

All Proposed 2026 Eagle River Capital Projects

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Priority 1

Brooks Rd/Chugiak Dr/Cross Rd Upgrade

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$7,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$7,000,000.00

Need: This project is a priority for the Chugiak, Birchwood, Eagle River Rural Road Service Area Board. Because these roads have not been built to current standards, safety may be impacted. The 2020 GASB survey rated most of Brooks Lane in failing condition.

Project Scope: The project will construct these roads to current design standards.

Project Status: This project has not started. Funding priorities are set by Chugiak, Birchwood, Eagle River Rural Road Service Area Board.

Priority 2

Farm Ave Sidewalk - Old Glenn Hwy to New Glenn Hwy

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$690,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$690,000.00

Need: No sidewalk exists in this location. This project is included in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan.

Project Scope: The project will install sidewalk and a crossing at the Old Glenn Highway.

Project Status: No work is underway and no funding is proposed in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. Funding priorities are set by Chugiak, Birchwood, Eagle River Rural Road Service Area Board. The project will remain on the Capital Projects Needs List for future funding consideration.

Priority 3

Eagle River Traffic Mitigation Phase I - Business Blvd to Eagle River Rd (11-16)

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$8,674,500.00

Funds on Hand: \$8,674,500.00

Additional Funds Required: \$0.00

Need: This project was recommended in the Eagle River CBD study (2011) to enhance traffic circulation in the Eagle River Central Business District area. The primary purpose of this new connection is to relieve pressure from the overly crowded Old Glenn Highway

Project Scope: The project will study specific ways to provide better access to Business Boulevard from Eagle River Road and then construct the selected alternative. Discussing expansion of traffic analysis with ADOT to include evaluation of the Glenn Highway interchanges. The exact scope will be determined during the design process, which will include public involvement.

Project Status: 95% PS&E scheduled to be submitted for review in December 2024. Construction of Centerfield storm and road extension planned in 2025.

Priority 4

Eagle River Greenbelt Multi-use Trail from Meadow Creek to Gruening Middle School

Agency:

Cost:

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required:

Need: There is a high demand for recreational trails in the community. Portions of an unimproved trail currently exist in the general location of the trail along Eagle River. Gruening Middle School students would have the opportunity to have a cross county running trail directly connected to the school grounds.

Project Scope: Build soft-surfaced, non-motorized, multi-use trail extending from an access point off VFW Road near the Glenn Highway Bridge to Gruening Middle School. This would build the beginning portion of the proposed trail extending to the Eagle River Nature Center.

Project Status: Proposed trail location and trail type has been identified.

Priority 5

CBERRRSA Traffic Calming

Agency:

Cost: \$50,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$50,000,000.00

Need: Community streets experiencing high levels of vehicles traveling at excessive speeds. Implementation of traffic calming measures on the streets.

Project Scope: Conduct an area study to identify streets experiencing high levels vehicles traveling at excessive speeds and safety issues. Construct and implement traffic calming measures identified through the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.

Project Status: No work underway.

Priority 6

Birchwood-Chugiak-Eagle River Areawide Drainage Plan

Agency:

Cost: \$50,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$50,000,000.00

Need: Development in this region has produced a need for an areawide plan to handle future drainage needs. The last drainage plan was done in 1987.

Project Scope: This project will do a comprehensive study of the storm water drainage in the Chugiak-Eagle River area and make drainage plan recommendations.

Project Status: No work is underway. State grant funding is proposed.

Priority 7

Eagle River Chugiak Road and Drainage System Rehab

Agency:

Cost: \$250,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$250,000,000.00

Need: Road and drainage needs exist throughout the service area.

Project Scope: Construct road and drainage improvements.

Project Status: The Chugiak, Birchwood, Eagle River Rural Road Service Area Board manages funding collected through property taxes for road and drainage improvements in their area. The local road board evaluates and prioritizes projects for funding.

Priority 8

Homestead Elementary School Area Pedestrian Improvements

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost:

Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required:

Need:

Project Scope: Project will add or upgrade sidewalks along existing walking route on Baronoff Ave to Homestead Elementary School. Design may include pedestrian crossing improvements at Caribou, Chandalar, and Colville Street intersections.

