All Proposed Government Hill Capital Projects

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1

Supporting Under-grounding of non-conforming overhead utility lines

Cost:
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required:
Need: Need: ML&P has been burying existing overhead distribution lines since the 1980’s. In compliance with MOA Title 21.90, the utilities have been spending 2% of their three year rolling average of the gross revenues to bury existing lines. The far west portion of Government Hill is currently on ML&P’s 5 year plan, and this project would facilitate the extension of that effort to the rest of Government Hill. The existing overhead utility lines are also potentially in conflict with the automated trash collection system that occurs in the Alleys of Government Hill, and this project would eliminate that hazard. Project scope: Continuing the removal of non-conforming overhead utility lines in the Government Hill area.
Project Status: This need is pending review by MOA

2

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.

3

Ocean Dock Rd Upgrade - Port Entrance to Whitney Rd

Cost: $5,000,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $5,000,000
Need: Needs have been identified to improve pedestrian, vehicular, freight, and charter bus access and safety at railroad crossings and intersections as well as enhancing traffic circulation in this industrial area.
Project scope: Upgrade Ocean Dock Road to the Port entrance to current urban minor arterial standards with a special emphasis on improving safety and enhancing traffic circulation.
Project Status: The project has not started. Bond funding is proposed for design and construction.

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North C Street and Ocean Dock Road Intersection/Ramp

Cost: $450,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $450,000
Need: Safety issues are a concern for the stakeholders that use this location, especially the trucking industry.
Project scope: This project will design intersection safety improvements.
Project Status: The project has not started. Extensive project coordination with ADOT, ARR, Port of Anchorage, and the tourism industry is anticipated.

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Whitney Dr Upgrade - North C St to Post Rd

Cost: $15,000,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $15,000,000
Need: The road is not constructed to collector standards.
Project scope: While the scope is not set, urban collector standards typically include a new road base, curbs, pavement, storm drains, pedestrian facilities, and street lighting.
Project Status: No work is underway or scheduled in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. Project will remain on the Capital Project Needs List for future funding consideration. The route is designated as a collector in the Official Streets and Highways Plan (OS&HP).
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).

State of Alaska

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Restore and Repaint Gov Hill Water Tower

Cost:
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required:
Need: The water tower is rusting to the point where it may compromise it's structural integrity. While no longer functioning (and may not have the structural strength) as a water tower, it provides an attractive support for cell phone and radio antennas instead of the unsightly cell phone towers. The steel water tower is coated with a tarry waterproofing coating as well as red and white paint, and both likely need repair and/or replacement.
Project scope: Halt the rusting, and repaint the Government Hill Water Tower matching the existing color scheme. The historic, red and white Checkerboard water tower has been a symbol and landmark on Government Hill since it replaced a wooden water tower that burned down (!) A prominent feature in photos from the 1964 earthquake, it remains a recognized, historical, central feature of Government Hill
Project Status: This need is pending review by MOA

Walkway safety improvements, A/C Couplet Bridge over Ship Creek

Cost:
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required:
Need: At 42 inches high, the existing guard rail is not sufficiently high, especially during the winter months with snow built up on the walk-way, to meet current safety standards to keep a person from toppling off the bridge to the ground 30 or 40 feet below. A higher fence would provide increased safety both for people using the walkway, as well as helping to prevent people from fishing from the A/C bridge, and help prevent objects from falling off of the bridge.
Project scope: Install a fence or guard-rail that meets current safety standards at the existing walkway on the A/C Couplet Bridge over Ship Creek, and improve markings, and safety of the sidewalk on the north side of Loop Road from Harvard/Hollywood, to the connection to the walkway on the A/C Couplet Bridge.
Project Status: This need is pending review by MOA

A St/C St Rut Repair - JBER Government Hill Gate to 3rd Avenue

Cost:
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required:
Need: Project 500, (A St/C St Rut Repair - 5th Ave to International Airport Rd) needs to be extended from 3rd Avenue across the A/C Bridge over Ship Creek to the JBER Government Hill Gate. The ruts and potholes on the portion north of 3rd Avenue are as bad as they are south of 3rd Avenue, and affect traffic to both the Port of Anchorage, as well as JBER and Government Hill.
Project scope: Rut repair needs to be extended from 3rd Avenue across the A/C Bridge over Ship Creek to the JBER Government Hill Gate.
Project Status: This need is pending review by MOA

C St/Oceandock Rd Access Ramp Reconstruction

Cost: $10,000,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $10,000,000
Need: The pavement is deteriorating on this ramp at the north end of the A/C Street bridge over Ship Creek. This route handles most of the freight traffic serving the Port of Anchorage.
Project scope: Replace or overlay pavement.
Project Status: No work is underway. This is a state owned facility and prioritization and funding would be through the State of Alaska.

