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area. The first year of the program (2027) constitutes the proposed Capital Improvement Budget and is the basis for the 2027 general obligation bond proposition to be presented to voters, together with capital requests submitted to the Alaska State Legislature. Projects were prioritized using the Department's project evaluation matrix, which considers factors such as public safety, condition of existing assets, geographic equity, community council CIP survey priorities, and alignment with adopted plans.

Overview of the Proposed 2027-2032 Program

The six-year program totals approximately \$46 million dollars across three categories: Facilities (\$9M), Parks (\$27M), and Trails (\$10M). Of this amount, \$37,900,000 is currently proposed for voter-approved general obligation bond funding and \$8,500,000 is proposed as State legislative requests.

Category (\$000s)	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
Facilities	3,300	1,600	1,400	1,200	950	950
Parks	5,350	7,150	4,200	2,900	4,650	2,700
Trails	2,750	1,300	1,500	1,000	1,000	2,500
Total	11,400	10,050	7,100	5,100	6,600	6,150
Bond Requests	7,900	8,050	7,100	5,100	5,100	4,650
Legislative Requests	3,500	2,000	0	0	1,500	1,500

The legislative request projects include the Westchester Lagoon Facility Redevelopment, Goose Lake UAA Drive Pathway Rehabilitation, Resolution Park, and the I Street Stairway.

Notable multi-year investments include the Chester Creek Sports Complex Park (\$3,100,000), the Multi-Use Trails and Access Annual Program (\$3,000,000), Kincaid Park (\$2,500,000), and the Coastal Trail Shoreline Erosion and Safety Improvements (\$2,500,000). The program also sustains annual programs for facility safety upgrades, areawide ice maintenance, and multi-use trail access.

Proposed 2027 Capital Improvement Budget

The proposed 2027 CIB includes 21 projects totaling \$11,400,000: \$7,900,000 in general obligation bond requests and \$3,500,000 in State legislative requests. Projects shaded gold are proposed legislative requests.

Project	FY2027	Funding Source
Facilities		
Westchester Lagoon Facility Redevelopment	\$2,000,000	Legislative
East Delaney Park and Facility Improvements	\$700,000	Bond
Centennial Campground Improvements	\$200,000	Bond
Mountain View Community Center	\$150,000	Bond
Areawide Ice Maintenance and Hockey Improvements	\$150,000	Bond
Facility Safety Upgrades Annual Program	\$100,000	Bond
<i>Facilities Subtotal</i>	<i>\$3,300,000</i>	
Parks		
Russian Jack Springs Park Improvements	\$800,000	Bond
Johns Park	\$650,000	Bond

Goose Lake Park Improvements	\$600,000	Bond
Castle Heights Playground	\$500,000	Bond
Forsythe Park	\$500,000	Bond
Hillstrand Park Improvements	\$500,000	Bond
Ira Walker Park Improvements	\$500,000	Bond
Kincaid Park	\$500,000	Bond
Eastchester	\$300,000	Bond
Margaret E. Sullivan Park	\$300,000	Bond
Chester Creek Sports Complex Park	\$200,000	Bond
<i>Parks Subtotal</i>	<i>\$5,350,000</i>	
Trails		
Goose Lake UAA Drive Pathway Rehabilitation	\$1,500,000	Legislative
Hillside Bike Trails and Paths (Rabbit Creek School, Huffman School, etc.)	\$500,000	Bond
Multi-Use Trails and Access Annual Program	\$500,000	Bond
Coastal Trail Shoreline Erosion and Safety Improvements	\$250,000	Bond
<i>Trails Subtotal</i>	<i>\$2,750,000</i>	
FY2027 Total	\$11,400,000	

Staff Recommendation

Staff respectfully request that the Commission review the proposed 2027 Capital Improvement Budget and 2027–2032 Capital Improvement Program and adopt the attached resolution recommending that the Mayor and Assembly approve the proposed program, including submittal of the 2027 Parks and Recreation bond proposition to the voters and transmittal of the 2027 State legislative requests.

Attachments

“2027_2032_CIP_Bond_Updated_07 06 2026”

“CIP Scoring Process and Overview”



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PRC RESOLUTION NO. 2026-15

2027 Capital Improvement Budget and the 2027-2032 Capital Improvement Plan

WHEREAS, pursuant to Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) 4.60.090.E, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and Assembly in all matters pertaining to parks and recreation within the service area, including the development of policies for the long-range and short-range capital programs for the acquisition and development of parks and open space (AMC 4.60.090.E.1) and advising the Administration and Assembly in regard to policies and fiscal matters that pertain to the Department, including the annual budget prior to its presentation to the Assembly (AMC 4.60.090.E.2); and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department has prepared and transmitted to the Commission a proposed 2027 Capital Improvement Budget and 2027–2032 Capital Improvement Program in total approximation of \$46,400,000, consisting of \$9,400,000 for Facilities, \$26,950,000 for Parks, and \$10,050,000 for Trails, of which \$37,900,000 is currently proposed for general obligation bond funding and \$8,500,000 is proposed as State legislative requests; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2027 Capital Improvement Budget are approximated to be in total of \$11,400,000, consisting of \$7,900,000 in general obligation bond requests and \$3,500,000 in State legislative requests, and invests in facilities, neighborhood and community parks, playgrounds, athletic facilities, trails, and annual safety and maintenance programs throughout the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area; and

WHEREAS, projects in the proposed program were prioritized using the Department's project evaluation matrix and are consistent with adopted plans, addressing deferred maintenance, public safety, accessibility and inclusion, and geographic equity across the service area; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area Commission recommends that the Mayor and the Anchorage Assembly approve the proposed 2027 Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Budget 2027–2032 Capital Improvement Program in the; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission recommends that the 2027 general obligation bond proposition for parks and recreation capital improvements in the total approximate amount of \$7,900,000 be submitted to the qualified voters of the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area at the 2027 Regular Municipal Election; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission recommends that the 2027 State legislative capital requests in the approximate amount of \$3,500,000, including the Westchester Lagoon Facility Redevelopment and the Goose Lake UAA Drive Pathway Rehabilitation, be transmitted to the Governor and the Alaska State Legislature for funding consideration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Anchorage Assembly and the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission on this 9th day of July, 2026.

Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission

ATTEST:

Director
Parks & Recreation Department