

**Russian Jack Community Council**  
**Collected Notes for outreach before meeting on CIP and confirmed candidates for intros**  
**February 10, 2021 Meeting**

**Notes for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) -**

**From Gary Jones at Municipality of Anchorage for Road Projects**

On the project front, the big one for Russian Jack is the Reka Drive project. Design is nearly complete and bidding is expected in a couple months for a 2021 construction start. The project will replace the existing storm drainpipe, which is failing, and upsize it. The second component to this project is installing a south-side pedestrian sidewalk/pathway. Todd Jacobson, 522-6776, is the project manager and the best contact for project specifics.

The Assembly added a small project to the 2021 road bond package to remove the pullout on Pine Street. This work should also be done this summer.

OMB will be starting the community council ranking/prioritizing process in March. There are only a handful of needs identified in the Russian Jack area, but without the bonus of state grants, the Municipality is very limited in addressing so many of our needs.

**Anchorage Park Foundation – Beth & Diana**

The Park Bond has Russian Jack Springs Park for \$200K- master plan items mostly for trails. It will include indigenous placemaking. Fixing paved trails and bridges, lighting, wayfinding, fixing sledding hill. And certainly the \$200K won't purchase everything needed for the master plan.

Yes we all want inclusive play surfacing for Russian Jack Park Polar Bear Playground. It is at least \$250K, if not \$500K for that whole playground. I think Josh and Steve have the number.

**Steve Rafuse with Muni Parks & Rec**

RJSP Master Plan: We are working to get a draft out to the advisory group for review. We hope to send out a review draft in the next month. From there, we will get comments, make some revisions, and then proceed with approvals. We anticipate presenting this to the NECC, RJCC, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Planning and Zoning Commission. Once we have final approval, we will transition to implementation which will most likely focus on rehabilitating trails and adding lighting & wayfinding.

**Mayoral and School Board Candidate Intros**

Candidates Confirmed for February Meeting: George Martinez, Alisha Hilde, Mark Anthony Cox, Heather Herndon, Jeffrey Brown, Dora Wilson, Marilyn Stewart

Kelly Lessens - maybe

Candidates confirmed for March: Bill Falsey, Bill Evans, Albert Swank, Joe Westfall, Carl

## All Proposed Russian Jack Park Capital Projects

### Project Management and Engineering

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#### Boniface Pkwy Pedestrian Improvements - DeBarr Rd to 22nd Ave (10-22)

Cost: \$3,700,000

Funds on Hand: \$240,000

Additional funds required: \$3,460,000

Need: As identified in the Pedestrian Plan, pedestrian facilities are missing on Boniface Parkway between DeBarr Road and Northern Lights Boulevard.

Project scope: This project is exploring alternatives for pedestrian facilities on Boniface Parkway between DeBarr Road and 22nd Avenue for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Project Status: Project is on a funding hold. Design Study Memo has been completed. State grant funding required since the project is in a state-owned right-of-way.

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#### Northern Lights Blvd at Bragaw St Pedestrian Crossing Improvements

Cost: \$450,000

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$450,000

Need: This is a busy pedestrian crossing used by East High students. This project is included in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan. This project is a high priority for the Airport Heights Community Council.

Project scope: Construct pedestrian friendly crossing signals and improve crosswalk visibility.

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 since it is included in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan.

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#### Pine St/McCarrey St Surface Rehab - Mountain View Drive to DeBarr Road

Cost: \$3,200,000

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$3,200,000

Need: Pavement is deteriorating and rehabilitation will be required. Some segments of this road rated a Condition E in the 2014 GASB survey, but most were C and D.

Project scope: This project will overlay or replace pavement on this collector street. ADA upgrades, curb and sidewalk repair, and traffic calming may also be included.

Project Status: This project has not started. No work is underway and no funding is proposed 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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#### Wonder Park Elementary School Area Street Lighting

Cost: \$150,000

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$150,000

Need: There is a gap in the street lighting along this heavily used pedestrian corridor that serves Wonder Park Elementary School.

