All Proposed 2024 Scenic Foothills Capital Projects

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Priority 1

36th Ave Upgrade - Patterson St to Muldoon Rd

Agency: State of Alaska
Cost: $8,000,000.00
Funds on Hand: $0.00
Additional Funds Required: $8,000,000.00

Need: 36th Avenue from Patterson Street to Muldoon Road is a narrow two-lane road with no shoulders. The road surface is deteriorating. There are no pedestrian facilities and the lighting is inadequate.

Project Scope: This project will upgrade 36th Ave between Patterson St and Muldoon Rd. Improvements are expected to include pavement, curbs, pedestrian facilities, street lighting, storm drainage, and traffic calming.

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 evaluation and prioritization. However, it is a state owned collector street and prioritization and funding would be through the State of Alaska.

Priority 2

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 3

Multi-use paved trail Repair

Agency:
Cost:
Funds on Hand:
Additional Funds Required:

Need: The pedestrian/bike paths along 36th avenue, Northern Lights by Arnold Muldoon Park, throughout Chugach Foothills Park and along Northern Lights from Patterson to Baxter are in disrepair from tree root damage and deterioration. These paths are heavily used and need upgrades to make usage safe.

Project Scope:
Project Status:

Priority 4

Muldoon Rd Southbound Right-Turn Lane at 36th Ave

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

Need: This project will improve safety by separating slow turning vehicles from those going the speed limit or above on Muldoon Road. Speeds on this section often exceed 50 miles per hour. This project is a priority for the Scenic Foothills Community Council.

Project Scope: The project will construct a right-hand turn lane on Muldoon Road at the 36th Avenue intersection.
Project Status: The project has not started and there is no funding programmed at this time. Because Muldoon Road is owned by the State of Alaska, evaluation and prioritization of this project will be done by the Alaska DOT&PF.

Priority 5

FNBP Improvements

Agency: Parks and Recreation
Cost: $4,500,000.00
Funds on Hand: $2,500,000.00
Additional Funds Required: $2,000,000.00

Need: There are over 100 miles of soft surface trails in FNBP. Trail and trailhead infrastructure (bridges, lighting, parking lots, signage, drainage) needs to be repaired to keep pace with increasing demand.

Project Scope: Bridge repair, trail sustainability projects, trail reroutes and construction of missing trail links, parking lot improvements.

Project Status: The FNBP Trail Improvement Plan was adopted in 2011 by the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Urban Design Commission. The Trail Improvement Plan identifies a list of projects supported by all trail user groups. Federal grant funds were secured for wayfinding, bridges replacement, and trail repair with re-construction of three bridges on the Tour of Anchorage Trail in summer 2023. Funds will be used to match federal dollars.
Priority 6

Path Connection Pioneer Drive to Regal Mountain Drive, along Muldoon road

Agency:
Cost:
Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required:

**Need:** The current bike/pedestrian path that along Muldoon road ends just south of Regal mountain Dr. The should be extended to meet Regal Mountain Drive and eventually hook into the Northeast Connector trail. (to be completed 2023) The access from Regal Mountain to this dead-end path has a gate that does not allow a bicycle towing a child's trailer access to the side walk on Muldoon.

**Project Scope:**

**Project Status:**

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Priority 7

East Anchorage JBER Perimeter Trail

Agency:
Cost:
Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required:

**Need:** This trail will provide direct access for cyclists, pedestrians and other trail users between the Glenn Highway and the Campbell Creek greenbelt. Thousands of area residents will be able to use this trail for transportation, recreation and commuting. **Project Scope:** As identified in the East Anchorage District plan, a bike trail between the Glenn Highway that continues south along the military boundary and then bends westward on the Northeast connector Trail along Tudor Rd. A land swap with JBER would need to be secured for this project to move forward. Northeast and Scenic Foothills Community council have passed resolutions of support.

**Project Scope:** Trail connecting Chugach Foothills to the Glenn Highway, passing through Muldoon Town Square Park

**Project Status:**
Priority 8

Old Muldoon Rd Upgrade - 32nd Ave to 36th Ave

Agency: State of Alaska
Cost: $3,500,000.00
Funds on Hand: $0.00
Additional Funds Required: $3,500,000.00

Need: This roadway has never been rebuilt to a residential standard consistent with its current usage. This project is a priority for the Scenic Foothills Community Council, who is also concerned about speeding.

Project Scope: The project will upgrade Old Muldoon Road to current local road standards. Improvements are expected to include a new road base, storm drains with curb and gutter, street lighting, pedestrian facilities, and landscaping.

