

All Proposed 2023 Rogers Park Capital Projects

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Priority 1

Enhance and protect Lake Otis sidewalk between Debarr and Northern Lights

Agency:

Cost:

Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required:

Need: The current sidewalk has been a serious safety issue for many years. It is narrow, sloping, and in terrible repair. In winter pedestrians are often relegated to the street. Because Lake Otis has no safe bike lane bikers are frequently forced to ride on the sidewalk with pedestrians, all on this too narrow sidewalk. It is a primary transit sidewalk for residents, teachers and students at Lk. Otis and Wendler and UAA/UMED. It is truly unsafe as well as unsightly. Walking or biking in such proximity to speeding vehicles is intimidating and threatening. A protective barrier would also provide safety for drivers who other wise do ride up over curb, especially in winter conditions. This sidewalk is an insult to all who use it. Some residents prefer to drive rather than attempt to walk or bike on this sidewalk.

Project Scope: On the east side of Lake Otis Parkway between Northern Lights Boulevard and E 20th Avenue, widen the sidewalk and install a protective barrier between the sidewalk and roadway.

Project Status:

Priority 2

Upgrade Maplewood Street Hill

Agency:

Cost: \$3,000,000.00

Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required:

Need: This hill has been the site of many accidents and incidents since it was built. Vehicular traffic either approaching from the south or starting from the bottom cannot see either vehicles or pedestrians, runners, or bikers. In the winter, vehicles descending have difficulty stopping. There is no sidewalk, so pedestrians, walkers, bikers and even skiers must make their way on the street, which is dangerous in the ice-free seasons, but in the winter when it is icy, snow covered, driven frequently, and in the dark it is truly a very dangerous situation, especially dangerous in the winter, when out-of-control vehicles have damaged the properties on the northwest and southwest corners of Maplewood Street and East 24th Avenue. Because Maplewood Street is an access to the very popular Chester Creek Trail, it is heavily used and is very hazardous year round. Many vehicles without proper snow and ice tires are often stuck, or sliding, and unable to ascend the hill. Likewise, the hill poses serious danger for emergency and maintenance vehicles.

Project Scope: Decrease/flatten the gradient of the steep hill on Maplewood Street between East 24th Avenue and Rogers Park Court, add a safe grade-separated sidewalk on the west side (a continuation of the sidewalk on Maplewood that ends at Rogers Park Court), improve lighting, and improve drainage. Continue the new sidewalk on the west side of Maplewood from East 24th to the Chester Creek trailhead. Renovate failing street pavement between the trailhead and East 24th Avenue.

Project Status:

Priority 3

Goose Lake Park Beach Rehabilitation

Agency:

Cost:

Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required:

Need: The Goose Lake beach is a unique asset and is used extensively during the summer by families and children from our council and from the east and midtown parts of town. It is common to see hundreds of people there on a sunny summer day. A small upgrade would increase pride and care of this area. This would be a small, low cost project that would bring a lot of enjoyment to children. The measured area of beach is approximately 100 feet deep by 200 to 300 feet wide. Safety concerns: the existing lifeguard stands have sharp concrete edges protruding from the beach.

Project Scope: Improve or replace the existing "sand" at this beach (better described as a shallow layer of sandy, gravely silt) with a "beach sand." Other small amenity improvements such as redoing the lifeguard stands could also be done.

Project Status:

Priority 4

Replace College Village 36th Ave Fence

Agency:

Cost:

Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required:

Need: This project would help protect properties that abut 36th Ave. The current fence has been damaged by weather, car accidents, and 36th Ave pedestrians. An improved fence could also help mitigate excessive noise from 36th Ave traffic use. City workers patched the fence near Latouche St after significant damage from a car accident in November 2014, stating the entire length of the fence was going to be completely replaced in the summer 2015 season. The fence was never replaced.

Project Scope: The entire length of fence needs to be replaced for safety, security, and noise reduction to the College Village neighborhood. The fence that runs along 36th Ave from west of the MacInnes St traffic light to Latouche St has been in a state of disrepair for years. In many spots, it is broken, leaning (safety hazard to pedestrians), uses large temporary patches, etc.