Project scope: Install five lights on E 4th Avenue adjacent to Wonder Park Elementary School.

Project Status: The project has not started. Bond funding is proposed.

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#### Bragaw St at Penland Pkwy Traffic Safety Crossing

Cost: \$150,000

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$150,000

Need: This intersection serves as the primary pedestrian access between the high-density residential area to the east and the commercial district to the west. This project is included in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan.

Project scope: This project will install new pedestrian safety crossing signals and improve crosswalk visibility.

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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#### 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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## State of Alaska

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### 6th Ave at Boniface Pkwy Separated east and west-bound left turn lane

Cost: \$2,500,000

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$2,500,000

Need: Interest has been expressed in adding separated turn lanes to allow more traffic to move through the intersection in the same amount of green time.

Project scope: This project will install separated left turn lanes.

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 evaluation and prioritization and also forwarded for funding consideration through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).

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### Boniface Pkwy Access Management - Tudor Rd to Glenn Hwy

Cost: \$20,000,000

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$20,000,000

Need: The MTP identifies this as a future expressway that could be reconfigured to focus on moving traffic north and south. No studies have been completed.

Project scope: Improvements would focus on limiting access to improve traffic moving capacity.

Project Status: No work is underway or scheduled. This project is included in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and is a state owned facility. Prioritization and funding would be through the State of Alaska.

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## Parks and Recreation

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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.

2

### Nunaka Valley Park

Cost: \$500,000

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$500,000

Need: This well-loved park in the heart of Nunaka Valley is much loved by residents. There are community conflicts because of intense park use. The master plan will identify solutions and improvements to the conflict.

Project scope: Funds will be used to design and construct park improvements identified in the master plan.

Project Status: A park replat and master plan are just beginning.

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### San Antonio Park

Cost: \$100,000

Funds on Hand: \$0

Additional funds required: \$100,000

Need: San Antonio Park is an important playground for the Russian Jack 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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### 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

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## Russian Jack Springs Park

