

All Proposed Girdwood Capital Projects

Project Management and Engineering

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1

Girdwood Comprehensive Road and Drainage Improvement Study

Cost: \$280,000

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$280,000

Need: Drainage in Girdwood's four-season, rainforest micro-climate has never been fully addressed in the planning and development of the community. The result has been chronic issues that are unsafe for users, problematic for fire and rescue equipment, and detrimental to the development of housing and businesses. Case-by-case mitigation of drainage issues is expensive and inefficient. Road and drainage improvements will benefit to all who use Girdwood roads, including pedestrians, bicyclists, private vehicle and motor coaches, improving year round to access city, state and federal recreational lands, businesses and homes. Road and drainage infrastructure in Girdwood's rainforest micro-climate is fundamental in the success of all elements of business, recreation, and public safety. The project is the top-ranked transportation priority for the Girdwood Valley Board of Supervisors.

Project scope: This study will update and complete a draft 2006 drainage study that was not finished. The Comprehensive Road and Drainage Improvement Study will be used to prioritize future road and drainage improvements. The study will give the community an estimated cost with each improvement.

Project Status: This study will build off an unfinished 2006 drainage study. State grant funding is proposed.

2

Alyeska Creek at Mt Hood Fish Passage (14-54)

Cost: \$600,000

Funds on Hand: \$100,000

Additional funds required: \$500,000

Need: The existing culvert does not allow optimum fish passage.

Project scope: Replace the culvert with one that enhances fish passage.

Project Status: Project is on hold. Additional funding required to advance design/construct.

3

Arlberg Ave Upgrade - Garmisch Rd to Aspen Mountain Rd

Cost: \$3,760,000

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$3,760,000

Need: This collector street is not constructed to collector street standards. This road serves the Girdwood residential area, the Alyeska ski area, and is the gateway to the Alyeska Prince Hotel. The existing road is too narrow with a deteriorating surface. Safety is a concern, especially in the wintertime, with a mix of traffic and pedestrians in icy conditions. This project is a high priority for the Girdwood Community Council.

Project scope: Reconstruct the road base, install storm drains with curb and gutter, add pedestrian facilities, install street lighting, and landscaping.

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

4

California Way Connection - Crow Creek Rd to Hightower Rd

Cost: \$3,500,000

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$3,500,000

Need: Interest has been expressed in constructing a new local road connection between Crow Creek Road and Hightower Road to promote neighborhood traffic circulation without using the Alyeska Highway.

Project scope: This project will construct a new local roadway connection. Improvements are expected to include a paved or RAP surface, ditches, and a bridge across California Creek.

Project Status: No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. Project will remain on the Capital Project Needs List for future funding consideration.

5

Moose Meadow Creek Fish Passage (14-56)

Cost: \$600,000

Funds on Hand: \$100,000

Additional funds required: \$500,000

Need: The existing culvert does not allow for optimum fish passage.

Project scope: Replace the existing culvert with one that enhances fish passage.

Project Status: Project is on hold. Additional funding required to advance design/construct.

6

Alyeska Creek at Davos Rd Fish Passage (14-55)

Cost: \$600,000

Funds on Hand: \$100,000

Additional funds required: \$500,000

Need: The existing culvert does not allow for optimum fish passage.

Project scope: Replace the existing culvert with one that provides enhanced fish passage.

Project Status: Project is on hold. Additional funding required to advance design/construct.

7

Girdwood RSA Road and Drainage System Rehabilitation (13-55)

Cost: \$250,000

Funds on Hand: \$250,000

Additional funds required: \$0

Need: Local road and drainage problems have been identified by the Girdwood Road Board.

Project scope: No work has been funded through this program. Design and construction funding is proposed annually as a combination of state grants and local road mill levies. State grant funding has been requested.

Project Status: No work has been funded through this program. Design and construction funding is proposed annually as a combination of state grants and local road mill levies. Some work has already been constructed with federal earmarks. A state grant has been requested.

State of Alaska

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1

Alyeska Hwy Gateway Improvements

Cost: \$250,000

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$250,000

Need: Not clear. Community input on desired scope is needed.

Project scope: Not clear. Community input on purpose and need is desired.

Project Status: The project has been nominated and added to the Capital Project Needs List. No back up info is available, but PM&E welcomes feedback from the community. This is a state-owned facility and evaluation and funding would be through the State of Alaska.

2

Girdwood Airport Access Rd Reconstruction - Alyeska Hwy to Girdwood Airport

Cost: \$3,600,000

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$3,600,000

Need: This is the only access road and must be passable at all times. Unfortunately, it also lies in a heavily glaciated and poorly drained section of Girdwood, causing significant potholes and ice crevasses at various times throughout the year. This project is a high priority for the Girdwood Road Board.

Project scope: This project will construct road and drainage improvements on Danner, Davos, and Mt. Hood Roads in Girdwood.

Project Status: This project has not started. A state grant has been requested to fund design and construction.

Parks and Recreation

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1

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.

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