Project Status:

Priority 5

Create roundabout at LaTouche - Bannister - Fireweed

Agency:

Cost:

Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required:

Need: It will provide smoother traffic at this intersection, which often has cars sliding through. Could prevent cars sliding into intersection and crashing into others.

Project Scope: Change this intersection to a roundabout.

Project Status:

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

No Assigned Priority

Chester Creek Flood Control - A St to Lake Otis Pkwy

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$0.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$0.00

Need: Public input during the current flood control project (A Street to Westchester Lagoon) has indicated supplemental analysis is required to address flood and hydrological concerns in the Fairview neighborhood. These concerns have increased due to proposals by Merrill Field to develop the wetlands south of 15th Avenue which will alter hydrology within the North Fork Chester Creek subarea watershed and potentially impact the homeowners immediately west of the wetlands especially during 100-year and 500-year flood events.

Project Scope: The project is a follow up to the flood control study conducted west of A Street to Westchester Lagoon. Scope includes a hydrological analysis of water flow for the Chester Creek Watershed from A Street to Lake Otis with special attention to the North Fork drainage subarea. Project will produce a set of actionable recommendations to mitigate any flood and hydrological concerns identified.

Project Status: The project has not started. No funding is programmed in the six-year CIP.

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 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

No Assigned Priority

36th Ave Resurfacing Phase II - Latouche St to Lake Otis Pkwy (18-05b)

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$4,500,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$4,500,000.00

Need: The top layer of pavement is wearing thin and ruts are beginning to form.

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

Project Status: Design study was completed for both phases of this resurfacing project. Funding for final design is proposed in the 2022 road bond. The contract will be amended once the bonds pass.

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

Benson Blvd Separated Southside Sidewalk - Latouche St East

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$1,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$1,000,000.00

Need: The existing sidewalk is deteriorating and its position next to Benson Boulevard is a safety concern. The Rogers Park Community Council identified the project need.

Project Scope: The project will reconstruct the sidewalk from Latouche Street to the east so that it is separated from the roadway.

Project Status: The project has not started. Since this is a state-owned corridor, only state grant funding may be used for the improvement.

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.

No Assigned Priority

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.

No Assigned Priority

Seward Hwy at Northern Lights Blvd & Benson Blvd Pedestrian/Bicycle Improvements (HSIP)

Agency: State of Alaska

Cost: \$3,700,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$3,700,000.00

Need: These are two of the busiest intersections in the Municipality. Safety concerns have been raised for the pedestrians and bicyclists who use these crossings. The project is identified in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan.

Project Scope: The project will construct pedestrian and bicycle improvements to the crossings of the Seward Hwy at Northern Lights Blvd and Benson Blvd.

Project Status: Funding is through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), but the project is on hold by DOT.

No Assigned Priority

Seward Highway to Glenn Highway Connection (H2H) - Bragaw St to Tudor Rd

Agency: State of Alaska

Cost: \$765,500,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$21,155,000.00

Additional Funds Required: \$744,345,000.00

Need: The Highway to Highway improvements are considered necessary to address capacity, demand, safety, and system linkage to major destinations and freight mobility on the existing Seward Highway and Glenn Highway NHS routes. These NHS routes provide access to major employment centers in downtown and midtown Anchorage and major intermodal port, rail, and airport facilities. The Seward and Glenn Highway NHS routes are divided highways coming into the center of Anchorage, which transition to urban arterial streets with connecting roads, stop lights, and commercial and residential access. The urban arterial segments of the routes are characterized by high travel demand, congestion, and resulting safety issues caused by traffic levels that have exceeded the capacity of the existing arterial street network.

Project Scope: The project will connect the Seward Highway to the Glenn Highway with a controlled access freeway. Project may include an 8-lane highway segment between Bragaw Street and Tudor Road. The plan is for the project to be phased.

Project Status: Funding for this project is programmed by the state. Environmental engineering is underway and alternative routes are being explored and moved through the public process. The next phase of design funding is anticipated in 2022.

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, 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

No Assigned Priority

Sitka Street Park

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$2,200,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$2,200,000.00

Need: Interest from local community councils to develop a skate park at Sitka Street Park as well as a connection to the Chester Creek Trail through Sitka Park.

