

All Proposed 2025 Rogers Park Capital Projects

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Priority 1

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 2

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 3

Reduce traffic speed on Lake Otis Blvd

Agency:

Cost:

Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required:

Need: Of the 14 properties facing Lake Otis on the block between Northern Lights and Maple Avenue, seven have had speeding vehicles crash into their fences, lawns, and a living room of their homes. The sidewalk used by pedestrians and cyclists sits immediately next to traffic often traveling at well over 50 mph. There is no space between the sidewalk and the road way. It is a miracle that no one has injured so far. Without improvement, serious injuries and fatalities are extremely likely to occur. There have also been numerous serious collisions in the Lake Otis - Northern Lights intersection. This project would protect fences, lawns, and houses themselves which are all vulnerable to the excessive speeds of trucks, cars, and motorcycles. It would protect the vehicles driven by the speeding drivers - lower speed means fewer crashes. Many people will benefit. Residents living on this stretch of Lake Otis will be safer - both themselves and their property; everyone using the sidewalk right next to this speeding traffic will be safer; and the motorists will be safer from crashing into our properties and from crashing into each other.

Project Scope: Study and implement changes to reduce dangerous speeding and excessive traffic noise north of Northern Lights Blvd on Lake Otis Parkway. A speed study with speed feedback signs is requested to be installed as soon as possible to gather data for a traffic study and to slow traffic. Explore comprehensive changes to the roadway's physical design including: one lane for north-bound motor vehicle traffic (possibly for south-bound traffic as well), a protected bike lane on the east (or both) sides of the street, and a permanent speed monitor.

Project Status:

Priority 4

Pave Rogers Park alleys.

Agency:

Cost:

Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required:

Need: Reduce air and water pollution, better drainage.

Project Scope: Unknown number and length.

Project Status:

Priority 5

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 6

Repave College Village streets

Agency:

Cost:

Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required:

Need: Cars swerving to dodge potholes could cause accidents. Children on bikes could fall. Pedestrians could trip and fall. Many people walk or bike the streets in College Village. It protects damage to cars, bicyclists, and pedestrians. It improves appearance and maintains housing values.

Project Scope: Repave the streets in College Village that are in disrepair. Most streets were paved in the 60's and 70's and have not been repaved since. They are so broken and cracked that patching and tar strips will solve the problem.

Project Status:

Priority 7

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 8

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

Agency: State of Alaska

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 9

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 10

Replace the sidewalk on west side of LaTouche between Northern Lights and Benson

Agency:

Cost:

Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required:

Need: The existing paved walkway is buckled, quite uneven and has potholes making it very dangerous to walk on. Bus riders walking to and from the bus stop on the north side of Northern Lights traffic light, as well as all other users of that pathway.

Project Scope: Replace the existing blacktop pathway on the west side of LaTouche, from Benson all the way to Northern Lights with a concrete sidewalk.

Project Status:

Priority 11

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 12

Repave Maplewood Street between Northern Lights and Chester Creek trailhead

Agency:

Cost:

Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required:

Need: The street is in very poor condition and can cause safety issues for non motorized users. Any improvements to streets helps to retain property values. This particular street sees area wide use due to the Chester Creek trail connection.

Project Scope: Replace Maplewood street in advance of the pathway/trail project. The MOA has patched holes, especially north of Rogers Park Court, but the pavement is too far gone to retain the repairs.

Project Status:

Priority 13

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 14

Landscape the Northern Lights Boulevard median between Latouche and Drake/Maplewood.

Agency:

Cost:

Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required:

Need: The planted median will protect all homes from constant road noise pollution. Over 20 years ago ADOT visited RPCC and offered to plant the median instead of paving it when they did road work. They persuaded us to pave it because they said it was only 3 feet wide. In fact the median is much wider. Medians are planted farther east, on 36th street and through Turnagain. It should be planted to provide both beauty and a sound buffer for traffic between Rogers Park and College Village.

Project Scope: Trees and shrubs in the median might better protect cars and pedestrians from oncoming traffic in either direction.