Project Status: The project has not started. This road is owned by the State of Alaska. Evaluation and prioritization for future funding consideration will be done by the Alaska DOT&PF.

Priority 9

Speed/Traffic Management Tudor/Muldoon Curve

Agency:
Cost: $10,000,000.00
Funds on Hand: $6,000,000.00
Additional Funds Required: $4,000,000.00

Need: Over the years, traffic has increased on the Tudor and Muldoon curve, due to high growth rates in midtown employment. In 2004 AMATS estimated that 30,000 cars a day traveled this corridor and this number is most assuredly higher today. This stretch of road saw 1481 single unit trucks and 235 tractor units a day in 2009. The East Area Transportation Study had several respondents mention the danger of this section for pedestrians. With speed limits at 50 and traffic moving faster than that at times, an undivided and undefined pedestrian path along this section of road is a grave safety concern. This curve has seen 3 fatalities in the past two years and neighbors in Kensington park have had vehicles end up in their yards.

Project Scope: Scenic Foothills Community council has passed a resolution of support for speed management and safety upgrades for this stretch of road including a retaining wall on the north side of Tudor between Campbell Airstrip road and Patterson, blinking lights, reduction in speed, median etc. to be a 4 phase process. $7.3 retaining wall $1.4 decorative noise barrier $600,000 slope hinge guardrail $200,000 two flashing speed signs $150,000 roundabout or light at Patterson and Tudor

Project Status:
Priority 10

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.

Priority 11

Pleasant Valley Subdivision Area Road subdivision Road Reconstruction/upgrade (14-26)

Agency:

Cost: $15,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: $400,000.00

Additional Funds Required: $14,600,000.00

Need: Most local roads in this area are rated Condition F in the 2008 GASB survey. This project has been a priority for Scenic Foothills Community Council

Project Scope: This project will continue the upgrade of the local roads in the area to current municipal standards. Improvements are expected to include a new road base, pavement, storm drains with curb and gutter, street lights and pedestrian facilities if warranted.

Project Status:
Priority 12

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.

Priority 13

Regal Mountain Dr Area Reconstruction

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: $4,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: $0.00

Additional Funds Required: $4,000,000.00

Need: The streets have frost heaves, cracking, and pot holes. The curb has separated from the pavement in many places. The project is a priority for the neighborhood and Street Maintenance. Most of these roads were rated in failing condition according to the 2020 GASB survey.

Project Scope: Reconstruction is expected to include an expansion of the existing storm drain system and updated lighting. Flow lines will be reestablished to prevent the existing ponding/glaciaiton concerns. The project will encompass Regal Mountain Drive and Circle as well as Chaimi Loop.

Project Status: The project has not started. The project will remain on the Needs List for future funding consideration.
Priority 14

Tudor Rd Access Management (East) - Seward Hwy to Patterson St

Agency: State of Alaska
Cost: $37,000,000.00
Funds on Hand: $0.00
Additional Funds Required: $37,000,000.00

Need: Traffic volume increases are expected to further exceed the capacity on this arterial.

Project Scope: While the scope is not set, improvements are expected to include restricting direct access onto Tudor Road.

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. The route is designated as a major arterial in the Official Streets and Highways Plan (OS&HP). This project is included in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

Priority 15

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.
Priority 16

Speed determent Pioneer Drive

Agency:

Cost:

Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required:

Need: Speed along Pioneer drive has been a recurrent complaint among neighbors. Children wait for school buses along this route and the road is heavily used by pedestrians. A speed hump or other speed determents should be added. Crosswalk at Pioneer and the park needs a flashing light.

Project Scope:

Project Status:

Priority 17

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.

Priority 18

Tikishla St Reconstruction

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: $1,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: $0.00

Additional Funds Required: $1,000,000.00

Need: The Scenic Foothills Community Council identified the project need. The road surface is eroding as evidenced by extensive potholing and cracking. Frost heaves are evident and causing some curb jacking.

Project Scope: The project will reconstruct the road. Improvements are expected to include a new road base with asphalt and curb and upgraded street lighting.

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

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.
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.

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

FNBP: Blue Dot Trail Bridge Replacement

Agency: Parks and Recreation
Cost: $1,000,000.00
Funds on Hand: $0.00
Additional Funds Required: $1,000,000.00

Need: The current structure does not meet trail bridge safety standards.

Project Scope: Remove existing structure and replace with safe, prefabricated trail bridge. Funds will be used for planning, design, permitting and construction.

Project Status: Federal grant funds have been secured for the replacement of the Blue Dot bridge with construction anticipated for summer 2024. Funds will be used to match federal dollars.

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.