

All Proposed 2024 South Addition Capital Projects

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Priority 1

Stairs Repair/Replacement to the Coastal Trail at West 16th Avenue and I Street

Agency:

Cost: \$250,000.00

Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required: \$250,000.00

Need: The stairway is dark and the steps unsafe to travel; in addition, it is often used as temporary facilities for overnight camping.

Project Scope: Repair or replace the stairway as needed to enhance security and safety of those using the stairs to access either the Coastal Trail or to reach 16th Avenue at I Street, including changing the material used for the stairs and overhead cover similar to the improved Frank Read Sr Memorial Stairs at West 12th Avenue.

Project Status:

Priority 2

Johnny Ellis Rainbow Bridge Sign

Agency:

Cost: \$80,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$80,000.00

Need: Pursuant to AO 2022-110, the Assembly adopted the Johnny Ellis Naming Commission's recommendation to name the 15th Avenue/A Street Bridge the "Johnny Ellis Rainbow Bridge." We seek a visible sign on the bridge memorializing this name.

Project Scope:

Project Status:

Priority 3

Delaney Park

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$1,600,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$1,600,000.00

Need: Funds are needed to maintain Delaney Park as a vibrant public space serving all of Anchorage. Aging facilities along with wear and tear from major events and sports have resulted in the need for additional investment to maintain Delaney Park as the premier destination for major events and celebrations.

Project Scope: New funding will make repairs to turf, walking areas/pathways and plazas, landscape, amenities and athletic facilities. Renovate subgrade and surfacing of tennis courts. Re-envision the Pete's Gym area.

Project Status: Delaney Park is one of Anchorage's oldest and most celebrated parks. Ongoing and future community planning efforts will help identify and prioritize future upgrades.

Priority 4

Delaney Park Hockey Rink Rehabilitation

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$450,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$450,000.00

Need: The hockey rink at Delaney Park is a well used winter facility. Upgrades are needed in the future to ensure that this asset can continue to serve park users.

Project Scope: Funding will be used to rehabilitate the hockey rink.

Project Status: Within the past 6 years, the Parks & Recreation Department has partnered with the Anchorage Park Foundation and the Scotty Gomez Foundation to rehabilitate the Tikishla Park rink and the Mulcahy rinks. The Delaney Park rink is the next on the list to address.

Priority 5

Earl & Muriel King Park

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$200,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$200,000.00

Need: Earl & Muriel King Park is an underutilized neighborhood park bordering the Downtown/Fairview/South Addition neighborhoods. In the recent past, park neighbors and residents have expressed frustration with negative uses occurring in the park. Funds will be used to identify and construct park improvements.

Project Scope: Funding will be used to both identify and construct improvements in this neighborhood park.

Project Status: Park Maintenance performs monthly safety inspections and repairs as necessary.

Priority 6

Margaret Eagan Sullivan Park

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$600,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$600,000.00

Need: Margaret Eagan Sullivan is one of Anchorage's most heavily used parks and is home to Westchester Lagoon. Upgrades to outdoor gathering areas are necessary to accommodate the large number of annual park visitors.

Project Scope: Funding will be used to improve heavy use community spaces, trails, parking, and to rehabilitate areas of erosion along the lagoon's shoreline.

Project Status: In 2020, the parking lot was re-striped, wayfinding kiosk installed, and port-o-potties relocated. In 2021, an Indigenous Placename post was installed. In 2022, non-native bird cherry trees were replaced with native birch. Additional funds are needed to continue upgrades to this popular park and trail destination.

Priority 7

Tony Knowles Coastal Trail Erosion

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$3,500,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$400,000.00

Additional Funds Required: \$3,100,000.00

Need: To protect the shoreline and trail corridor from shoreline erosion threatening the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail.

Project Scope: Design, permit, and construct a solution to protect against shoreline erosion along the land-water interface near the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail

Project Status: Recent and ongoing bank armoring has provided protection for a 5-10 year period. Additional funding is needed for a more long-term sustainable solution.

Priority 8

Valley of the Moon Park

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$100,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$100,000.00

Need: Community gardens are in high demand with a waiting list every year.

Project Scope: Expand the community garden at Valley of the Moon Park. Relocate portable restroom screen and provide additional fencing for the playground.

