

All Proposed 2022 Hillside Capital Projects

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Priority 1

Forest Health and Park Safety

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$200,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$200,000.00

Need: Clean up efforts are still needed for areas of forest impacted by the 2012 windstorm event. Additionally, 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: P&R crews and CARES Act funded contractors completed thousands of hours of work in 2020 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.

Priority 2

Birch Rd Upgrade - O'Malley Rd to Huffman Rd

Agency: State of Alaska

Cost: \$15,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$15,000,000.00

Need: The road has not been constructed to standards regarding road and shoulder width, drainage, lighting, and pedestrian facilities.

Project Scope: Construct the road to standards.

Project Status: This is a state owned facility and prioritization and funding would be through the State of Alaska.

Priority 3

Install Traffic Signal/Sign at the intersection of Hillside Drive and Upper Huffman

Agency:

Cost:

Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required:

Need: This intersection has seen an increase in traffic, and safety concerns have been raised by community members. Upper Huffman Road is a fairly steep grade, and often icy due to normal winter occurrences. The installation of a flashing red traffic signal or stop sign is requested to allow drivers to evaluate conditions, prepare for oncoming approaching traffic and to increase safety measures at this intersection.

Project Scope: The installation of a flashing red traffic signal or stop sign is requested to allow for drivers to evaluate conditions and oncoming approaching traffic.

Project Status:

Priority 4

Hillside Community Council Bike Trails and Paths

Agency:

Cost:

Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required:

Need: Construct, modify bike paths/trails within Hillside Community Council boundaries to allow for safe road usage for bike riders and foot traffic, to include: install bike path/pedestrian path on Upper DeArmoun; install bike trail on Lore Road and Spruce Road; extend bike path on Birch Rd (southbound) to connect to Huffman Rd.

Project Scope: The exact scope of project will be determined during the evaluation and design phase, in conjunction with appropriate departments & participation from the public.

Project Status:

Priority 5

Upper De Armoun Surface Rehab - Hillside Dr to Canyon Rd

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$0.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$0.00

Need: The surface of the roadway has deteriorated to the point that safety may be impacted. The project was identified by and is a priority for the community council. The 2020 GASB survey rated Upper De Armoun in failing condition.

Project Scope: Resurface or reconstruct the roadway, improve the drainage, and upgrade lighting and add pedestrian facilities if funding allows.

Project Status: The project has not started. State grant funding is required for this project since it is outside the Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area (ARDSA).

Priority 6

Ruth Arcand Park

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$150,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$150,000.00

Need: Hundreds of families go to the Abbott-O-Rabbit 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-Rabbit Little League fields. Bear proof trash cans, new bleachers, bike racks and new fencing along ROW.

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. With funding, a larger master planning effort could begin in 2022.

Priority 7

Elmore Rd Extension - Abbott Rd to O'Malley Rd

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$37,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$37,000,000.00

Need: Portions of this collector are constructed to gravel standards, but there is no connection between Abbott Road and O'Malley 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. This project is a priority for the Abbott Loop Community Council. However, residents who live on this portion of Elmore Road are strongly opposed to the upgrade.

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: 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.

Priority 8

Chugach State Park Access Improvements

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$500,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$500,000.00

Need: The population growth of Anchorage and the increased popularity of Chugach State Park have created safety concerns. The high volume of vehicles driving to and parking near existing park access points has overwhelmed the existing facilities. Users typically park in the roadway or on private property near the access points.

Project Scope: Design and construct access improvements as identified in the Chugach State Park Alternate Access study.

Project Status: Construct recommendations from a study. State grant funding is proposed.

Priority 9

Abbott Rd Pedestrian Crossing at Service/Trailside

Agency: State of Alaska

Cost: \$0.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$0.00

Need: Hillside Community Council recommends a pedestrian crossing for student access to the schools on the north side of Abbott Road.

Project Scope: Construct a pedestrian on Abbott Road for access to Service High School and Trailside Elementary School.

Project Status: The project has not started. Abbott Road is owned by the State of Alaska, therefore, project prioritization will be done by the Alaska DOT.

Priority 10

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.

Priority 11

Little Campbell Creek Basin Improvements

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$40,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$40,000,000.00

Need: Over \$40 million in improvements were identified by the drainage study. The benefits of the improvements include reduced risk of flooding and related property damage, enhanced fish passage, and flow attenuation.

Project Scope: Construct improvements recommended by the Little Campbell Creek Drainage Study completed in 2013. Improvements will be constructed in priority order as funding becomes available.

Project Status: The project has not started. Annual state grant funding is proposed.

