

# All Proposed Spenard Capital Projects

## Project Management and Engineering

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### Chugach Way--Arctic Boulevard to Spenard Road

Cost: \$0

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$0

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 routing changes to allow Fish Creek to flow beside and under the roadway outside of culverts (daylighting). A DSR should commence to bring stakeholders in the area (Cook Inlet Housing Authority, Midtown LLC (JJ Brooks and partners), AWWU, Spenard Community Council, and Parks and Rec) together to cooperate on a design that meets the most needs of all.

Project Status: This need is pending review by MOA

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### Chugach Way Upgrade - Spenard Rd to Arctic Blvd

Cost: \$12,000,000

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$12,000,000

Need: Chugach Way has a heavy volume of pedestrian, bicycle, and motorized vehicles sharing a narrow strip-paved road in a high density residential area. The road is also a major cut through connection between Spenard Road and Arctic Boulevard.

Project scope: Upgrade Chugach Way to current urban standards. Improvements may include pedestrian facilities, upgraded lighting, bike lanes, and streetscaping that is a reflection of likely future redevelopment in the corridor.

Project Status: The project has not started. Bond funding for design is proposed in the current CIP.

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### Lois Dr Pathway - Benson Blvd to 32nd Ave

Cost: \$0

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$0

Need: There is a heavy volume of non-motorized traffic along Lois Drive. It connects a high density residential area with four schools and the commercial district between Northern Lights and Benson Boulevard. There are no current pedestrian facilities on most of this section of Lois Drive.

Project scope: Construct a pathway to accommodate non-motorized users.

Project Status: 2019 bond funding is proposed for survey and design.

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### Lois Dr Upgrade - Northern Lights Blvd to 36th Ave

Cost: \$12,000,000

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$12,000,000

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 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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### Spenard Road Reconstruction Phase III

Cost: \$0

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$0

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

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## West 45th Avenue from Taft Street to Northwood Drive

Cost: \$0

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$0

Need: W. 45 provides access to Minnesota Blvd and already experiences high volume traffic. If the Boetcher 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.

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 improvement.

Project Status: This need is pending review by MOA

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## Fish Creek Daylighting

Cost: \$0

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$0

Need: Spenard lacks a safe East-West non-motorized corridor to link the neighborhood to midtown. This riparian corridor presents an ideal ecological restoration project that would enhance the mission of the Spenard Corridor Plan as an asset building ecological.

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.

Project Status: This need is pending review by MOA

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## 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.

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## 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.

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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).

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## Blue Light Safety Phones on Spenard Road

Cost:

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required:

Need: Spenard Road is heavily used by the general public. 911 access on cell phones could benefit from a redundancy in this system.

Project scope: Place emergency blue-light phones along Spenard to create an element of safety, record street crime and vandalism, protect vulnerable populations and reduce likelihood of crime occurring.

Project Status: This need is pending review by MOA

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## 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.

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### Spenard Rd Rehabilitation - Benson Blvd to Minnesota Dr

Cost: \$50,000,000

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$50,000,000

Need: The section of Spenard Road between Benson Boulevard and Minnesota Drive is experiencing excessive pot holing and rutting. Sidewalks are narrow or non-existent and many intersections are not ADA compliant.

Project scope: The project will construct a new road base, replace the storm drains or slip line as needed, upgrade the sidewalks and paths, upgrade the street lighting, and evaluate the lane configuration and possibility of a couplet using 36th Avenue at the Minnesota Drive intersections.

Project Status: The project has not started. Funding will likely be through the AMATS TIP.

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### Minnesota Boulevard from International to Northern Lights Boulevard

Cost: \$0

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$0

Need: Need active transportation crossings at 33rd Avenue and 40th Avenue. 40th Avenue crossing should include infrastructure to allow Fish Creek Daylighting and trail accommodations in the same utility corridor (tunnel). 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 speeds or volumes on Minnesota Blvd is not supported by Spenard CC.

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.

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.

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## Parks and Recreation

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### Waste and Recycling Bins on Spenard Road - Minnesota Blvd

Cost:

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required:

Need: Waste and potential recycling are present for most of the commercial corridor of Spenard Road. Spenard is the first place tourists see and experience. Let's keep it clean!

Project scope: From International Airport road to Hillcrest Dr, Spenard Road needs trash and recycling infrastructure and maintenance. There are currently few (maybe 1) trash receptacles available for public use and the result is a mountain of trash and potential recycling on the sidewalks and street. Minnesota Boulevard also lacks this service. There should be service every 1/8 of a mile.

Project Status: This need is pending review by MOA

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### Wilson Street Park Improvements

Cost:

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required:

Need: Wilson Street Park is the only available play area in the neighborhood bounded by Minnesota, Arctic, 36th and Tudor Road. It needs to be updated to be more safe, better lit and more attractive to school age kids.

Project scope: Wilson Street Park: safety, visibility, and lighting improvements prioritized. Then new park equipment.

Project Status: This need is pending review by MOA

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## Woodland Park Safety Improvements

Cost:  
Funds on Hand: \$0  
Additional funds required:  
Need: See scope statement.  
Project scope: Woodland Park at the corner of Iowa Street and 36th Avenue is heavily used by people drinking alcohol in public. There are health and safety issues with public urination and defecation. The large parking lot is used for illegal drug transactions, illegal camping, storage of stolen vehicles and other activities which greatly endanger the neighborhood. The Thelma Buccholdt Gazebo/Picnic Structure was built to honor a great Spenard leader, former Rep. Thelma Buchholdt, but because of related park infrastructure it is most commonly used for public drinking. Neighbors have formed the Woodland Park Safety Committee to try and bring families and children to the park and keep them safe from hazards including broken bottles and hypodermic needles. A park redesign centered on eliminating the parking lot and bringing attractive playground equipment is badly needed.  
Project Status: This need is pending review by MOA

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## 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 clearing 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.

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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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## Ure Park

Cost: \$100,000  
Funds on Hand: \$0  
Additional funds required: \$100,000  
Need: Connection to Fish Creek trail and community vision for this neighborhood park.  
Project scope: Community identified priorities. Connection to Fish Creek Trail  
Project Status: Park Maintenance performs monthly safety inspections and repairs the park assets as necessary.

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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.

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## 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.

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## Community Garden Site Selection and Design and Management Standards.

Cost: \$50,000  
Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$50,000

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 currently manages community gardens at The Gardens @ Bragaw, C Street Gardens, Fairview Lions and McPhee Gardens