Project Status:

Priority 9

Birchwood/Chugiak/Eagle River Areawide Subsurface Aquifer Study

Agency:

Cost: \$50,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$50,000,000.00

Need: A majority of the developed properties in Birchwood-Chugiak-Eagle River rely upon on-site water well and septic systems rather than public utilities. Little is known of the location of all subsurface aquifers that serve these rural properties. Proper planning requires identification of the aquifers. Insufficient information can produce negative impacts on the health and the environment as well as to the pocketbook. This study is included in the Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan.

Project Scope: This project will do a comprehensive study of the subsurface aquifers in the Birchwood-Chugiak-Eagle River area.

Project Status: No work is underway. State grant funding is proposed.

Priority 10

Repair, Restoration and Installation of Eagle River Bus Stops to Support Public Transit System

Agency:

Cost: \$500,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$500,000,000.00

Need: Funding is urgently required to effect repairs and restore operations at the Eagle River Transit Center. Situated in the immediate vicinity of Eagle River's town square park, a cherished community gathering place, the center has regrettably been locked up and rendered inaccessible to residents, leading to its gradual deterioration. The remaining public transportation facilities in Eagle River lack essential amenities such as benches and protection from the elements. The Eagle River Community Council has on multiple occasions expressed its dissatisfaction with the removal of all but one of its bus routes. The deteriorating state of the remaining public transportation infrastructure is a significant concern, as it can lead to a decline in ridership, ultimately resulting in reduced funding. This situation does not align with the mission of restoring bus service to Eagle River and is inconsistent with the goal of fostering a robust and thriving economic environment in the area. And encouraging more active transportation

Project Scope: Renovate the Eagle River Transit Center and improve other bus stop locations to ADA requirements. Improvements to support People Mover Public Transit and Micro Transit Systems to serve the Eklutna, Peters Creek, Chugiak and Eagle River areas.

Project Status: No work started.

Priority 11

Lower Fire Lake Public Use Facilities

Agency:

Cost:

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required:

Need: Fire Lake access is in high demand for recreational opportunities by the community throughout the year. Summer activities includes boating, paddle boarding, swimming and fishing. Winter activities include ice fishing, cross country skiing, and ice skating. West Lake Ridge Road and the bridge/dam are narrow. Vehicles parking along the road create hazardous conditions for the users, pedestrians and bicyclist.

Project Scope: Develop adequate park-style amenities, including restrooms, trash receptacles, parking, and a dock. Expand the bridge to include a pedestrian/bicycle lane. Integration of dedicated infrastructure for cyclists and pedestrians within this corridor simplifies the utilization of the Glen/Old Glenn multi-use trail.

Project Status: No work started.

No Assigned Priority

AMATS: Campbell Creek Lake Otis Crossing

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$0.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$0.00

Need: The Campbell Creek Trail consists of an east and west trail which is separated by Lake Otis Blvd. Pedestrians and cyclists are required to travel a half mile to the south to access a tunnel under Lake Otis Blvd. An overpass would provide for a more direct connection and eliminate safety concerns associated with trail users cutting directly across traffic.

Project Scope: Design and construct an elevated bike/pedestrian bridge over Lake Otis Blvd to connect the east and west portions of the Campbell Creek Trail.

Project Status:

No Assigned Priority

Chester Creek-Campbell Creek Trail Connection Lighting

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$0.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$0.00

Need: Trail user safety is a priority for the Department and the residents of Anchorage. The Chester Creek-Campbell Creek trail connection is a well used link between two major greenbelts within Anchorage. Trail safety will increase with the addition of lighting for the long winter months. LED technology continues to decrease in cost and the utility bills are a fraction of traditional lighting technology.

Project Scope: Add light poles and LED light fixtures to the Chester Creek Trail-Campbell Creek Trail Connection from the Tudor Road overpass all the way to Goose Lake Park/Northern Lights Bridge.

Project Status:

No Assigned Priority

AMATS: Fish Creek to the Ocean

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$0.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$0.00

Need: Non Motorized transportation that connects Spenard, Midtown, Turnagain, West Anchorage and Downtown

Project Scope: Connect the Fish Creek Trail at Northern Lights Blvd to the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail

Project Status:

No Assigned Priority

AMATS: Sitka Street Park Connectivity

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$0.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$0.00

Need: Interest from local community councils to improve neighborhood access to the Chester Creek Trail from Sitka Street in addition to bringing the existing bridge into compliance for winter maintenance operations.