Project Status: Anchorage residents participated in a master planning process for Valley of the Moon Park and identified a need for the expansion of this popular community garden. The parking lot was expanded in 2017.

Priority 9

15th Avenue Traffic Calming Study Between I & E Streets

Agency:

Cost:

Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required:

Need: The stretch of 15th Avenue between I and E Streets is a particularly active residential street connecting the east side of the South Addition Community to the west side. There are no intersections with stop signs or traffic lights between I & E Streets, traffic moves quickly through this stretch and pedestrians have a difficult time crossing safely.

Project Scope: A traffic safety study will provide information necessary to determine how to improve this stretch of road.

Project Status:

Priority 10

16th Ave Upgrade - E St to C St

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$1,400,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$1,400,000.00

Need: This road is in poor condition with pavement and some curbs. The road surface rated in serious condition according to the 2020 GASB survey. Drainage, street lighting, and pedestrian facilities are inadequate.

Project Scope: The project will reconstruct the road to include pavement, curbs, pedestrian facilities, drainage, and street lighting.

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

Priority 11

E St Left-hand Turning Signal at 15th Ave

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$1,500,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$1,500,000.00

Need: Motorists often have to wait more than one cycle at the light in order to make a left hand turn. This affects both north and south bound traffic. The project need was identified by the South Addition Community Council.

Project Scope: The project will review the need to change the traffic signal at E St and 15th Ave to incorporate left-hand turn lights.

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

Priority 12

Improve Specific SA Intersections with Additional Stop Signs

Agency:

Cost:

Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required:

Need: Contemporary residential density, shifting demographics, improved commercialization, and foreseeable traffic patterns of the described area all point to the need for a traffic study of the area and the reevaluation of the existing traffic plan.

Project Scope: Two more stop signs at each of the following intersections: 13th Avenue and H Street, 13th Avenue and F Street, 14th Avenue and H Street, 14th Avenue and G Street, and 14th Avenue and F Street.

Project Status: No action yet taken.

Priority 13

P St Surface Rehab - 13th Ave to 15th Ave

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$500,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$500,000.00

Need: Pavement on this local road is deteriorating. The 2020 GASB survey rated the road surface on this street as in serious condition.

Project Scope: The project will replace or overlay the pavement.

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

Priority 14

South Addition Area Separated Sidewalk

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$5,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$5,000,000.00

Need: Interest has been expressed in constructing separated sidewalks in the South Addition area, on 9th, 11th, 12th, and 14th Avenues, west of C Street. Even though the project was identified by the community council it is not a priority for the South Addition Community Council.

Project Scope: The project will construct separated sidewalks within the South Addition Community Council.

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

Priority 15

South Addition Sidewalk Rehab

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$1,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$1,000,000.00

Need: Many of the sidewalks in the South Addition area are showing signs of their age. Even though the project was identified by the community council it is not a priority for the South Addition Community Council.

Project Scope: This project will reconstruct deteriorated sidewalks in the South Addition Community Council area.

Project Status: No work is underway or scheduled in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. The project will remain on the Capital Project Needs List for future funding consideration. Improvements will also be considered for funding through the annual pedestrian safety and rehab program.

Priority 16

Underground Overhead Utility Lines in all South Addition Neighborhoods

Agency:

Cost:

Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required:

Need:

Project Scope: Underground all overhead utility lines (telephone, cable, electric) in all South Addition Neighborhood areas and remove related utility poles.

Project Status: South Addition community residents pay a percentage of their utility costs towards the funding of this action. South Addition residents would like to see the action put into effect beginning with the summer of 2021.

Priority 17

Minnesota Drive/I and L Street Corridor Plan Improvements

Agency:

Cost:

Funds on Hand:

Additional Funds Required:

Need: The arterial roads that form the north and south one-way roads that are the extensions of Minnesota Drive through South Addition to downtown create unsafe conditions for local residents.

Project Scope: Fund the AMATS Minnesota Drive and I/L Street Corridor Plan - Project recommended improvements.