Project Status:

Priority 15

Chip seal Rogers Park streets

Agency:

Cost:

Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required:

Need: The streets are increasingly deteriorating due to cracks in pavement and loss of underlying soil that pumps to the surface thru the cracks during rainfall events. This causes potholes and alligator cracking which increase wear and tear on vehicles from cars to bikes to strollers. About 32years ago our streets received just this recommended chip seal pavement preservation project and it worked very well. It takes time to develop such a project and it is not too early to begin the process. We could advance this by forming a road improvement district to get the work done. We do not want all our streets to look like Maplewood (alligator cracking/potholes) before we act.

Project Scope: Project would chip seal streets to prolong the service life of the pavement and prevent further deterioration.

Project Status:

Priority 16

Replace fence along 36th Avenue

Agency:

Cost:

Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required:

Need: Potential for the existing (loose and leaning) fence to fall onto a pedestrian or into traffic moving along 36th Avenue. This project would provide safety, security, and noise reduction to the College Village neighborhood properties that abut 36th Avenue. This project was included on the 2021-2022 CIP. In 2022 temporary work was done and it was understood that the fence replacement was on the horizon, pending resolution of a water main issue or an owner's retaining wall.

Project Scope: Replace the fence along the north side of 36th Avenue from the MacInnes Street to Latouche Street. This fence is in disrepair. In many spots, it is broken, leaning, and patched.

Project Status:

Priority 17

Rehabilitate Otis Lake beach and build a dock

Agency:

Cost:

Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required:

Need: Sometimes people fish from the shore at the small lake access area where other people want to enter the lake on a stand-up paddleboard and there are derelict fishing hooks and flying fishing hooks when casting in closer proximity to people in the area. Hook repository that ADFG put up is not near where the people fish. Private property surrounds three sides of Otis Lake. There is a municipal playground in the park and Parkland. The majority of people using this park are the neighborhood residents. It is a public park with access to the lake for fishing, boating and using the playground. There is no Kids Don't Float set up at this water body and there is not really a safe way to enter and exit the lake with people who are shore based fishing in a small space for people. The lake that is stocked by ADF&G so it attracts fishermen.

Project Scope: Otis Lake has a public entry point at Carlson Park, a neighborhood pocket park. The access to the playground and lake is a grassy field that stays wet for a lot of the spring. Options could include converting some of the grass to a more natural landscape with a boardwalk to the lake. Also request clean up of unused and untended recreational boats and installation of a dock and a Kids Don't Float program with life vests.

Project Status:

No Assigned Priority

Multi-use Trails and Pedestrian Bridge 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 trails and missing greenbelt trail links. Upgrade/replace aging bridges. Upgrade signage and 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

Northern Lights Blvd Eastbound Capacity Improvements - Lake Otis Pkwy to Bragaw St

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$8,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$8,000,000.00

Need: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) identified this section of East Northern Lights Boulevard as a short-term project need.

Project Scope: A third eastbound lane will be added. Intersection improvements at Lake Otis, UAA, and Bragaw are anticipated to be included in the scope.

Project Status: The project has not started.

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.

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. Final design is underway.

No Assigned Priority

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

Sitka Street Trail Improvements and Connection

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$3,300,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$3,300,000.00

Need: Interest from local community councils to improve neighborhood access to the Chester Creek Trail from Sitka Street in addition to bringing the existing bridge into compliance for winter maintenance operations.

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

Project Status: Trail connection and rehab identified in the AMATS TIP as well as the Non-Motorized Plan. Note the total project funds will require a 9.03% local match and the remainder will be matched through AKDOT/AMATS.

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

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 surrounding 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

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

Campbell Creek Trail - Separated Grade Crossing @ Lake Otis

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$19,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$50,000.00

Additional Funds Required: \$18,950,000.00

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. Note the total project funds will require a 9.03% local match and the remainder will be matched through AKDOT/AMATS.

No Assigned Priority

East Northern Lights Blvd Pedestrian Overpass ADA Improvements at Rogers Park Elementary

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$9,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$9,000,000.00

Need: A study determined that the existing structure needs to be replaced. The project is a priority for area residents.

Project Scope: The project will replace the existing pedestrian overpass across East Northern Lights Boulevard near Rogers Park Elementary School with an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant structure.

Project Status: The project has not started. State grant funding is proposed since this section of Northern Lights is owned by the State of Alaska.

No Assigned Priority

Fish Creek Trail to the Ocean (Fish Creek Trail Extension)

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

Campbell Creek Trail Rehabilitation and Wayfinding

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

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

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.