All Proposed Abbott Loop Capital Projects

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Quinhagak St Upgrade - E Dowling Rd to Askeland Dr

Cost: $4,000,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $4,000,000

Need: This street is experiencing serious deterioration to the surface and frost heaving. The surface condition was rated a condition "F" by the 2011 GASB survey.

Project scope: This project will upgrade the road to current local road standards. Improvements are expected to include a new road base, pavement with curb and gutter, storm drain installation, pedestrian facilities if warranted, street lighting and landscaping.

Project Status: This project has not started. State grant funding is proposed. Otherwise, since this is a local road, funding for a road upgrade would be through the 30/70 Upgrade Road Improvement District Program. In this program, property owners initiate the project and agree to pay 70% of the cost through special assessments.

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64th Ave Upgrade - Brayton Dr to Quinhagak St

Cost: $3,300,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $3,300,000

Need: This local road is deteriorating and segments of curb and sidewalk are not constructed. This project is a high priority for the Abbott Loop Community Council.

Project scope: This project will upgrade and reconstruct a local road serving Totem Charter School. Improvements are expected to include reconstruction where required because of road condition and construction of curb and sidewalk facilities where missing.

Project Status: State grant funding is proposed. Otherwise, funding of the project would be through the 30/70 Road Improvement District program, in which property owners agree to pay 70% of the costs through special assessments.

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65th Ave Upgrade RID - Spruce St to Elmore Rd

Cost: $6,000,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $6,000,000

Need: This strip paved road has never been constructed to standards regarding pavement, drainage, curbs, and lighting.

Project scope: Install new road base, curbs, pavement, drainage, and lighting. 

Project Status: No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. Funding will be through the Road Improvement District program in which the project is initiated by property owners who agree to pay 70% of the costs through special assessments.

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Spruce St Extension/Upgrade - Dowling Rd to 68th Ave (08-08)

Cost: $12,360,200
Funds on Hand: $1,200,000
Additional funds required: $11,160,200

Need: The north half of this collector is not constructed and the south half is not constructed to collector standards. This project is a priority for the Abbott Loop Community Council. With the extension of Dowling Road from Lake Otis Parkway to Elmore Road, the extension of Spruce Street will enhance traffic circulation and promote safety by reducing the amount of traffic on surrounding area roads including Norm Drive.

Project scope: Urban collector improvements typically include a new road base, curbs, pavement, pedestrian facilities on both sides, storm drains, and street lighting. The
72nd Ave Upgrade/Extension - Spruce St to Elmore Rd

Cost: $24,000,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $24,000,000

Need: This project has been suggested as an east/west traffic link. However, no study efforts have been completed or planned to clarify need.

Project scope: This project would extend and upgrade this major local road to urban collector standards. Improvements are expected to include pavement, curbs, storm drains, pedestrian facilities, street lights, water line installation, and landscaping.

Project Status: No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. No funding is planned unless the road is reclassified as a collector street.

Academy Dr / Vanguard Dr Area Traffic Circulation Improvements - Brayton Dr to Abbott Rd (09-04)

Cost: $9,025,000
Funds on Hand: $1,015,000
Additional funds required: $8,010,000

Need: When the 92nd Avenue underpass at the Seward Highway is constructed by the state, with a connection to Old Seward Highway, traffic along the connection between the Seward Highway and Abbott Road will increase. This new connection will enhance traffic circulation in the Abbott/Dimond area. The existing roadway is not built to handle the expected traffic volumes with the addition of the 92nd Avenue underpass of the Seward Highway.

Project scope: Improvements are likely to include road realignment, pedestrian facilities, street lighting, and improved drainage.

Project Status: Commencement of right-of-way acquisition is tentatively scheduled for 2014 with construction startup in 2016, however both are dependent upon receipt of a state grant. Initial design study was funded with 2009 and 2010 road bonds. The project is being coordinated with ADOT and the 92nd Avenue Underpass Project.