Project Status: AMATS Minnesota Drive and I/L Street Corridor Plan [International Airport Road to 3rd Ave] - The project would provide a comprehensive analysis of the Minnesota Drive and I/L Street corridor's current conditions, anticipated growth patterns and their impacts, likely outcomes, and reasonable mitigation alternatives. It would include recommended improvements based on identified needs and community input, and a timeline for implementation. The project would include modeling analysis and engineering work as needed. The project should be evaluated for rehabilitation as a Complete Street, adhering to the AMATS Complete Streets policy.

Priority 18

A/C Couplet Restripe to 4-lane - 9th Ave to Tudor Rd

Agency: State of Alaska

Cost: \$3,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$3,000,000.00

Need: When constructed, pavement width was constructed to allow for a future restripe to 4-lanes if and when traffic volumes demonstrated the need. No studies have been completed demonstrating the need at this time.

Project Scope: This project will restripe from the current 3-lane to a 4-lane configuration. Signal work is also anticipated.

Project Status: No work is underway. This is a state owned facility and prioritization and funding would be through the State of Alaska.

Priority 19

A St Pedestrian Improvements - 14th Ave to Chester Creek Trail

Agency: State of Alaska

Cost: \$15,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$15,000,000.00

Need: The west side of A St has no pedestrian facilities between 14th Ave and the Chester Creek trail. This project is a priority for the South Addition Community Council.

Project Scope: Construct pedestrian pathways on the west side of A St from 14th Ave to the Chester Creek trail.

Project Status: No work is underway and no funding is proposed in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. This is a state owned facility and prioritization and funding would be through the State of Alaska. The project has been added to the Capital Projects Needs List for future funding consideration.

Priority 20

A St Pedestrian Safety Improvements - 9th Ave to 13th Ave

Agency: State of Alaska

Cost: \$3,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$3,000,000.00

Need: There are no pedestrian crossings on A Street between 9th Avenue and 15th Avenue. This is a high volume pedestrian/bicycle corridor with a large number of crashes. This project is a high priority in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan and for the South Addition Community Council.

Project Scope: This project will construct pedestrian crossing improvements along the intersections of the A Street corridor between 9th Avenue and 13th Avenue.

Project Status: This project has not started. 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

10th Ave Surface Rehab - P St to Ingra St

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$2,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$2,000,000.00

Need: Pavement condition is deteriorating.

Project Scope: The project will replace or overlay the pavement and bring pedestrian facilities into ADA compliance.

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

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

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

C St Pedestrian Improvements - 20th Ave to 22nd Ave

Agency: State of Alaska

Cost: \$1,500,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$1,500,000.00

Need: Both sides of C Street have missing links in the pedestrian pathways for this busy arterial. This project was identified by the South Addition Community Council.

Project Scope: This project will construct pedestrian pathways from 20th Avenue to 22nd Avenue on both sides of C Street.

Project Status: No work is underway. This is a state owned facility and prioritization and funding would be through the State of Alaska.

No Assigned Priority

Charles Smith Memorial Park ("Gorilla Park")

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$300,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$300,000.00

Need: Located along the popular Lanie Fleischer Chester Creek Trail, this neighborhood park is in proximity to children and adults living in high density housing. The open space is underutilized and improvements will bring more people to the park. The basketball court is well-used, but needs repairs to keep it in safe operating condition. Asphalt is cracking and hoops are in poor shape.

Project Scope: Funds will be used to help activate the park and may include the installation of an outdoor gathering/picnic area and repairs to the basketball court.

Project Status: Park Maintenance performs monthly safety inspections and repairs as necessary.

No Assigned Priority

Coastal Trail Access at 9th Avenue

Agency: Project Management and Engineering

Cost: \$2,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$2,000,000.00

Need: The need for the connection was identified by the South Addition Community Council.

Project Scope: The project will construct a connection between the west end of 9th Avenue and the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail by installing trail and a culvert under the railroad tracks.

Project Status: The project has not started although a design study was completed in May 2003.

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

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

West 16th Avenue and I Street Stairs Replacement/Redesign

Agency:

Cost: \$300,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$300,000.00

Need: The stairway is dark, and the steps unsafe to travel. It is often used as temporary facilities for overnight camping.

Project Scope: Repair, replace, or redesign the stairway/pathway as needed to enhance the security and safety of those using the stairs to access either the Coastal Trail or to reach 16th Avenue at I Street.

Project Status: SACC is unaware of any project addressing this community safety issue.

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

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

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