

# All Proposed 2024 Government Hill Capital Projects

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## Priority 1

### Repaint and Restore Government Hill Water Tower

**Agency:**

**Cost:** \$2,000,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$0.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$2,000,000.00

**Need:** The water tower is rusting to the point where the structural integrity may be compromised. 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 unsightly ones seen around town. The steel water tower is coated with tarry waterproofing coating as well as red and white paint, so both would 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:** The water tower is owned by the Alaska Railroad Corporation, but Municipal Funding would be needed.

## Priority 2

### Fence around Government Hill Commons

**Agency:**

**Cost:** \$100,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$50,000.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$50,000.00

**Need:** The GHCC Commons needs safe and attractive fencing to replace the temporary one set up to facilitate the orchard.

**Project Scope:** Needs to encompass the entire area and be sturdy enough to provide a modicum of security.

**Project Status:** Design and implementation will be coordinated with Parks & Recreation

### Priority 3

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

**Agency:**

**Cost:**

**Funds on Hand:**

**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:** The A/C Couplet Bridge is owned by DOT&PF, and would need to be coordinated between the MOA and DOT&PF

### Priority 4

## Government Hill Neighborhood Parks and Trails Improvements

**Agency:** Parks and Recreation

**Cost:** \$500,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$400,000.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$100,000.00

**Need:** Neighborhood residents desire greenbelt trails and general park improvements. Additional community interest in future upgrades at the G-Hill Commons.

**Project Scope:** Implementation of park and trail priorities to be identified in current planning effort.

**Project Status:** P&R is currently working with the neighborhood to identify park and trail priorities. P&R installed water at the Government Hill Commons in 2020 and completed sections of the West Bluff Trail in 2019/20.

## Priority 6

# A/C Couplet Bridge over Ship Creek Pedestrian Safety Improvements

**Agency:** State of Alaska

**Cost:** \$3,000,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$0.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$3,000,000.00

**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:** The project has not started. Evaluation and prioritization will be done by the Alaska DOT since this is a state-owned route.

## No Assigned Priority

# Areawide Trail Safety Upgrades

**Agency:** Parks and Recreation

**Cost:** \$3,000,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$0.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$3,000,000.00

**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 spur trails and missing greenbelt trail links. Upgrade/replace aging bridges. Add systemwide wayfinding.

**Project Status:** Park maintenance performs monthly safety inspections and repairs the park assets as necessary. Emergency locators and mile markers have been installed on greenbelt multi-use trails.

## No Assigned Priority

### Campbell Creek Greenbelt

**Agency:** Parks and Recreation

**Cost:** \$2,800,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$1,000,000.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$1,800,000.00

**Need:** Anchorage has over 250 miles of paved trails. Current infrastructure is outdated, unsafe and in need of repair. Trail use, both summer and winter, will continue to increase and safety and quality condition of trail infrastructure and amenities needs to be a priority.

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

**Project Status:** 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.

## No Assigned Priority

### Campbell Creek Trail - Separated Grade Crossing @ Lake Otis

**Agency:** Parks and Recreation

**Cost:** \$12,000,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$50,000.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$11,950,000.00

**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:** A design alternatives study was completed in 2019 to evaluate potential options and rough order of magnitude costs estimates. This project was recently nominated as an AMATS non-motorized project. Preliminary design will begin in 2023.

## No Assigned Priority

# Community Garden Site Selection and Design and Management Standards.

**Agency:** Parks and Recreation

**Cost:** \$50,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$0.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$50,000.00

**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 manages five community gardens with 230 garden plots available for the general public to rent. Locations include the Bragraw Gardens, C Street Gardens, Fairview Gardens, McPhee Gardens, and Cheshunt Muldoon Park. In 2017, the department collaborated with the University of Alaska Anchorage to survey Anchorage residents and to better understand the need for additional community garden plots in Anchorage. Since then, the department has increased garden plots by 25%, adding two new food forest, expanding existing gardens, adding new amenities, and developing a new garden at Cheshunt Muldoon Park

## No Assigned Priority

# Dog Park Site Selection and Design and Management Standards.

**Agency:** Parks and Recreation

**Cost:** \$75,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$0.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$75,000.00

**Need:** Anchorage has an estimated 65,000 dogs. By nature, dogs need safe spaces for exercise and socialization. Designated off-leash areas provide spaces for residents to recreate with their dogs and help to minimize conflicts with other park activities. Upgrades to existing as well as new off-leash areas are needed to serve the community along with design and management standards to ensure that off-leash areas are maintainable and safe.

