

December 29, 2014

Re: Capital Improvements Projects/Transportation Improvement Projects (CIP/TIP) Survey

The Russian Jack Community Council reviewed and approved] the 2015 CIP/TIP at our December 10, 2014, meeting. These were discussed and ranked by consensus.

Fully funded items:

1. Build Fire Station #3. The location is settled, but may need additional funding.

Partially funded items:

1. Continue the pedestrian and bike path amenities on the west side of Boniface Parkway, between Debarr Road and 22nd Avenue..
2. Expanding the parking lot and increasing access would enable Bartlett High School to host and support state-wide events.
3. Complete the expansion of the East High School stadium.

Items needing funds:

1. Conduct a traffic study on Bragaw, between Northern Lights Boulevard and the Glenn Highway to mitigate the effects of providing a northern access to the U-Med district.
This would include implementing exit strategies for the north Russian Jack neighborhood.
2. Traffic calming for the Russian Jack community area, especially along the segments of 8th and 9th Avenues adjacent to Bragaw Street, including fixed radar speed signs.
3. Improve the intersection of Boniface & Caribou to eliminate the most unsafe intersection in East Anchorage. Traffic Department recommends building a connector from Taku Drive to the Glenn Highway off-ramp to use the signaled intersection.
4. Install flashing sign school crosswalks for Russian Jack Elementary School and the Alaska Native Cultural Charter School on Bragaw Street.
5. Rehabilitate roads in the area of 20th and 24th Avenues between Boniface Parkway and Glacier Street. Install the approved storm drain system for the area bounded by 22nd and Northern Lights Boulevard, Glacier Street and Wesleyan Drive to prevent flooding of adjacent properties.
6. Improve the lighting along Hoyt Street between 6th Avenue and San Ernesto / San Antonio for Williwaw Elementary School student traffic and all walkways to Wonder Park Elementary School, including from 6th Avenue to 4th Avenue and from Fireoved and Camelot to the school. Look at ways to hinder bicycles from entering 6th Avenue at unsafe speeds.

7. Upgrade or replace the playground while installing diagonal or perpendicular parking along 3rd Avenue at Dave Rose Park.

8. Repave bike trails behind East High School back to the trail beginning at the chalet and repair bridges (on-going). Remove the downed trees from the autumn wind storm that are a hazard to the trails to the west of the chalet. Improve the signage on existing trails on the north side, but keep the trails natural. Some ideas are for wider trails, expanding trails into the bog areas, networking the existing trails and installing additional lighting. Place a skate park in the north part of the park, rehabilitate the chalet and improve the dog park. Review all south entrances for improved access from the Glacier Street area

10. Update the traffic study for left turns from westbound Debarr Road onto southbound Pine Street to determine if the intersection qualifies for a left turn arrow.

11. Traffic calming for Pine Street between Debarr Road and Reka Drive. The installed speed limit signs on Pine Street are too close to the Debarr Road intersection to be noticed.

12. Rehabilitate McCarry / Pine Street from Mountain View Drive to San Roberto, with emphasis on pedestrian safety and traffic calming. This may include painted sidewalks at the 6th and Pine intersection, and a crosswalk at 7th and Pine for the safety of neighborhood children wanting to cross Pine Street to use the Nola Polar Bear playground in the park.

13. Rehabilitate the Middle Fork of Chester Creek. This could involve Anchorage Waterways Council, youth employment efforts and Parks Department.

14. Install a permanent water supply to Williwaw Park for irrigation of playing fields, playground grass-lands, and future public amenities.

15. Anti-graffiti efforts in East Anchorage. Consideration should be made to providing opportunity to using people who are required to perform community service under court supervision.

16. Reroute the storm drains from northeast Anchorage so they do not empty into the Middle Fork of Chester Creek at Bragaw Street.

Motion - moved and seconded:

Russian Jack Community Council approved the 2015 CIP / TIP and recommends it to the Municipality and the Alaska Legislature.

Motion passed unanimously (13 - 0).

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