Priority 12

Campbell Creek Greenbelt

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$3,500,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$1,000,000.00

Additional Funds Required: \$2,500,000.00

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.

Priority 13

Little Campbell Creek Basin Improvements

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$40,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$40,000,000.00

Need: Over \$40 million in improvements were identified by the drainage study. The benefits of the improvements include reduced risk of flooding and related property damage, enhanced fish passage, and flow attenuation.

Project Scope: Construct improvements recommended by the Little Campbell Creek Drainage Study completed in 2013. Improvements will be constructed in priority order as funding becomes available.

Project Status: The project has not started. Annual state grant funding is proposed.

Priority 14

FNBP Improvements

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$4,500,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$2,500,000.00

Additional Funds Required: \$2,000,000.00

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. Federal grant for wayfinding, bridges and trail repair, coming online in 2021.

Priority 15

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: Provide a safe and seamless connection for the Campbell Creek trail.

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 new design study was completed in 2019.

Priority 16

FNBP: Blue Dot Trail Bridge Replacement

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$1,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$1,000,000.00

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.

Project Status:

Priority 17

Abbott Rd/Hillside Dr Trail - Rabbit Creek Rd to Seward Hwy

Agency: State of Alaska

Cost: \$40,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$40,000,000.00

Need: The trail is not fully constructed between Rabbit Creek Road and the Seward Highway.

Project Scope: Construct missing trail links and reconstruct those in poor condition.

Project Status: No work is underway. This trail has been added to the Capital Project Needs List for evaluation and future funding consideration. Both Abbott Road and Hillside Drive are state owned facilities and funding would be from state or federal sources.

Priority 18

Systemwide Trail Wayfinding

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$2,500,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$500,000.00

Additional Funds Required: \$2,000,000.00

Need: Wayfinding provides increased safety and an improved experience for the area wide trail system.

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

Project Status: Anchorage has over 250 miles of trails and improved wayfinding will address safety and navigation concerns.

Priority 19

Section 36 Park Improvements

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$400,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$400,000.00

Need: Section 36 is approximately 640 acres of new park in south Anchorage. Improvements are needed to provide residents with access and recreational opportunities.

Project Scope: Funds will be used to begin trail development and complete access improvements.

Project Status: Section 36 uplands are in the process of being transferred to P&R management and will be formally dedicated. A master plan for Section 36 Master Plan was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

No Assigned Priority

DeArmoun Rd Upgrade Ph II - 140th Ave to Hillside Dr

Agency: State of Alaska

Cost: \$28,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$28,000,000.00

Need: Drainage, pavement condition, lighting, and safety issues have been identified.

Project Scope: The Alaska Department of Transportation is designing a pavement rehab project for the road.

Project Status: Environmental and design work was completed by the State of Alaska. However, the project is being re-evaluated in light of public comment and future funding is uncertain. This is a state owned facility.

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: Continuation of multi-year, multi-phase Campbell Creek Trail rehabilitation project including pavement resurfacing, drainage improvements, streambank restoration, wayfinding, and bridge replacement. Previously completed bond funded phases include+E7 trail rehabilitation from Dimond Blvd to Fairbanks St. Future phases will continue east to Elmore Rd.

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 8 official dog parks, and one more in development

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: 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. The department currently manages community gardens at The Gardens @ Bragraw, C Street Gardens, Fairview Lyons and McPhee Gardens. The department is currently developing a new community garden and food forest at Chanshtnu Muldoon Park.

No Assigned Priority

Fish Creek Trail to the Ocean

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$8,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$8,000,000.00

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

Project Scope: Connect the Fish Creek Trail to the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail

Project Status: Project was nominated for AMATS funding in 2018.

No Assigned Priority

Huffman Rd Extension - Birch Rd to Hillside Dr

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$19,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$19,000,000.00

Need: This route would complete an east/west collector connector. However, steep grades and wetlands may make the project too expensive for the benefit. Community support for the project is not strong.

Project Scope: Construct a road to collector street standards. Improvements are expected to include the road base, drainage, lighting, and landscaping.

Project Status: No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. This project will remain on the Capital Project Needs List for future funding consideration. The road is identified as a collector in the Official Streets and Highways Plan.

No Assigned Priority

Ship Creek Trail to the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$8,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$8,000,000.00

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

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

Project Status: Project was nominated for AMATS funding in 2018.

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 eroding banks along the trail corridor.

Project Scope: Design development and implementation to protect the land water interface along the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail

Project Status: Recent and ongoing bank armoring has provided protection for a 5-10 year period.