84th Ave Extension/Upgrade - Spruce St to Elmore Rd

Cost: $10,000,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $10,000,000

Need: Traffic Studies and comments from Police, Fire, Street Maintenance, the Abbott Loop Community Council, and the School District indicate benefits from the project. However, community concerns about the speed and traffic impact have also been very strong.

Project scope: Extend 84th Ave from Spruce Street to Elmore Road. Reconstruct the portion that has already been built to current design standards. Improvements are expected to include a new road base, pavement, curb and gutters, storm drains, pedestrian facilities, street lighting and landscaping.

Project Status: This project has not started. Project funding is proposed as a combination of state grants and local road bonds.

Hartzell Rd Upgrade - 79th Ave to Dimond Blvd

Cost: $5,500,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $5,500,000

Need: This project will upgrade a deteriorating collector street, including provision for pedestrian facilities, that has never been constructed to full collector standards. The northern portion of this street segment was upgraded in 2005.

Project scope: This project will upgrade the unimproved section of a collector street to current standards. Improvements are expected to include pavement, curbs, pedestrian facilities, street lighting, and storm drains.

Project Status: State grant funding is proposed.

Nadine St Upgrade RID - 80th Ave to 84th Ave

Cost: $3,900,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $3,900,000

Need: This local road has never been constructed to urban standards.

Project scope: Improvements are expected to include a new road base, curbs, pavement, a sidewalk, underground storm drains, and street lighting.

Project Status: No work is underway and no funding is proposed in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. The project would be funded through the 30/70 Upgrade Road Improvement District Program in which property owners initiate the project and agree to pay 70% of the costs through special assessments.

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**64th Ave Upgrade RID - Spruce St to Elmore Rd**

Cost: $6,000,000

Funds on Hand: $0

Additional funds required: $6,000,000

Need: This strip paved road has not been constructed to current standards regarding pavement, curbs, lighting, and drainage.

Project scope: Install new road base, curbs, pavement, drainage, and lighting.

Project Status: No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. Funding will be through the Road Improvement District program in which the project is initiated by property owners who agree to pay 70% of the costs through special assessments.

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**Sandlewood Dr Extension - Lore Rd to 81st Ave**

Cost: $4,500,000

Funds on Hand: $0

Additional funds required: $4,500,000

Need: This project will construct a missing link between Lore Rd and Dimond Blvd. While this is a local road, the realignment of the Seward Hwy off-ramp to Sandlewood Dr and the installation of the new signal, increased the broader community need for this connection.

Project scope: While the scope is not set, urban improvements would typically include a new road base, curbs, pavement, pedestrian facilities, drainage, and street lighting.

Project Status: No work is underway or scheduled in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. Funding would be through the 30/70 Upgrade Road Improvement District Program in which property owners initiate the project and agree to pay 70% of the costs through special assessments.

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**Senate District L Local Road Rehabilitation**

Cost: $30,000,000

Funds on Hand: $1,500,000

Additional funds required: $28,500,000

Need: Many of the local roads in the Municipality are experiencing surface degradation. This issue manifests in cracking, pot holing, frost heaving, erosion of pavement edges, and separation between curb and asphalt.

Project scope: Resurface, primarily by reclaiming, local roads in Senate District F. Some drainage, grading, and curb work may be included as needed.

Project Status: State grant funding is proposed annually to fund this program.

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**Spruce St Upgrade RID - Fergie St to 68th Ave**

Cost: $3,000,000

Funds on Hand: $0

Additional funds required: $3,000,000

Need: This local road has never been constructed to urban standards.

Project scope: This project would upgrade the local road through the Road Improvement District (RID) program. Improvements are expected to include a new road base, curbs, pavement, pedestrian facilities, drainage, and street lighting.

Project Status: No work is underway or scheduled in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. This is a local road an funding will be through the 30/70 Upgrade Road Improvement District program. In this program, property owners initiate the project and agree to pay 70% of the costs through special assessments.

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**Winchester St Upgrade RID - 64th Ave to 68th Ave**

Cost: $3,900,000

Funds on Hand: $0

Additional funds required: $3,900,000

Need: This local road has never been constructed to urban standards.