Project Scope: Funds will be used to enhance existing trail and bridge Sitka Street Park as well as construct a trail connection from Sitka Street to the Chester Creek Greenbelt and the Maplewood St spur.

Project Status:

No Assigned Priority

Athletic Field Safety Improvements

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$0.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$0.00

Need: Anchorage's athletic fields are well used during the short summer season. Funding will be used to improve athletic fields and supporting facilities in coordination with user groups.

Project Scope: Improvements to athletic fields throughout the Anchorage Bowl to improve play for youth and adult sports. Improvements include turf rehabilitation, fence repair, irrigation systems repairs, amenities, and general facility improvements.

Project Status:

No Assigned Priority

Campbell Creek Trail Rehabilitation and Wayfinding

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$0.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$0.00

Need: Continuation of multi-year, multi-phase trail rehabilitation project including pavement resurfacing, drainage improvements, wayfinding, streambank restoration, and bridge replacement along the Campbell Creek Trail. Previously completed bond funded phases have rehabilitated trail from Dimond Blvd to Fairbanks Street. Future phases will continue east along the trail to Elmore Rd.

Project Scope: Asphalt repair, lighting assessment and improvements, bridge repair/replacement, signage improvements.

Project Status:

No Assigned Priority

Chester Creek Sports Complex Planning and Development

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$0.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$0.00

Need: This complex is in need of capital improvements and reinvestment including updated ballfields, hockey facilities, pickleball, baseball, softball, lighting, access and circulation improvements. All of these improvements need to be considered within its modern context of recreation needs for our city and region.

Project Scope: The last Master Plan for the Chester Creek Sports Complex, approved in 2006, aimed to address outdated facilities and transform the complex into a community asset. Since then, additional public engagement led to a 2015 Major Site Plan review focused on parking expansion and a renovated Mulcahy Stadium. The upcoming 20-year update will involve community input and include a vision for the entire park.

Project Status:

No Assigned Priority

Coastal Trail Shoreline Erosion

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$0.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$0.00

Need: To protect the shoreline and trail corridor from shoreline erosion threatening the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail.

Project Scope: Design, permit, and construct a solution to protect against shoreline erosion along the land-water interface near the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail

Project Status:

No Assigned Priority

Cuddy Family Midtown Park Improvements

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$0.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$0.00

Need: Cuddy Family Midtown Park is a popular community use park in midtown anchorage that features citywide events including concerts, celebrations, athletic events and Winter Solstice. Additionally, the ice skating community has requested a warming facility (chalet) and repairs to the audio system associated with the speed skating loop.

Project Scope: Improvements to park and facilities to serve users for year round activities and events. Improvements will also include safety, accessibility, and infrastructure upgrades.

Project Status:

No Assigned Priority

Delaney Park Improvements (Pete's Gym)

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$0.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$0.00

Need: The roof of the gym is in poor condition, and facility staff have indicated that the building may no longer be viable. Further public involvement, analysis, and design is needed to determine the future of this structure.

Project Scope: Scope will be refined through further examination of facility and community priorities.

Project Status:

No Assigned Priority

Fairview Recreation Center Improvements

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$0.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$0.00

Need: The Fairview Recreation Center was built in the 1980s and facilities are aging and in need of upgrades. Parks and Recreation is working with the community to identify upgrades to ensure that the facility continues to serve the needs of the community for years to come.

Project Scope: Funding will be used to upgrade recreation center facilities as identified in the recently completed Fairview Recreation Center Strategic Plan.

Project Status:

No Assigned Priority

Far North Bicentennial Park Improvements

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$0.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$0.00

Need: There are over 100 miles of soft surface trails in FNBP. Trail and trailhead 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 and construction of missing trail links, parking lot improvements.

Project Status:

No Assigned Priority

Goose Lake to UAA Drive Pathway Rehabilitation

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$0.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$0.00

Need: A well-used trail system exists in Goose Lake Park, extending into the UAA and APU properties. It consists of a mix of asphalt and dirt trails used for year-round recreation. In particular, a multi-use paved trail connects the Chester Creek Greenbelt to the UMED district and is in need of asphalt rehabilitation.

Project Scope: Funds will be used for approximately .75 miles of pavement rehabilitation as well as improving connectivity and safety in the area.