**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:** Currently, Anchorage has designated 9 off-leash dog park areas. Three off which have been added in the past 5 years. Valley of the Moon in 2018, Whisper Faith Kovach In 2019, and Cheshunt Muldoon Park in fall 2021.

## No Assigned Priority

### Forest Health and Park Safety

**Agency:** Parks and Recreation

**Cost:** \$1,000,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$800,000.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$200,000.00

**Need:** The recent infestation of spruce bark beetle in southcentral Alaska will result in significant loss of spruce trees and will require mitigation to reduce fire danger and ensure public health and safety. Also, invasive species along greenbelts are impacting native vegetation and riparian/stream health.

**Project Scope:** Funds will be used to address various issues impacting forest health on parkland. This includes the mitigation of spruce bark beetle kill, the removal of hazard trees from the 2012 windstorm, and the management of invasive species.

**Project Status:** The Department has received several federal grants to remove beetle-kill trees. P&R crews and contractors completed thousands of hours of work in 2022 to remove beetle-kill spruce along trail corridors and adjacent to develop facilities such as playgrounds and picnic shelters. Park maintenance and horticulture crews continually assess parks and trails and address issues as they come up to ensure that park assets are safe for Anchorage citizens.

## No Assigned Priority

### Athletic Field Safety Improvements

**Agency:** Parks and Recreation

**Cost:** \$1,000,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$400,000.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$600,000.00

**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:** Parks and Recreation is working with local user groups to identify and provide needed improvements to athletic fields and sports complexes in Anchorage.

## No Assigned Priority

### Ship Creek Small Boat Harbor Access Road

**Agency:** Project Management and Engineering

**Cost:** \$1,800,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$0.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$1,800,000.00

**Need:** This roadway has never been constructed to current standards and it serves a public facility. The 2020 GASB survey rated the road in fair condition.

**Project Scope:** The 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:** The project has not started. State grant funding is proposed for the public involvement phase.

## No Assigned Priority

### Tony Knowles Coastal Trail Erosion

**Agency:** Parks and Recreation

**Cost:** \$3,500,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$400,000.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$3,100,000.00

**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:** Recent and ongoing bank armoring has provided protection for a 5-10 year period. Additional funding is needed for a more long-term sustainable solution.

## No Assigned Priority

### Ship Creek Trail to the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail

**Agency:** Parks and Recreation

**Cost:** \$12,000,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$180,000.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$11,820,000.00

**Need:** Non Motorized transportation that connects two major multi-use trails providing non-motorized connections to West Anchorage, Downtown, and Mt. View.

**Project Scope:** Connect the Ship Creek Trail to the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail

**Project Status:** Project was nominated for AMATS funding in 2018. The project is now in the preliminary design and engineering phase. Local match is 9.03% of the total project costs. Construction is anticipated for 2024-25

## No Assigned Priority

### West Bluff Dr/Ocean Dock Rd Area Storm Drain Improvements (22-21)

**Agency:** Project Management and Engineering

**Cost:** \$2,500,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$200,000.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$2,300,000.00

**Need:** The MOA storm drain coming off Government Hill has petroleum contamination once it gets to Bluff Drive. PM&E is working with others to get the contamination cleaned up. The pipe from there to the Inlet is 50+ years old and plugged with sediment.

**Project Scope:** The project will replace the storm drain pipe from West Bluff Drive to the Inlet. Ensure that contaminated material is removed.