Project scope: Improvements are expected to include a new road base, curbs, pavement, a sidewalk, underground storm drains, and street lighting.

Project Status: No work is underway and no funding is proposed in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. The project would be funded through the 30/70 Upgrade Road Improvement District Program in which property owners initiate the project and agree to pay 70% of the costs through special assessments.
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $3,900,000

Need: This road is not constructed to urban standards.

Project scope: This project would upgrade the local road through the Road Improvement District (RID) program. Improvements are expected to include a new road base, curbs, pavement, pedestrian facilities, drainage, and street lighting.

Project Status: No work is underway or scheduled in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. Funding for local road upgrades is through the 30/70 Upgrade Road Improvement District program. In this program, property owners initiate the project and agree to pay 70% of the cost through special assessments.

Zurich St Upgrade RID - 68th Ave to 72nd Ave

Cost: $3,900,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $3,900,000

Need: This local road is not constructed to urban standards.

Project scope: This project would upgrade the local road through the Road Improvement District (RID) program. Improvements are expected to include a new road base, curbs, pavement, pedestrian facilities, drainage, and street lighting.

Project Status: No work is underway or scheduled in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. Funding for local road upgrades is through the 30/70 Upgrade Road Improvement District program. In this program, property owners initiate the project and agree to pay 70% of the cost through special assessments.

68th Ave Reconstruction - Brayton Dr to Lake Otis Pkwy

Cost: $12,000,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $12,000,000

Need: The surface of the road is wearing thin and the storm drains under the road need to be replaced.

Project scope: This project will reconstruct this collector street to current standards. Improvements are expected to include a new road base, replacement of the storm drain system, installation of curb and gutters, sidewalk and/or trail, street lighting, and landscaping.

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

80th Ave Extension/Upgrade - Spruce St to Elmore Rd

Cost: $21,000,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $21,000,000

Need: This project has been suggested as an east/west road connector. However, no studies regarding need have been completed or are planned.

Project scope: This project would extend and upgrade this major local road to urban collector standards. Improvements are expected to include pavement, curbs, storm drains, pedestrian facilities, street lights, water line installation, and landscaping.

Project Status: No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. No funding is planned unless the road is reclassified as a collector street.

ARDSA Storm Drain System Condition Assessment and Rehabilitation Program (13-24)

Cost: $1,000,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $1,000,000

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 barrels/55 gallon drums laid end to end to divert or convey storm water from their properties. Much of the storm drain pipe that Anchorage has in the ground today is now deteriorated to the extent that in some instances it has completely vanished. Obviously these system failures impact the public in many ways. Primary impacts include health & safety consequences and property damage through flooding.

Project 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.

Project Status: This is an annual program with bond funding anticipated.

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**Elmore Rd Extension - Abbott Rd to OMalley Rd**

Cost: $25,000,000  
Funds on Hand: $0  
Additional funds required: $25,000,000  

Need: Portions of this collector are constructed to gravel standards, but there is no connection between Abbott Road and OMalley Road. The existing road does not meet standards regarding pavement, pedestrian facilities, drainage, and lighting. The need for this connection has increased with the connection north to Tudor Road. Some community councils are supportive of the project while others oppose it.

Project scope: This project will install a new road base, curbs, pavement, pedestrian facilities, drainage, and lighting. Elmore Road is classified as a collector street in the Official Streets and Highways Plan (OS&HP) and will be constructed accordingly.

Project Status: Funding is proposed as a funding partnership of state grants and local road bonds.

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**East Dowling Rd Pedestrian Overpass at Elmore Rd**

Cost: $1,500,000  
Funds on Hand: $0  
Additional funds required: $1,500,000  

Need: The trail along the new Elmore Road connection from 48th Avenue to 64th Avenue is drawing a high number of users. Since vehicle traffic going southbound on Elmore Road is not required to stop before turning right onto Dowling Road, the at-grade pedestrian crossing is not the best alternative. DOWL designed the pedestrian overpass to meet the need but it was not constructed as part of the DOT project.

