

**TURNAGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2022-XX:
RESOLUTION REGARDING RANKING FOREST PARK ROADWAY SURFACE & SHOULDER
REHABILITATION, WEST NORTHERN LIGHTS BOULEVARD TO HILLCREST DRIVE,
AS HIGHEST PRIORITY FOR TURNAGAIN 2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

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, Forest Park Drive (FPD), from Hillcrest Drive to West Northern Lights Boulevard, is classified a neighborhood street; and

WHEREAS, FPD is an important north-south neighborhood route for local residents; students attending West High School and Romig Middle School; bicyclists and pedestrians traveling to and from trails and other local destinations; and

WHEREAS, there is a regular and consistent pattern of non-motorized users along both sides of FPD, but the street's narrow lanes, lack of amenities and safety features, and eroding pavement along the shoulders pose ongoing safety concerns, with risk of collisions and injuries; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 property owners in the West/Romig neighborhood, TCC, Anchorage School District and Municipality of Anchorage formed a TCC Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Committee, resulting in identifying nine projects that would maximize safety benefits to students and minimize impacts to property owners, and which require minimum capital improvement funds;

WHEREAS in 2014, the nine SRTS projects were incorporated into TCC's Capital Improvement Program Project Ranking list, including improvements to FPD, from Hillcrest Drive to West Northern Lights Boulevard (WNL), recommended by Municipal Traffic Engineering, entailing widening of roadway shoulders and narrowing traffic lanes (by restriping) to address safety problems;

WHEREAS, in intervening years pedestrian and bicycle use of FPD remains consistently high, but re-striping and resurfacing has been delayed, as it must be implemented with resurfacing the roadbed; and

WHEREAS, resurfacing the roadbed and shoulders, reducing and re-striping the FPD traffic lane widths, resurfacing/widening the shoulders in 2023 would offer a timely, low-cost, high-benefit value to FPD non-motorized users and the broader Turnagain community;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Turnagain Community Council requests that TCC's highest-ranked 2023 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) project, Forest Park Roadway Surface & Shoulder Rehabilitation, from West Northern Lights Boulevard to Hillcrest Drive, be included in the Municipality of Anchorage 2023 CIP Projects for the bond, to include:

- 1. Resurfacing the existing 30-foot roadway surface;**
- 2. Reducing the width of current vehicle traffic lanes from 11 feet to 10 feet; and**
- 3. Increasing adjacent, paved and striped shoulder widths to improve safety for non-motorized users.**

RESOLUTION PASSED by Turnagain Community Council on this 3rd day of November, 2022.

Vote: ___ yes, ___ no, ___ abstain.

Anna Brawley, President
Turnagain Community Council

Date