All Proposed Spenard Capital Projects

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Lois Dr Upgrade - Northern Lights Blvd to 36th Ave
Cost: $10,500,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $10,500,000
Need: This is a strip paved road with inadequate drainage, lighting, and pedestrian facilities. The pavement condition is also deteriorating.
Project scope: Upgrade collector street to urban standards. Improvements are expected to include a new road base, pavement, curbs, pedestrian facilities, street lighting, storm drainage, and landscaping. The typical section will be developed in the design phase with public input.
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.

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Chugach Way--Arctic Boulevard to Spenard Road
Cost:
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required:
Need: Spenard Community Council has identified Chugach Way from Arctic Boulevard to Spenard Road as it's number one traffic calming priority. It is a heavily used pedestrian corridor, with numerous school bus stops and no sidewalks or shoulder.
Project scope: PM&E should strategize rebuilding and repurposing this road to include pedestrian facilities, road realignment, lighting improvements and changes to allow Fish Creek to flow beside and under the roadway outside of culverts (daylighting). Equal priority should be given to motorized and non-motorized users. SCC advocates for: Design to include two traffic lanes, calming infrastructure at each intersection, two bike lanes and sidewalk on one side (modeled after the 2015 McRae Road rebuild).
Project Status: This need is pending review by MOA

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Fish Creek Daylighting
Cost:
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required:
Need: Spenard lacks a safe East-West non-motorized corridor to link the neighborhood to downtown. This riparian corridor presents an ideal ecological restoration project that would enhance the mission of the Spenard Corridor Plan as an asset building ecological and social capital. It would increase the value of nearby properties by providing recreational and utilitarian non-motorized transportation corridor, and access to other commercial and community assets in Midtown.
Project scope: Planning documents and feasibility studies should be funded with the goals of removing Fish Creek from culverts and storm drainage from Lake Otis to Cook Inlet at Westchester Lagoon. Phase 1 should include the flood control lake at Cuddy Park and a Right of Way along 40th Avenue to Arctic Blvd and then continuing west along a newly developed creek bed between Wilshire Avenue and Chugach Way to intersect with the archival creek bed at Chugach Way.
Project Status: This need is pending review by MOA

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West 45th Avenue from Taft Street to Northwood Drive
Cost:
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required:
Need: W. 45 provides access to Minnesota Blvd and already experiences high volume traffic. If the Boetcker property on Northwood is eventually developed into higher density residential, W. 45 will see an increase in traffic flow, and the need for pedestrian safety will become even more important.
Project scope: Spenard Community Council has identified W. 45th from Taft Street to Northwood Drive as a top traffic calming priority. PM&E should strategize rebuilding and repurposing this roadway to include pedestrian facilities, road realignment, lighting improvements and changes to allow Fish Creek to flow beside and under the roadway outside of culverts (daylighting).
Project Status: This need is pending review by MOA

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Spenard Road Reconstruction Phase III
Cost:
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required:
Need:
Project scope: Rebuild Spenard Road from West 30th Avenue to Northwood Drive including enhanced pedestrian and non-motorized capabilities found in Reconstruction Phase II (Hillcrest to West 30th).
Project Status: This need is pending review by MOA

36th Ave Upgrade - Lois Dr to Minnesota Dr

Cost: $6,000,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $6,000,000
Need: This is a strip paved road with inadequate drainage, lighting, and pedestrian facilities. The pavement condition is also deteriorating.
Project scope: Upgrade collector street to urban standards. Improvements are expected to include a new road base, pavement, curbs, pedestrian facilities, street lighting, storm drainage, and landscaping. The typical section will be developed in the design phase with community involvement.
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.

Fish Creek Improvements Phase V - Cook Inlet to Lake Otis Pkwy

Cost: $750,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $750,000
Need: Development has affected the natural flow of the creek and creek capacity is inadequate for current flow. The goal of the improvements will be to maintain the municipal water quality BMP program.
Project scope: This project will construct water quality and drainage capacity improvements on Fish Creek. The possible scope for Phase V improvements may include construction of detention and storage facilities in the upper watershed upstream of the New Seward Highway. Installing creek signage and other water quality and creek capacity improvements are also anticipated.
Project Status: Several phases have already been funded and constructed.

27th Ave Pedestrian Safety - Minnesota Dr to Blueberry Rd (13-39)

Cost: $1,300,000
Funds on Hand: $500,000
Additional funds required: $800,000
Need: This is a high volume pedestrian corridor in mid-town Anchorage. 27th Avenue has no pedestrian facilities between Spenard Road and Blueberry Road. The existing attached sidewalks between Minnesota Drive and Spenard Road are often used for parking. This project is a high priority in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan.
Project scope: This project will construct pedestrian safety improvements along this corridor. The exact improvements will be determined in the design phase.
Project Status: DSR being completed by R&M. Future funding is necessary to finalize design and construction.

Spenard Area Railroad Crossing Pedestrian Safety Improvements

Cost: $200,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $200,000
Need: This need has been identified by the Spenard Community Council.
Project scope: This project would study the pedestrian crossings of the Alaska Railroad in the Spenard area and then make recommendations for safety improvements. Future funding would be pursued to implement the results of the study.
Project Status: This project has not started. There is no funding programmed in the six-year CIP for this project. However, this project will remain on the Needs List for future funding consideration.

W Tudor Rd Pathway Connection

Cost: $500,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $500,000
Need: This project need was identified by the Spenard Community Council. The project is a priority for the community council. There are pedestrian facilities on either side of the railroad crossing, but a 250 foot section spanning the railroad tracks has no facilities. The lack of pedestrian facilities negatively impacts safety for non-motorized users.
Project scope: Construct pedestrian facilities to connect to the existing facilities on either side of the railroad tracks.
Project Status: The project has not started. The project will remain on the Needs List for future funding consideration.