Project scope: This project will construct a pedestrian overpass over East Dowling Road to link the existing multi-use trail on either side.

Project Status: DOWL has completed the design as part of the States East Dowling project. Construction funding is proposed as a state grant.

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**Flooding, Glaciation, and Drainage Matching Program**

Cost: $50,000,000  
Funds on Hand: $0  
Additional funds required: $50,000,000  

Need: This project will design and construct drainage projects that address flooding and glaciation problems throughout Anchorage. The goal of improvements is to improve safety and reduce operation and maintenance costs.

Project scope: This annual funding program allows the Municipality to apply funding to drainage needs as required within and without road right-of-ways.

Project Status: This annual program has funded dozens of successful small and large projects in recent years. Local bond funds are matched with state grants each year.

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**Lake Otis Industrial Center Area Storm Drain**

Cost: $900,000  
Funds on Hand: $0  
Additional funds required: $900,000  

Need: This area is identified in the Campbell Creek Area Drainage Study as lacking storm drain infrastructure.

Project scope: This project will construct an underground storm trunk to serve the area.

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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**Lore Rd Extension/Upgrade - Lake Otis Pkwy to Spruce St**

Cost: $9,400,000  
Funds on Hand: $0  
Additional funds required: $9,400,000  

Need: This project has been suggested as an east/west road connection. However, no studies to identify needs have been completed or planned.
Project scope: This project would extend and upgrade this major local road to urban collector standards. Improvements are expected to include pavement, curbs, storm drains, pedestrian facilities, street lights, water line installation, and landscaping.

Project Status: No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. No funding is planned unless the road is reclassified as a collector street.

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64th Ave Upgrade/Reconstruction - Laurel St to Norm Dr (12-21)

Cost: $6,254,750
Funds on Hand: $4,000,000
Additional funds required: $2,254,750

Need: The road base is failing as evidenced by the frost heaves and curb jacking. Storm drainage system is known to be failing.

Project scope: This project will upgrade East 64th Avenue between Laurel Street and Newt Drive and reconstruct 64th Avenue between Newt Drive and Norm Drive to current local road standards. Improvements are expected to include new road base, storm drain repair or replacement, street lighting, and pedestrian facilities.

Project Status: CRW has completed the Draft DSR, review will be in progress through January. Initial project design, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation, and some construction were funded with a 2012 state grant. A state grant has been requested to complete construction funding.

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Road and Drainage Rehab Matching Program

Cost: $50,000,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $50,000,000

Need: The 2011 GASB survey of surface conditions for paved roads in the Municipality revealed 190 miles of road either Condition E or F. These letters represent roads that are in poor condition and worse. Most of the time repairing these roads requires addressing the drainage issues that cause the surface to crack, heave, and pot hole. The purpose of this funding is to preserve deteriorating road bases before a costly full reconstruction is required.

Project scope: This annual funding program allows the Municipality to construct road and drainage improvements as they develop. Road resurfacing, drainage improvements, and curb replacement are the types of improvements accomplished through the program.

Project Status: Road rehabilitation occurs annually throughout the Municipality on both major roads and local roads due to this program. Local road bonds have been combined with state grants to construct dozens of projects throughout Anchorage in the last few years.

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Winchester St Area Drainage - 72nd Ave to Lore Rd

Cost: $250,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $250,000

Need: The level surface on this section of Winchester results in ponding and in one location the resulting flooding impacts homes.

Project scope: Design and construct a drainage system to address the flooding on Winchester.

Project Status: The project has not started. The project will remain on the needs list for future funding consideration. It is anticipated that funding for a design study will be pursued initially. The DSR will provide the scope of a recommended alternative and identify the project cost.

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Hillside LRSAs Road and Drainage System Rehab

Cost: $20,000,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $20,000,000

Need: Many local roads remain dirt or gravel streets with high maintenance costs. In addition, these roads are a source of dust which reduces air quality for the community. This project is a priority for the hillside area community councils.