Cost: \$2,000,000

Funds on Hand: \$0

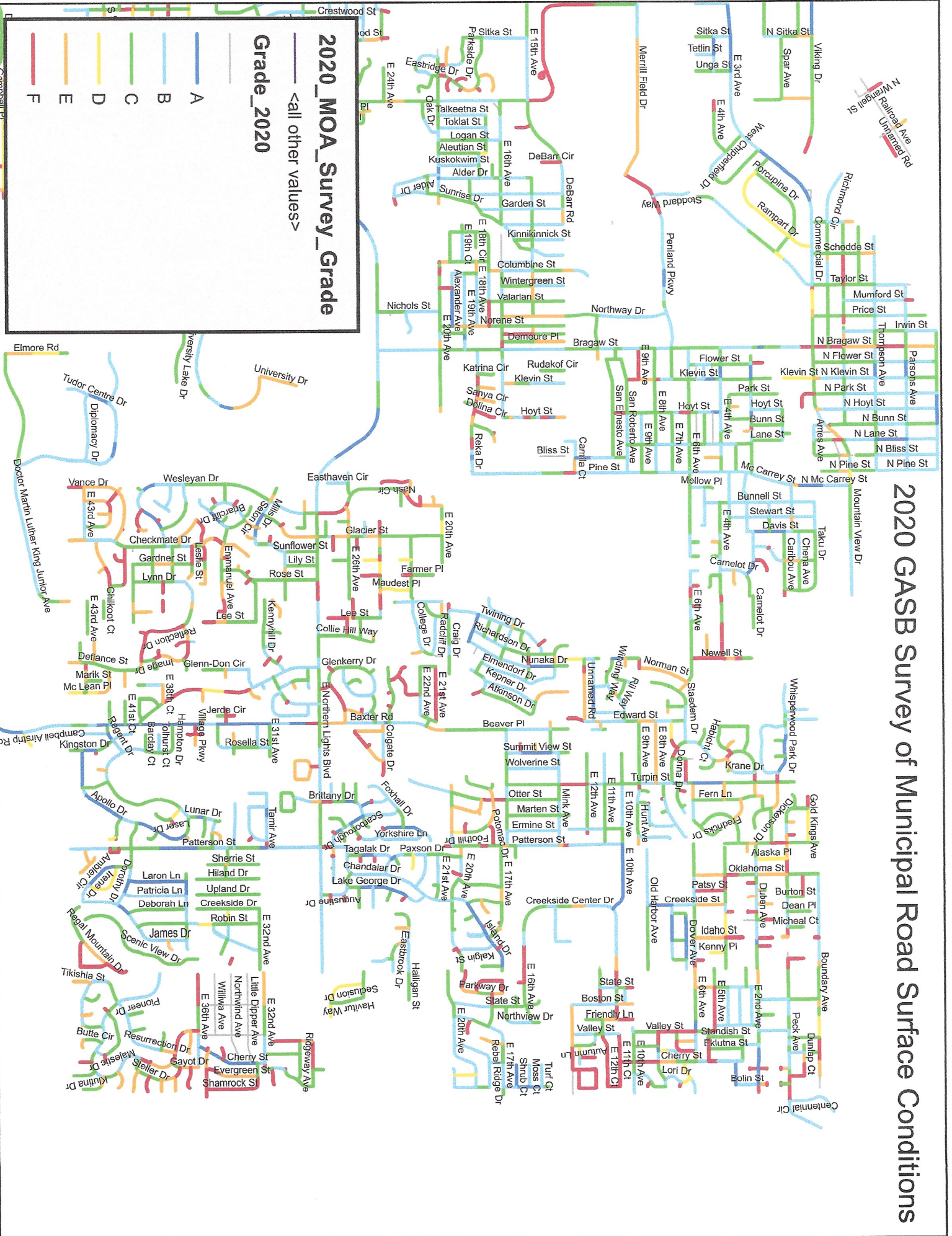
Additional funds required: \$2,000,000

Need: Need to be determined by active Master Plan Effort.

Project scope: Community identified priorities. Paved trail and bridge renovation.

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

# 2020 GASB Survey of Municipal Road Surface Conditions



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Grade\_2020

- <all other values>
- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- F

## *Open House Information*

When: February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm  
Where: <http://bit.ly/AMATSNoMoPlan>

Join us for the AMATS Non-motorized Plan Open House on February 18, 2021 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. The virtual event will be hosted on Microsoft Teams Live, use the link provided above to attend the event.

Staff will present the plan, conduct participant surveys, and take questions and comments throughout the event. To ask a question, use the Q&A button on the right side of the screen.

### **Instructions for Live Q&A:**

To ask a question or submit a comment during the event:

1. Select Q&A button on the right side of the screen.
2. Type your question in the compose box, and then select Send. If you want to ask your question anonymously, select Ask anonymously.
3. Staff will try to address all the questions during the event.

## *Plan Information and link*

The [AMATS Non-motorized Plan \(NMP\)](#) is out for public review, Jan 4<sup>th</sup> – March 5<sup>th</sup>. This 60-day review and comment period will include a virtual open house in February. The NMP provides the vision for a non-motorized network within the AMATS Metropolitan Planning Area that when implemented, will help residents travel more safely and efficiently throughout the AMATS Planning area without the need of a motor vehicle in all seasons. The NMP merges bicycle, pedestrian, and shared use pathways planning efforts simultaneously.

This plan represents over three years of work within the AMATS planning area to study Non-motorized facilities. A series of public involvement opportunities helped shape the development of the AMATS NMP. Residents, visitors, and other stakeholders were invited to provide feedback through a variety of formats, including workshops, presentations, mobile meetings, stakeholder interviews, field data collection, and an online community survey. An agency advisory group (AAG) and community advisory group (CAG) provided additional oversight throughout the process by reviewing key deliverables, informing plan goals and objectives, and guiding the regulatory and implementation component of the plan.

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