Project Scope: Funds will be used to develop a new skatepark as well as design and build a paved multi-use trail connecting to the Chester Creek Greenbelt.

Project Status: Trail connection nominated for AMATS funding in 2018.

No Assigned Priority

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.

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

Lovejoy Dr at Northern Lights Blvd Pedestrian Crossing

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$0.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$0.00

Need: The project need was identified by the Rogers Park Community Council. It would provide a crossing between the neighborhood to the north of Northern Lights Boulevard and the middle and elementary schools to the south.

Project Scope: The project will design and construct pedestrian crossing improvements at this intersection.

Project Status: No work is underway and no funding is proposed in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. The project will remain on the Capital Project Needs List for future funding consideration.

No Assigned Priority

Maplewood St Trail Connection - Sitka St to Bannister Dr

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$1,500,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$1,500,000.00

Need: Local residents would like the existing dirt pathway upgraded for safety reasons. The project need was identified by the Rogers Park Community Council. The project is included in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan.

Project Scope: The project will design and construct a trail from the north end of Maplewood St to East 20th Avenue.

Project Status: State grant funding is proposed.

No Assigned Priority

New Seward Hwy Sound Barrier Fence - Fireweed Ln to Northern Lights Blvd

Agency: State of Alaska

Cost: \$1,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$1,000,000.00

Need: Area residents believe noise pollution from the Seward Highway impacts their quality of life. The project need was identified by the Rogers Park Community Council.

Project Scope: The project will construct a sound barrier fence on the east side of the Seward Highway between Fireweed Lane and Northern Lights Boulevard.

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.

No Assigned Priority

Northern Lights Blvd Surface Rehab - Lake Otis Pkwy to Boniface Pkwy

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$8,500,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$8,500,000.00

Need: The top lift has eroded in many places on this major arterial. The result of the erosion has been the formation of deep ruts and pot holes. The project is a priority for Street Maintenance.

Project Scope: The project will resurface the road and make the pedestrian facilities ADA compliant.

Project Status: The project has not started. Bond funding is planned for design and construction.

No Assigned Priority

Northern Lights Median Landscaping - Latouche St to Lake Otis Pkwy

Agency: State of Alaska

Cost: \$1,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$1,000,000.00

Need: The Rogers Park Community Council has identified this project as a priority.

Project Scope: The project will install landscaping in the median of Northern Lights Boulevard to enhance the aesthetic appeal.

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 through the State of Alaska.

No Assigned Priority

Wentworth St Surface Rehab - Northwestern Ave to south end

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$500,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$500,000.00

Need: The existing road surface requires frequent maintenance to fill a multitude of longitudinal and horizontal cracking. The sidewalk is also in need of repair. The 2020 GASB survey rated one segment of Wentworth Street in failing condition with the other segments fair to satisfactory..

Project Scope: The project will reclaim or overlay road surface and repair pedestrian facilities as needed.

Project Status: This project has not started. State grant funding is proposed in the current six-year CIP.

No Assigned Priority

Woodside East Area Road and Drainage Improvements

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$7,500,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$7,500,000.00

Need: The road surface is deteriorating to the point that safety may be impacted and maintenance is no longer cost effective. This project was identified by the Rogers Park Community Council. The 2020 GASB survey rated Crataegus Avenue in serious condition with the other streets in the subdivision in either fair or satisfactory condition.

Project Scope: The project will reconstruct the roadway and install a storm drain system.

Project Status: This project will remain on the needs list for future funding consideration. There is no funding programmed in the current six-year CIP. Because these are local roads, this project would be funded through the Road Improvement District (RID) program. Property owners pay 10% of the cost of the project through special assessments, and the Municipality pays the other 90%.

No Assigned Priority

Chester Creek at Hillstrand Pond Rehab

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$250,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$250,000.00

Need: Hillstrand Pond is a widening of Chester Creek, west of Lake Otis Parkway. Area residents have expressed concern that the pond is being filled in with silt.

Project Scope: The project will conduct an environmental scoping study that focuses on the impacts of sedimentation entering the pond, and then make recommendations based on the health of the watershed and the surround community. The final phase of the project would be to construct the recommended improvements.

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

No Assigned Priority

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.

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. 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 off 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.