Project scope: This project will reconstruct road and drainage facilities within Hillside Area Limited Road Service Areas (LRSAs). Specific projects will be identified by the local road boards.

Project Status: No work has begun, but state grant funding is proposed annually in the approved CIP to supplement local mill levies.

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Viburnum Dr/ Oakwood Dr/Burlwood Dr Reconstruction (12-31)

Cost: $8,973,290
Funds on Hand: $7,900,000
Additional funds required: $1,073,290
Need: High ground water has deteriorated the road base resulting in curb jacking and pavement failures. There is no existing storm drain system. This project is a priority for street maintenance and the local residents.

Project scope: This project will reconstruct the road base, install a subdrain, replace the pavement and curbs, and upgrade the street lighting.

Project Status: Construction is anticipated in 2014. A 2012 state grant has funded design and partial construction.

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**Seward Hwy Expansion - Dowling Rd to Dimond Blvd**

Cost: $80,000,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $80,000,000

Need: Traffic already exceeds the capacity of the existing facility.

Project scope: The scope is expected to include expanding the freeway to 3-lanes in each direction and adding underpasses at 68th and 76th Avenues.

Project Status: A major investment study has been completed by the State of Alaska. This is a state-owned facility and evaluation and future funding would be by the State of Alaska. The route is identified as a freeway in the Official Streets and Highways Plan.

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**OMalley Rd Interchanges at Old and New Seward Hwys**

Cost: $60,600,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $60,600,000

Need: Increasing traffic is expected to push these intersections beyond their current capacity.

Project scope: This project will construct a separated interchange at the Old Seward Highway and upgrade the New Seward Highway interchange.

Project 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 by the State of Alaska. This project is identified in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

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**Abbott Rd Upgrade - Lake Otis Pkwy to Birch Rd**

Cost: $24,100,000
Funds on Hand: $1,400,000
Additional funds required: $22,700,000

Need: This project is not constructed to collector standards regarding pavement width, shoulder width, vertical hill design, pedestrian, and lighting facilities.

Project scope: Reconstruct minor arterial to urban standards. Improvements are expected to include pavement, curb and gutter, storm drainage, street lighting, and pedestrian facilities. Spot safety issues will be addressed.

Project Status: Reconnaissance study efforts by the State of Alaska are underway. This is a state owned facility and evaluation and future funding would be through the State of Alaska. The road is designated as a minor arterial in the Official Streets and Highways Plan (OS&HP).

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**Birch Rd at Abbott Rd Traffic Signal**

Cost: $750,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $750,000

Need: Traffic signal needs will be analyzed by the State of Alaska.

Project scope: If the State determines a signal is warranted, funding will be pursued.

Project Status: Included with State Abbott Road Project.

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**Seward Hwy Expansion - Dimond Blvd to OMalley Rd**

Cost: $70,000,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $70,000,000
Need: Traffic already exceeds the capacity of the existing facility.
Project scope: Improvements are expected to include expanding the road to 3-lanes in each direction, an underpass at 92nd Avenue, and a westside frontage road with a connection to the Old Seward Highway.
Project Status: A major investment study has been completed by the State of Alaska. This is a state-owned facility and evaluation and future funding would be by the State of Alaska. The route is identified as a freeway in the Official Streets and Highways Plan.

OMalley Rd Trail - Seward Hwy to Hillside Dr
Cost: $3,000,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $3,000,000
Need: The Anchorage Trails Plan calls for a trail in this minor arterial street corridor.
Project scope: This project will construct a trail alongside OMalley Road.
Project Status: Design efforts by the State of Alaska for an upgrade to OMalley Road have been funded and trail construction is anticipated as part of that project. This is a state-owned facility and evaluation and funding would be by the State of Alaska.

Parks and Recreation
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Abbott Loop Community Park
Cost: $500,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $500,000
Need: Abbott Loop Community Park is located in a higher density housing area needing outdoor community park elements like playgrounds, athletic fields, sledding hills and amenities to support park users.
Project scope: This funding would be used to implement the remaining elements of the Community Park Master Plan Vision. The plan elements include a playground, sledding hill, security lighting and concession building design.
Project Status: Abbott Loop Community Park is one of the newest parks in Anchorage and provides for year round family and community recreation as well as linkage to the Far North Bicentennial park trail system. Summer activities include little league baseball and soccer.

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Meadow Street Park
Cost: $300,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $300,000
Need: The existing parking areas are unpaved creating pot-holes and erosion near Little Campbell Creek. Input from the community council and area residents indicate that this area of town with high density housing lacks a neighborhood park play area.
Project scope: Pave the existing parking areas. Install a new playground.
Project Status: Park Maintenance performs monthly safety inspections and repairs the park assets as necessary.

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Whisper Faith Kovach Playground
Cost: $350,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $350,000
Need: This park is an important playground for the Abbott Loop neighborhood. The playground and safety surfacing need to be compliant with current industry-wide safety and accessibility standards.
Project scope: Funds will be used to replace the playground and safety surfacing. Additionally, we have heard preliminary input that a dog park might be feasible in this location. Additionally and if funds allow, the parking area will be improved.
Project Status: Park Maintenance performs monthly safety inspections and repairs the park assets as necessary.
**Spruce Park**

Cost: $300,000  
Funds on Hand: $0  
Additional funds required: $300,000  

Need: Spruce Park is an important playground for the Abbott Loop neighborhood. The playground and safety surfacing need to be compliant with current industry-wide safety standards. Additionally, through the neighborhood park report card process citizens expressed the need for a picnic shelter.  

Project scope: Funds will be used to repair the playground and safety surfacing, add a picnic shelter and fix other neighborhood park amenities.  

Project Status: Park Maintenance performs monthly safety inspections and repairs the park assets as necessary.

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**Ruth Arcand Park**

Cost: $75,000  
Funds on Hand: $0  
Additional funds required: $75,000  

Need: Hundreds of families go to the Abbott-O-Rabbitt ball fields each summer for little league games. Children not playing ball would benefit from a place to play while their siblings are playing baseball.  

Project scope: Add a small playground area at the Abbott-o-Rabbitt Little League fields.  

Project Status: The Parks & Recreation Department in partnership with the Anchorage Park Foundation and a group of little league volunteers recently completed accessibility and parking improvements at the ballfield complex.

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**FNBP Improvements**

Cost: $600,000  
Funds on Hand: $0  
Additional funds required: $600,000  

Need: There are over 100 miles of soft surface trails in FNBP. Trail and trail-head infrastructure (bridges, lighting, parking lots, signage, drainage) needs to be repaired to keep pace with increasing demand.  

Project scope: Bridge repair, trail sustainability projects, trail reroutes, building missing trail links, parking lot improvements.  

Project Status: The FNBP Trail Improvement Plan was adopted by the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Urban Design Commission. The Improvement Plan identifies a list of projects supported by all trail user groups.

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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 Foresters 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.

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**FNBP: Blue Dot Trail Bridge Replacement**

Cost: $1,000,000  
Funds on Hand: $0  
Additional funds required: $1,000,000  

Need: The current structure does not meet current trail bridge safety standards.  

Project scope: Remove existing structure and replace with safe, prefab trail bridge. Funds will be used for planning, design, permitting and construction.
Dog Park Site Selection and Design and Management Standards.

Cost: $75,000  
Funds on Hand: $0  
Additional funds required: $75,000

Need: Anchorage residents love their dogs! Currently, Anchorage has 6 official dog parks, and one more in development. Only one park is completely fenced. There is demand for more fenced dog parks throughout the bowl. Funds will be used to systematically identify the next, most appropriate places to build dog parks. Additionally, this project will develop dog park design and management guidelines.

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

Project Status: The department just completed a small, fenced dog park at Arctic Benson Park. Another project is underway to formalize a fenced off-leash area at Valley of the Moon Park.