Project Status:

No Assigned Priority

I Street Stairway

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$0.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$0.00

Need: This stairway links the Chester Creek Trail to the South Addition neighborhood at 16th Ave and I Street. This stairway provides a critical pedestrian connection for community members.

Project Scope: Remove and replace stairways.

Project Status:

No Assigned Priority

Kincaid Park Safety and Access Improvements

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$0.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$0.00

Need: Kincaid Park features world class cross-country ski trails, single track mountain biking trails, a large soccer complex, archery range, biathlon range, motocross track, disc golf course, boating, fishing and a chalet. This park has ongoing needs relating to safety, access, and user group amenities.

Project Scope: Investment in amenities relating to user groups, work relating to erosion and stabilization throughout the park, circulation and access improvements, lighting and safety improvements.

Project Status:

No Assigned Priority

Kincaid Park Master Plan and Improvements

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$0.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$0.00

Need: Kincaid Park features world class cross-country ski trails, single track mountain biking trails, a large soccer complex, archery range, biathlon range, motocross track, disc golf course, and chalet. As park visitor numbers continue to grow, and funding for upgrades is needed to maintain this park as a premier recreation destination. An update to the Kincaid Park Master Plan is needed to help understand modern day community priorities for this park.

Project Scope: The scope for this project includes engaging users, stakeholders, and community members in an update of the Kincaid Park Master Plan, taking into consideration how the park has evolved since the original master plan in 1983, and again since the update to that master plan in 2006.

Project Status:

No Assigned Priority

Margaret Eagan Sullivan/Westchester Lagoon Facility Redevelopment

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$0.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$0.00

Need: Margaret Eagan Sullivan Park, home to Westchester Lagoon, is one of Anchorage's most popular parks. Proposed upgrades at Covey Café include enhanced utilities for winter operations and replacing the café with a new structure to provide indoor gathering spaces for year-round recreation. The improvements will also feature rentable areas and better support for year-round concessions.

Project Scope: Funding will be used to upgrade the structural facilities at Margret Egan Sullivan Park, including upgrading the existing covey café to accomidate indoor events, bathrooms, warming space, boat storage, and a café.

Project Status:

No Assigned Priority

Multi-use trails and access

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$0.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$0.00

Need: Safety upgrades are needed along major greenbelt trails to support trail use in all seasons. This includes lighting missing links and spur trails, wayfinding with emergency locators, bridge upgrades as needed.

Project Scope: Add LED lighting to trails and missing greenbelt trail links. Upgrade/replace aging bridges. Upgrade signage and wayfinding.

Project Status:

No Assigned Priority

Playground Development- Inclusive Play

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$0.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$0.00

Need: Anchorage Parks and Recreation manages over 80 playgrounds and is a national leader for inclusive play. In 2018 the department completed a strategic plan for inclusive play- "The State of Play in the MOA." This plan highlights improvements to playgrounds across anchorage that go beyond ADA accessibility.

Project Scope: Funding will be used to renovate neighborhood and community use park playgrounds to provide a more inclusive experience by upgrading play equipment and safety surfacing by removing barriers to access for children and families

Project Status:

No Assigned Priority

Potter Marsh Watershed Park Master Plan and Improvements

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$0.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$0.00

Need: In late 2024, Great Land Trust and the MOA completed an acquisition of land that created a 300 acre park in south Anchorage. A Master Plan is needed to identify community priorities and wishes within the park relating to park development including trail improvements, parking areas, signage, and other amenities.

Project Scope: Identify a 20 year vision for Potter Marsh Watershed Park.

Project Status:

No Assigned Priority

Section 36 Trail Development and Park Improvements

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$0.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$0.00

Need: A number of community members and groups have approached the department requesting elements of the master plan be realized including the formalization of trails for hiking and mountain biking.

Project Scope: Realize improvements and priorities in the master plan including trail development.

Project Status:

No Assigned Priority

Spenard Recreation Center Improvements

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$0.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$0.00

Need: The Spenard Recreation Center is an aging and important community asset. Upgrades are needed to ensure that the facility continues to serve the needs of the community for years to come.

Project Scope: Funding will be used to upgrade recreation center facilities.

Project Status:

No Assigned Priority

Town Square Park Safety and Lighting Improvements

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$0.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$0.00

Need: Downtown organizations, agencies, businesses and park neighbors have expressed frustration with the 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 replace and enhance aging lighting facilities throughout the park.

Project Status: