

All Proposed Downtown Capital Projects

Project Management and Engineering

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Lighting and Streetscape Improvements on 3rd from E Ave to H Ave

Cost:
 Funds on Hand: \$0
 Additional funds required:
 Need: Create a more walkable and user friendly experience for pedestrians on 3rd Avenue. This portion of the 3rd Avenue does not promote pedestrian access, and does not create a main street feel like 4th and 5th. The sidewalks are narrow and there is insufficient buffer of vegetation along the street pedestrian crossing is insufficient at G St. This area has a historical significance in Anchorage as one of the first areas in Downtown to be built. Improvements along 3rd would help to express and promote that history as well as improve the safety and walkable experience.
 Project scope: This project focuses on lighting and streetscape improvements on the portion of 3rd Avenue that starts on E street by the Hilton and goes to the west right beyond H St./Christensen Rd. There is a \$80 million lighting project underway for the Downtown, and we would like this area to be a primary focus area first.
 Project Status: This need is pending review by MOA

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Downtown Lighting and Signals Upgrades (14-48)

Cost: \$80,250,000
 Funds on Hand: \$3,250,000
 Additional funds required: \$77,000,000
 Need: A thorough analysis is needed of all downtown electrical including street lights, pedestrian lights, and traffic signals. The electrical infrastructure in the downtown area has exceeded its life expectancy. Safety concerns have been expressed due to a lack of lighting in the district. The signals and related wiring need to be upgraded.
 Project scope: Identify the electrical needs in the district and develop a plan for a systematic overhaul of the lighting and signals.
 Project Status: Preliminary inventory and condition assessment of existing downtown lighting and signal systems has been completed. Project team originally recommended Reconnaissance Study Section 4.2.1 - High Priority Action Items be addressed first, however due to IBEW labor agreements the items are considered maintenance items therefore ML&P, and MOA Signal Maintenance crews have to perform the work. Traffic Signal Maintenance stated that their next priority would be upgrade to the signals at 4th Ave and Cordova St., and 4th Ave. and A St., therefore we are moving forward with what we are titling Phase 1 of the total project, design improvements for those two intersections with the plan to bid for construction in early 2019. Initial construction funding of \$2M in 2018 road bond. An additional \$1M has also been appropriated for the project for a total construction funding of \$3M for 2019. The design engineer Kinney and Associates developed and submitted the application to nominate the project for the TIP funding program.

3

Lower Ship Creek Connections (14-41)

Cost: \$15,000,000
 Funds on Hand: \$400,000
 Additional funds required: \$14,600,000
 Need: This project will complete the most high-profile missing link in the Anchorage Areawide Trails Plan. A continuous greenbelt trail route will provide safer alternatives to use of roadway network.
 Project scope: This project will study trail connections from the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail to the Ship Creek Trail in the north-east area of downtown Anchorage. It will also address access to property owned by the ARRC.
 Project Status: Project is on hold until funding for additional design is obtained. AKA as the Downtown Trail Connection. Design study report was completed. Not funded for additional design or construction.

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Ship Creek Trail/Coastal Trail Connection

Cost: \$950,000
 Funds on Hand: \$0
 Additional funds required: \$950,000
 Need: This missing trail connection is identified in the Anchorage Trails Plan. This project is a priority for local residents, the community council, and the trails program.
 Project scope: This project will construct a multi-use trail that connects the existing Coastal Trail with Ship Creek Trail.
 Project Status: No work is underway or scheduled in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. The project will remain on the Capital Project Needs List for future funding consideration.

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Ship Creek Small Boat Harbor Access Road

Cost: \$1,000,000
 Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$1,000,000

Need: This roadway has never been constructed to current standards and it serves a public facility.

Project scope: This project will upgrade the access road to the small boat harbor. Improvements are expected to include pavement, street lighting, pedestrian facilities, and landscaping.

Project Status: This project has not started. State grant funding is proposed for the public involvement phase.

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7th Ave Surface Rehab - L St to A St (not including G St to E St)

Cost: \$2,000,000

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$2,000,000

Need: Pavement and curbs are deteriorating. Most of this section of the road was rated Condition F in the 2014 GASB Survey but an onsite evaluation revealed the road is holding up well.

Project scope: This project will rehab pavement and curb as required and install ADA upgrades.

Project Status: No work is underway or scheduled in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. The project will remain on the Capital Projects Needs List for future funding consideration.

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ARDSA Alley Paving

Cost: \$300,000

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$300,000

Need: There are over 300 unpaved alleys in ARDSA. Unpaved alleys are a nuisance for residents and businesses. Dusty alleys negatively impact the air quality over the Municipality.

Project scope: This program will systematically pave all remaining unpaved alleys in ARDSA.

Project Status: This is an annual program to pave 10-12 alleys each summer in the Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area (ARDSA).

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Eagle St Surface Rehab - 3rd Ave to 6th Ave

Cost: \$800,000

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$800,000

Need: Pavement is deteriorating.

Project scope: This project would replace or overlay pavement.

Project 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.

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8th Ave at A St and C St Pedestrian Safety

Cost: \$150,000

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$150,000

Need: This project is a high priority in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan.

Project scope: This project will construct pedestrian safety improvements at these intersections. The exact improvements will be determined in the design phase.

Project Status: This project has not started. State grant funding is proposed.

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O St and 6th Ave Area Drainage

Cost: \$200,000

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$200,000

Need: This project is a high priority for Public Works. This is a critical need with the existing storm drain not performing sufficiently.

Project scope: Replace or slip line the storm drain infrastructure in this area.

Project Status: The project has not started.

11

M St Improvements - 4th Ave to 5th Ave (18-01)

Cost: \$1,200,000

Funds on Hand: \$375,000

Additional funds required: \$825,000

Need:

Project scope: Redesign and reconstruct M Street to optimize its usage as a non-motorized link and connection with Elderberry Park

Project Status: Funding has been provided for a Concept Report. Bond funding is proposed for construction.

Parks and Recreation

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1

Downtown Streetscape Improvements

Cost: \$500,000

Funds on Hand: \$100,000

Additional funds required: \$400,000

Need: Downtown Anchorage is a major focal point for the community with vibrant retail stores, great restaurants, art galleries, the Performing Arts Center, two convention centers and a concentration of businesses. The parks, cultural attractions and seasonal splendor of the famous summer flowers draw tourists from all over the world, but the downtown streetscape is incomplete without healthy, beautiful trees lining the streets. Anchorage lacks the infrastructure necessary to protect the trees, above and below the ground. Healthy downtown trees provide significant economic and social value to the community; studies demonstrate that tree-lined streets increase retail sales from 10-15%.

Project scope: In order to create a more attractive and safe downtown environment, substantial infrastructure improvements will occur in the downtown area between C and I Streets and 4th and 7th Avenues. Planting beds will be constructed to accommodate adequate tree root and canopy growth. Existing tree wells will be repaired for pedestrian safety.

Project Status: Downtown tree infrastructure is maintained by park maintenance and horticulture division within Parks & Recreation. Existing infrastructure does not allow for adequate tree growth resulting in tree death. P&R is working with a private funder and the Downtown Rotary to install a tree bed pilot project on 4th Ave.

2

Community Garden Site Selection and Design and Management Standards.

Cost: \$50,000

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$50,000

Need: The public demand for plots in MOA Community Gardens far exceeds the current availability. New community gardens have been identified in a number of newly completed park master plans. Funding will be used to develop new community gardens.

Project scope: Identify appropriate parks in the Anchorage Bowl where community garden development is appropriate. Create design and management guidelines to assist the department in building and maintaining community gardens.

Project Status: The department currently manages community gardens at The Gardens @ Bragaw, C Street Gardens, Fairview Lions and McPhee Gardens

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Forest Health and Park Safety

Cost: \$200,000

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$200,000

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.

Project 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.

Project Status: Park Maintenance and horticulture crews have cleared parks and trails making current park assets safe for Anchorage citizens.

4

Earl & Muriel King Park

Cost: \$200,000

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$200,000

Need: Earl & Muriel King Park is an underutilized neighborhood park bordering the Downtown/Fairview/South Addition neighborhoods. In the recent past, park neighbors and residents have expressed frustration with negative uses occurring in the park. Funds will be used to identify and construct park improvements.

Project scope: Funding will be used to both identify and construct improvements in this neighborhood park.

Project Status: This need is pending review by MOA

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Delaney Park Hockey Rink Rehabilitation

Cost: \$450,000

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$450,000

Need:

Project scope: Funding will be used to rehabilitate the hockey rink.

Project Status: Within the past 6 years, the Parks & Recreation Department has partnered with the Anchorage Park Foundation and the Scotty Gomez Foundation to rehabilitate the Tikishla Park rink and the Mulcahy rinks. The Delaney Park rink is the next on the list to address.

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Delaney Park

Cost: \$1,600,000

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$1,600,000

Need: Funds are needed to maintain Delaney Park as a vibrant public space serving all of Anchorage. The constant wear and tear of major events and sports use combined with outdated facilities has caused major park infrastructure decline.

Project scope: New funding will make repairs to turf, walking areas, landscape, amenities and athletic facilities. Renovate subgrade and surfacing of tennis courts.

Project Status: Delaney Park is one of Anchorage's oldest and most celebrated parks. The initial phase of the project approved by Anchorage Voters in 2007 upgraded basic park amenities.

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Elderberry Park

Cost: \$885,000

Funds on Hand: \$135,000

Additional funds required: \$750,000

Need: Elderberry Park is a primary access point to the Coastal Trail, a popular downtown tourist destination, a favorite place to watch the sunset over the inlet and a popular playground and gathering area for the Bootlegger's Cove neighborhood. The assets in the park are aging, the playground is outdated and does not meet current safety standards, the concrete is crumbling and the current circulation pattern of sidewalks and pathways within the park creates a dangerous environment both for park users and trail users trying to access the Coastal Trail.

Project scope: Funds will be used to improve circulation within the park and to the Coastal Trail, replace an aging playground, remove a dilapidated restroom that doesn't function, and repair turf, landscaping and park amenities.

Project Status: The Parks & Recreation Department in partnership with the Anchorage Park Foundation and a group of neighbors have developed an initial project list to make quick landscape improvements. However, the group quickly realized that the issues would require more funding than is currently in-hand. In the summer of 2013, there will be a volunteer fix-it day to complete small landscape and signage improvements, and a contractor will begin the first phase of circulation and safety improvements.

8

Town Square Park Upgrades, Safety and Security

Cost: \$7,000,000

Funds on Hand: \$600,000

Additional funds required: \$6,400,000

Need: Downtown organizations, agencies, businesses and park neighbors have expressed frustration with the current design and use of Town Square Park. Many feel that the park is underutilized, unsafe and doesn't meet the needs of the surrounding facilities.

Project scope: Funds will be used to identify improvements to Town Square Park that enhance its safety and security and keep it upgraded and maintained as the premier park in the downtown central business district.

Project Status: Master Planning efforts are currently underway.