

All Proposed 2024 Rogers Park Capital Projects

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Priority 1

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 2

Reconstruct Pathway on south side of Benson west of LaTouche

Agency:

Cost:

Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required:

Need:

Project Scope: This short 260' segment of pedestrian pathway is in dangerous condition. It should be rebuilt to a higher standard and set back as far as possible from the traffic lane. In its present condition it is a trip hazard. All residents of Rogers Park and midtown who walk or bike in this area would benefit from this project.

Project Status:

Priority 3

Enhance and protect Lake Otis sidewalk between Tudor 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 Tudor and DeBarr, widen the sidewalk and install a protective barrier between the sidewalk and roadway.

Project Status:

Priority 4

Maplewood St Trail Connection - Sitka St to Rogers Park Ct

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 construct a sidewalk/trail from the intersection of Rogers Park Court and Maplewood Street to East 20th Avenue. The feasibility of reducing the slope on Maplewood Street south of East 24th Avenue will be examined.

Project Status: State grant funding is proposed.

Priority 5

Goose Lake Beach building renovation for public use in all four seasons.

Agency:

Cost:

Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required:

Need:

Project Scope: "The building structure at the Goose Lake Beach is a municipal structure largely unused but, considering its sweet location- on the beach at heavily used Goose Lake, adjacent to a large muni park gazebo, on the major bike and multiuse trail continuation from the Chester creek Trail and the UAA around Goose Lake in all four seasons, and set in the forested Chester Creek Greenbelt, it is currently a vastly underutilized muni asset . On occasion the muni grooms a ski trail around the lake. In that past there was also a maintained ice skating loop. I envision it as a full time, four season, facility serving the lake, forest, and trail users as a welcome rest stop, hopefully providing refreshments and a welcome community gathering site. It is unfortunate that such a structure in such a fine location does not serve our entire community. This presents a wonderful opportunity." In a sense, this project would prevent further degradation and deterioration of the potentially valuable structure. In addition to RPCC members, everyone in Anchorage would benefit from this project.

Project Status:

Priority 6

Latouche St East-Side Sidewalk - Northern Lights Blvd to Benson Blvd

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$2,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$2,000,000.00

Need: Currently the only way to cross at LaTouche and Northern Lights/Benson is to cross on the West side of LaTouche in front of Village Inn. There is an active business entrance there and often there are cars turning in/out of Village Inn from LaTouche which presents a safety concern. This is a frequented route for residents of College Village and Rogers Park. Many families who live in Rogers Park and attend day care at 35th/LaTouche use that intersection with bikes or on foot.

Project Scope: The project will add a sidewalk and safe pedestrian crossings to the east side of LaTouche in the median between Northern Lights and Benson.

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

Priority 7

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 8

Fireweed Lane Speed Bump Crosswalks and Signage

Agency:

Cost:

Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required:

Need: Traffic does not pay close attention to pedestrians or users of the sidewalks. Traffic also tends to go fast in the longer stretches of road between street lights and stop signs. There was a reason a raised crosswalk was erected on LaTouche between Northern Lights and 27th Avenue and I'd like to consider these additional crosswalks just as important to slow down traffic coming from the Seward Hwy side into Rogers Park to bring more safety to our intersections where there is high sidewalk traffic.

Project Scope: Add speed bump crosswalk and signage to two intersections to slow traffic through neighborhood and make crossing streets safer with slower traffic. Suggest putting the same style of raised crosswalk located on LaTouche between Northern Lights and 27th Avenue including signage that there is a bump present at the crosswalk. The first location to consider is the intersection of Juneau Street and Fireweed near the Chester Creek trail entrance from Rogers Park neighborhood. The second location to consider is at Fireweed and Bannister.

Project Status:

Priority 9

Sign at LaTouche Speed Bump between Northern Lights and Fireweed

Agency:

Cost:

Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required:

Need: Due to the speed that cars approach this crosswalk, it is unsafe to be in the vicinity if a driver hits it too fast and could either bottom out or go out of control. Seems like a matter of time that an accident occurs due to being unaware of the bump and the speed that folks go over the bump in order to catch the green light at northern lights and latouche. Large safety concern due to it also being a pedestrian crosswalk. I think a sign will help bring awareness and slower traffic.

Project Scope: Add a sign before approaching the cross walk for traffic each direction indicating the crosswalk is also a speed bump. This will allow cars to be aware of the bump and actually have time to slow down. Many cars currently are flying over the bump without knowing it is there to get through the red light at northern lights and latouche.

Project Status:

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

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

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

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$5,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$500,000.00

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: HDL contract is out for signature for Phase II.

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

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

Chester Creek at Hillstrand Pond Rehab

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$3,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$3,000,000.00

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 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: \$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

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: 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

Chester Creek Trail Connection: Sitka Street to Maplewood St

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$3,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$3,000,000.00

Need: Interest from local community councils to improve neighborhood access to the Chester Creek Trail from Sitka Street

Project Scope: Funds will be used to construct a trail connection from Sitka Street to the Chester Creek Greenbelt and the Maplewood St spur.

Project Status: Trail connection identified in the Non-Motorized Plan.

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

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

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

Northern Lights Blvd Sound Barrier Fence and Landscaping - Latouche St to Drake Dr (22-30)

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$2,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$1,100,000.00

Additional Funds Required: \$900,000.00

Need: This project addresses noise mitigation and quality of life improvement by reducing noise pollution. This project was to happen when the Rogers Park side sound fence was built over a decade ago. It would significantly improve livability in College Village. The project is a high priority for the Rogers Park Community Council.

Project Scope: The project will construct a sound barrier fence on the south side of East Northern Lights Boulevard.

Project Status: A 2022 state grant providing funding to reactivate the project. A design was completed 15 years ago. Because this segment of Northern Lights Boulevard is state-owned, a state grant is the best funding option.

No Assigned Priority

Northern Lights Blvd Surface Rehab - Lake Otis Pkwy to Boniface Pkwy (22-20)

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$8,500,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$300,000.00

Additional Funds Required: \$8,200,000.00

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: Bond funding is planned for design and construction.

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. The 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: \$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