

TURNAGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2022-X:
RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING INCLUSION OF WEST ANCHORAGE PROJECTS IN
PROPOSED 2022 MUNICIPAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS

WHEREAS, the Turnagain Community Council (TCC) is an all-volunteer, self-governing neighborhood organization recognized in the Municipality of Anchorage Charter; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of community councils is to provide a direct and continuing means of citizen participation in government and local affairs; and

WHEREAS, one function of all community councils is to “Advise the assembly of the community council's annual priority list of capital improvement projects” (AMC 2.40.050), and Turnagain Community Council annually completes and submits its priorities for the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Project Ranking; and

WHEREAS, capital improvement projects provide much-needed upgrades, rehabilitations and expansion of city infrastructure, which benefits residents, businesses and visitors to the community; and

WHEREAS, West Anchorage contains several established neighborhoods, including Turnagain and Spenard, that have aging or inadequate infrastructure, with significant capital improvement needs; and

WHEREAS, Turnagain Community Council identified traffic calming improvements as priority #10 in its overall 2021 CIP ranking, and regularly receives requests from Turnagain residents to support potential traffic calming interventions on streets in the community council area; and

WHEREAS, the safety and protection of pedestrians at school and pedestrian crossing areas in the Turnagain neighborhood is of utmost importance to Turnagain Community Council, including recommendations by longstanding Safe Routes to Schools Committee for Turnagain area schools; and

WHEREAS, Spenard Road is an important commercial and transit corridor serving West Anchorage, including several Turnagain neighborhoods adjacent to this corridor; and

WHEREAS, Fish Creek flows through and terminates within Turnagain Community Council boundaries, and is a significant natural asset to our area, the neighboring areas of Spenard, Midtown and further east, and to the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Fish Creek Trail to the Ocean is a project supported by Turnagain Community Council (TCC Resolution 2016-06) and as priority #13 in TCC’s overall 2021 CIP ranking; and

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail is located in Turnagain, and connects our neighborhood with the West Anchorage and Downtown park and trails system, and;

WHEREAS, multiple neighborhood parks in Turnagain have been upgraded as all-inclusive playgrounds, making safe and play for all ages accessible for more Anchorage residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Turnagain Community Council recommends retaining the following West Anchorage area projects in the proposed 2022 Capital Improvement Bonds, passed in the 2022 Capital Budget (AO 2021-97), to be presented for voter approval in the April 5, 2022 election:

1. AMATS Project: Spenard Road rehabilitation (Benson Blvd. to Minnesota Blvd.)
2. Traffic Improvements:
 - a. Traffic calming and safety improvements
 - b. School Zone safety
3. Parks & Recreation Projects:
 - a. Fish Creek Trail to Ocean
 - b. Tony Knowles Coastal Trail to Ship Creek Trail Connection
 - c. Playground development, all inclusive

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Turnagain Community Council supports the following additional projects proposed to the 2022 Capital Improvements Bonds for existing CIP projects that would also benefit Turnagain residents, and West Anchorage generally:

1. Turnagain St. Upgrade (Northern Lights Blvd. to 35th Ave.)
2. Lois Drive and 32nd Avenue Upgrade (Benson Blvd. to Minnesota Dr.)
3. West 32nd and East 33rd Avenue Upgrades (Arctic Blvd. to Old Seward Hwy.)
4. Fish Creek daylighting feasibility study

[RESOLUTION PASSED by the Turnagain Community Council on this 13th day of January, 2022.

Vote: yes, no, abstain.]

Anna Brawley, President
Turnagain Community Council

Date

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