Ingra St/Gambell St Extension - 3rd Ave to Whitney Rd

Cost: $87,000,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $87,000,000
Need: The connection will be a critical transportation connection to minimize traffic impacts on downtown, if the Knik Arm Crossing moves forward.
Project scope: Construct major transportation corridor.
Project Status: No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. This is a state owned facility and evaluation and funding would be through the State of Alaska.
Transportation Corridor Study - KABATA/Seward Hwy to Glen Hwy Connection

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

Need: A study needs to be performed to identify how all of these projects are going to work together so they don't all come on line independent of each other causing unwarranted disruption to a neighborhood. The negative impacts of improper coordination are already felt in the neighborhood. These impacts must be mitigated through proper study and coordination. Fairview has three major transportation facilities that could significantly alter the character of the neighborhood. The residents have spoken clearly that development has to match the vision of the neighborhood. This study will be a significant tool to facilitate coordination among the many stakeholders.

Project scope: Fund a transportation corridor study to investigate the impacts of the various mega-transportation projects slated, but not coordinated. Fund a comprehensive transportation corridor study to identify the impacts, proper uses, and other details required to facilitate coordinated development effort.

Project Status: The project has not started. As the roadways involved are state-owned, prioritization and funding would be through the Alaska DOT&PF.

Parks and Recreation

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Government Hill Commons - Irrigation System

Cost: $0
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $0

Need: Supply irrigation water to the Government Hill Commons, a fundamental infrastructure requirement.

Project scope: Restore water service to the Commons and install an irrigation system for the community orchard, raised vegetable beds, fruit trellises, great lawn, etc. Enstar has offered to partner with the Commons to supply and install the surface piping. This project

Project Status: This project has been designed by a local professional engineering firm, reviewed by Parks and Rec, and permits are in place; it is "shovel ready" and only requires funds to execute.

2

Government Hill Commons - Electric Power

Cost: $0
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $0

Need: This project would provide power to various activities on the Commons and is consistent with the Commons Master Plan approved by the Parks and Rec Commission.

Project scope: Restore MLP electric power service to the Commons and install a power drop to GFI protected outlets. This project would provide power to various activities on the Commons and is consistent with the Commons Master Plan approved by the Parks and Rec Commis

Project Status: The project is "shovel ready" and only requires funds to execute.

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Sunset Park Water Source

Cost:
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required:

Need: In the past Sunset Park had a working water supply that enabled residents to keep the grass water. The plumbing for that water supply has been non-functional for many years - much to the detriment of the park. The grass habitually turns brown and dies year after year.

Project scope: Re-furbish and re-activate Sunset Park Water Supply.

Project Status: This need is pending review by MOA

4

Government Hill Trail System - Phase 1a) West Bluff Loop Extension

Cost: $0
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $0

Need: Because of the cost to span the transportation/industrial infrastructure in the downtown Ship Creek area, after decades of systematic world class trail development in Anchorage that benefits most neighborhoods Government Hill remains stranded from that tr

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Sunset Park - Topsoil and hydroseeding

Cost:
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required:

Need: Sunset Park is the historical location of Government Hill Elementary School. Following the collapse of the school during the 1964 earthquake, the debris from the school was bulldozed into the grabben produced by the landslide, with minimal topsoil cover. Debris from the school, playground and parking lots is evident in the park, and due to the lack of topsoil, typically dries out, causing the grass to die off in the summer. The addition of topsoil would improve the safety and usability of the grassy surfaces of the park
Project scope: Provide & install additional topsoil and hydroseeding of Sunset Park
Project Status: This need is pending review by MOA

**Government Hill Commons - Permanent Moose Fencing and Art gate**

Cost: $0  
Funds on Hand: $0  
Additional funds required: $0  

Need: The Government Hill Commons features a community orchard with dozens of heritage and legacy varieties of apple, pear, and cherry trees found in Anchorage, raised gardening beds, and many varieties of local berries (raspberries, currants, blueberries, etc.).

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Project Status: This project is "shovel ready" and only requires funds to execute.

**Government Hill Parks - Sunset Park Repairs and Upgrade**

Cost: $0  
Funds on Hand: $0  
Additional funds required: $0  

Need: As part of the Government Hill Community Councils Parks Master Plan several repairs and upgrades for Sunset Park have been identified as a neighborhood priority to restore the parks functionality and enhance its use.

Project scope: As part of the Government Hill Community Councils Parks Master Plan several repairs and upgrades for Sunset Park have been identified as a neighborhood priority to restore the parks functionality and enhance its use. These include installation of a dog w

Project Status: This need is pending review by MOA.

**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.

**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