ARDSA Storm Drain System Condition Assessment and Rehabilitation Program (16-20)

Cost: $20,000,000
Funds on Hand: $7,260,000
Additional funds required: $18,740,000
Need: There are approximately 2,213,000 linear feet of underground storm drain pipe in the Anchorage Road and Drainage Service Area. Metal pipe was primarily used prior 1990 and in some instances developers were creative and even used substitutes such as metal barrels/55 gallon drums laid end to end to divert or convey storm water from their properties. Much of the storm drain pipe that Anchorage has in the ground today is now deteriorated to the extent that in some instances it has completely vanished. Obviously these system failures impact the public in many ways. Primary impacts include health & safety consequences and property damage through flooding.
Project scope: This project will investigate/assess the condition of the Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area (ARDSA) storm drain systems and rehabilitate those system segments as the needs are identified and prioritized. This goal will be accomplished by evaluating the degree of degradation and functionality in our existing storm drain systems through CCTV (Closed Circuit Television) viewing augmented and by field inspecting segments of pipe. The primary focus of this project will be to concentrate on metal pipes and sections with suspect corrosion, flooding and drainage issues. Inherent with any of those investigative techniques, it may be incumbent upon the investigative staff to complete a condition survey, which may require the cleaning and or vacuoring of debris that covers the bottom of the storm drain pipe. Emergency rehabilitation will be completed on segments that have or are near failure to the extent that funding is available. Other sections will be prioritized to be included in future capital improvement program.

Project Status: This is an annual program with bond funding anticipated. CUI is being tasked.

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**ARDSA Alley Paving**

Cost: $300,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $300,000

Need: There are over 300 unpaved alleys in ARDSA. Unpaved alleys are a nuisance for residents and businesses. Dusty alleys negatively impact the air quality over the Municipality.

Project scope: This program will systematically pave all remaining unpaved alleys in ARDSA.

Project Status: This is an annual program to pave 10-12 alleys each summer in the Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area (ARDSA).

**State of Alaska**

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**Minnesota Boulevard from International to Northern Lights Boulevard**

Cost:
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required:

Need: Pedestrian safety is the primary concern. Neighborhood connectivity in a mixed-use part of town on the verge of revitalization should be driving this project. Minnesota is currently a freeway that divides the neighborhood. Any project that would increase traffic volume or speed would make the neighborhood less safe.

Project scope: Begin multi-phase design and construction project to reduce speeds and traffic volumes. Improve air quality, and add pedestrian crossings from International Airport Road to Northern Lights Boulevard. Within 6 years, Minnesota should meet the Federal Department of Transportation guidelines for Urban Arterial.

Project Status: This need is pending review by MOA

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**Fireweed Ln Reconstruction - Spenard Rd to Seward Hwy**

Cost: $15,000,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $15,000,000

Need: There are safety and capacity concerns with the existing 4-lane road section, especially with regard to pedestrians and non-motorized travel.

Project scope: Project involves complete reconstruction of Fireweed Lane between Spenard Road and the Seward Highway and will include pedestrian, transit, bicycle and landscape improvements.

Project Status: Project transferred back to DOT and no work is underway. No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. This is a state owned facility and evaluation and funding would be by the State of Alaska.

**Parks and Recreation**

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**Red Bridge Park**

Cost: $125,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $125,000

Need: Red Bridge Park is an important neighborhood park playground for the Spenard neighborhood. The playground and safety surfacing need to be compliant with current industry-wide safety standards. Additionally, there is an important trail connection through the park. Asphalt and bridge repairs are necessary.

Project scope: Funds will be used to repair the playground and safety surfacing and fix neighborhood park amenities.

Project Status: Park Maintenance performs monthly safety inspections and repairs the park assets as necessary. In 2008 the Spenard Community completed a neighborhood park report card and in 2009 volunteer completed a volunteer park fix-it. Some of the tot-lot playground elements were replaced.

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**Roosevelt Park**

Cost: $100,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $100,000

Need: Roosevelt Park is an important neighborhood park playground for the Spenard neighborhood. The playground and safety surfacing need to be compliant with current industry-wide safety standards.

Project scope: Funds will be used to repair the playground and safety surfacing and fix neighborhood park amenities.

Project Status: Park Maintenance performs monthly safety inspections and repairs the park assets as necessary.
Cope Street Park

Cost: $100,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $100,000
Need: Cope Street Park is an important neighborhood park playground for the Spenard neighborhood. The playground and safety surfacing need to be compliant with current industry-wide safety standards. Additionally, there is an important trail connection through the park. Asphalt and bridge repairs are necessary.
Project scope: Funds will be used to repair the playground and safety surfacing and fix neighborhood park amenities.
Project Status: Park Maintenance performs monthly safety inspections and repairs the park assets as necessary.

Forest Health and Park Safety

Cost: $200,000
Funds on Hand: $0
Additional funds required: $200,000
Need: In September of 2012 more than 5000 trees were lost during a windstorm. Initial assessments estimate clean-up to be over 1 million dollars. The Anchorage Urban Forester's plan to address the damage include a mix of volunteer clean-up, commercial sales and contracted clean-up. Currently, park assets are safe for park and trail users, however as conditions change, follow-up risk assessment and clean-up is required.
Project scope: Funds will be used to conduct a follow-up risk assessment, develop a recommended strategy for species management (cottonwood, evergreen, birch), finalize a tree emergency plan and continue the cleaning of hazard trees on parkland from the 2012 windstorm.
Project Status: Park Maintenance and horticulture crews have cleared parks and trails making current park assets safe for Anchorage citizens.