All Proposed 2023 Huffman/OMalley Capital Projects

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Priority 1

Brayton road pedestrian/bike pathway

Agency: 
Cost: 
Funds on Hand: $0.00

Additional Funds Required:

Need: Brayton frontage road is bounded by New Seward to the West, and residential streets, a church, and an elementary school to the East. Many people walk along the roadway. From DeArmoun to Legacy there is a paved bike/pedestrian path. From Legacy to Huffman there is only a narrow worn track on the side of the road, too close to traffic for safety.

Project Scope: Extend pathway along Brayton Road between Legacy and Huffman. A pathway currently exists between DeArmoun and Legacy. Support: This completes a gap in the pedestrian infrastructure. This is a segment frequently used and would benefit nearby subdivisions, a church, and Rabbit Creek Elementary. This is non-controversial.

Project Status: New Project

Priority 2

Brayton Dr Pedestrian Facility - Huffman Rd to Legacy Dr

Agency: State of Alaska
Cost: $2,000,000.00
Funds on Hand: $0.00

Additional Funds Required: $2,000,000.00

Need: Brayton frontage road is bounded by New Seward to the West, and residential streets, a church, and an elementary school to the East. Many people walk along the roadway. From DeArmoun to Legacy there is a paved bike/pedestrian path. From Legacy to Huffman there is only a narrow worn track on the side of the road, too close to traffic for safety. This completes a gap in the pedestrian infrastructure. The project was identified by the Huffman/O’Malley community council.

Project Scope: Extend the pathway from Huffman Road to Legacy Drive with crossings and signage as needed.

Project Status: The project has not started. Project evaluation and prioritization will be done by the Alaska DOT since Brayton Drive is a state-owned route.
Priority 3

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 4

Westwind Dr Surface Rehab - Legacy Dr to DeArmoun Rd

Agency: Project Management and Engineering
Cost: $1,500,000.00
Funds on Hand: $0.00
Additional Funds Required: $1,500,000.00

Need: The pavement and curbs on this collector street are deteriorating. The 2020 GASB survey rated some segments of Westwind Drive in failing condition and others in fair condition.

Project Scope: The project will rehab the pavement and curbs as required.

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).
Priority 5

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: The project will construct the road to standards as determined by the Alaska DOT.
Project Status: This is a state owned facility and prioritization and funding would be through the State of Alaska.

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 move forward.

Priority 7

De Armoun 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.
Priority 8
Lake Otis Pkwy Surface Rehab - Abbott Rd to Huffman Rd (20-12)

Agency: Project Management and Engineering
Cost: $8,500,000.00
Funds on Hand: $500,000.00
Additional Funds Required: $8,000,000.00

Need: The road surface is experiencing rutting and frequent pot holing. These issues impact safety and increase maintenance expense. The project need was identified by Street Maintenance. Many segments on this collector were rated in serious condition by the 2020 GASB survey.

Project Scope: The project will resurface the roadway and bring pedestrian facilities into ADA compliance.

Project Status: Preliminary design has been distributed for review.

Priority 9
Huffman Rd Reconstruction - Elmore Rd to Birch Rd

Agency: State of Alaska
Cost: $14,000,000.00
Funds on Hand: $0.00
Additional Funds Required: $14,000,000.00

Need: Pavement is deteriorating on this road which has never been constructed to current standards. This is a narrow, two-lane collector street with no shoulders or pedestrian facilities. The lighting may be inadequate.

Project Scope: Improvements are expected to include a new road base, pavement, pedestrian facilities, drainage, and lighting.

Project Status: No work is underway. This is a state owned facility and evaluation and prioritization would be through the State of Alaska. The project has been identified as a long range priority in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Priority 10
Silver Spruce Dr Area Drainage

Agency: Project Management and Engineering
Cost: $50,000.00
Funds on Hand: $0.00
Additional Funds Required: $50,000.00

Need: The need for this project was identified by Street Maintenance in 2018.

Project Scope: The project will install drainage improvements.

Project Status: The project has not started. Bond funding is planned for Construction.
Priority 11

Mulligan Rd Upgrade RID - 135th Ave to DeArmoun Rd

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: $3,500,000.00

Funds on Hand: $0.00

Additional Funds Required: $3,500,000.00

Need: The road has never been constructed to standards.

Project Scope: The project will upgrade road to include a new road base, drainage, and pavement.

Project Status: No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. Funding will be through the Road Improvement District program in which the project is initiated by property owners who agree to pay 70% of the costs through special assessments.

Priority 12

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.
Priority 13
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.

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Priority 14
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.
Priority 15

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 Braggard Gardens, C Street Gardens, Fairview Gardens, McPhee Gardens, and Chanshtnu 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 Chanshtnu Muldoon Park.

Priority 16

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. Additional 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 of which have been added in the past 5 years. Valley of the Moon in 2018, Whisper Faith Kovach in 2019, and Chanshtnu Muldoon Park in fall 2021.
Priority 17

O'Malley Rd Interchanges at Old and New Seward Hwys

Agency: State of Alaska

Cost: $60,600,000.00

Funds on Hand: $0.00

Additional Funds Required: $60,600,000.00

Need: Increasing traffic is expected to push these intersections beyond their current capacity.

Project Scope: The project will construct a separated interchange at the Old Seward Highway and upgrade the New Seward Highway interchange.

Project Status: No work is underway or scheduled in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. This is a state-owned facility and evaluation and funding would be by the State of Alaska. This project is identified in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

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: Trail signage and wayfinding is 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.

Priority 19

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. The project is now in the preliminary design and engineering phase. Construction is anticipated for 2024-25
Priority 20

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

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

Priority 21

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.

Priority 22

Turnagain View Estates Subdivision Trail Lighting - Mainsail Dr to Eastwind Dr

Agency: Project Management and Engineering
Cost: $250,000.00
Funds on Hand: $0.00
Additional Funds Required: $250,000.00

Need: This unlit pathway is a walking route connecting the residential area of Turnagain View Estates Subdivision with South High School.

Project Scope: The project will install pedestrian lighting on the trail segment between Mainsail Drive and Eastwind Drive.

Project Status: This project has not started. The project will remain on the Needs List for future funding consideration.
Priority 23

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, 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. Construction is anticipated for 2024-25

Priority 24

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 The project will 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: The 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 The project will constructed accordingly.
Project Status: Funding is proposed as a funding partnership of state grants and local road bonds.