**Project Status:** RFP is currently advertised.

## No Assigned Priority

### Whitney Dr Upgrade - North C St to Post Rd

**Agency:** Project Management and Engineering

**Cost:** \$15,000,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$0.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$15,000,000.00

**Need:** The road is not constructed to collector standards. The 2020 GASB survey rated one segment in failing condition and the remainder in fair condition. The Government Hill Community Council is opposed to the project.

**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:** Design funding is programmed in the out years of the CIP. The route is designated as a collector in the Official Streets and Highways Plan (OS&HP).

## No Assigned Priority

### C St/Ocean Dock Rd Access Ramp Reconstruction

**Agency:** State of Alaska

**Cost:** \$10,000,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$0.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$10,000,000.00

**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:** The project will replace or overlay the pavement.

**Project Status:** No work is underway. This is a state owned facility and prioritization and funding would be through the State of Alaska.



## No Assigned Priority

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

**Agency:** State of Alaska

**Cost:** \$87,000,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$0.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$87,000,000.00

**Need:** The connection will be a critical transportation connection to minimize traffic impacts on downtown, if the Knik Arm Crossing moves forward.

**Project Scope:** The project will construct a 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.

## No Assigned Priority

### North C Street and Ocean Dock Road Intersection/Ramp

**Agency:** Project Management and Engineering

**Cost:** \$450,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$0.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$450,000.00

**Need:** Safety issues are a concern for the stakeholders that use this location, especially the trucking industry. The 2020 GASB survey rated most of Ocean Dock Road in failing condition. The State of Alaska has begun a Reconnaissance Study of Ocean Dock Road.

**Project Scope:** The project will design intersection safety improvements.

**Project Status:** The project has not started. State grant funding is proposed for design. Construction funding will be pursued once a specific project scope has been identified. Extensive project coordination with ADOT, ARR, Port of Anchorage, and the tourism industry is anticipated.

## No Assigned Priority

### Ocean Dock Rd Upgrade - Port Entrance to Whitney Rd

**Agency:** Project Management and Engineering

**Cost:** \$5,000,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$0.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$5,000,000.00

**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. The 2020 GASB survey rated most of Ocean Dock Road in failing condition. The State of Alaska has begun a Reconnaissance Study of Ocean Dock Road.

**Project Scope:** The project will 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.

## No Assigned Priority

### Systemwide Trail Wayfinding

**Agency:** Parks and Recreation

**Cost:** \$2,000,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$800,000.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$1,200,000.00

**Need:** Trail signage and wayfinding is currently inconsistent throughout Anchorage's park and trail system. Adding signage and wayfinding will help residents and visitors navigate our parks and trails, reduce barriers to access for underserved neighborhoods, and create a safer and more enjoyable experience on Anchorage trails.

**Project Scope:** Design, development and implementation of wayfinding for Anchorage's paved & soft surface trails.

**Project Status:** Anchorage has over 250 miles of trails. Implementation of a comprehensive suite of signage and wayfinding throughout the trail system will help address safety concerns as well as improve neighborhood access and navigation to destinations.

## No Assigned Priority

### Transportation Corridor Study - KABATA/Seward Hwy to Glen Hwy Connection

**Agency:** State of Alaska

**Cost:** \$1,000,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$0.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$1,000,000.00

**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.

## No Assigned Priority

### Wireless building

**Agency:**

**Cost:** \$300,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$0.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$300,000.00

**Need:** Funding to make the actual move from its current location to a dedicated spot on Tract J. Refurbishing the inside of the building with planks and other pieces from the adjacent buildings. This would free up three buildable lots for the city to sell.

**Project Scope:** Remove and relocate the historically recognized wireless building to tract J in government hill park system.

**Project Status:** MOA Planning has procured \$40,000 from the state to ascertain what's needed to make the move.

## No Assigned Priority

### Fish Creek Trail to the Ocean

**Agency:** Parks and Recreation

**Cost:** \$15,000,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$250,000.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$14,750,000.00

**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:** Project was nominated for AMATS funding in 2018. The project is now in the preliminary design and engineering phase. Local match is 9.03% of the total project costs. Construction is anticipated for 2025-26