
TURNAGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Council Meeting April 7, 2016

Council Finances Report

Turnagain Community Council bank accounts at Northrim Bank

Current balances*

Savings	\$ 1,768.04
Checking	<u>100.05</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,868.09</u>

*Note: Both accounts have been inactive since October 2015, except for 22cents of credited interest in the savings account..

Disbursement Authorization

Issue:

Since Jonathan Tarrant has taken office in January as Turnagain Council President, notwithstanding attempts to correct the situation, the official email address set in the Federation of Community Councils system (tccpresident@yahoo.com) still remains associated with the name of the previous TCC President, thus creating confusion to recipients of email messages.

Request to approve expenditures in the amount of \$50.00 (Fifty) for professional computer services to correct the above described situation and to provide written instruction of the process to follow for future use/reference.

ICONS for Turnagain Neighborhood/Parks/Trails

ANCHORAGE SIGNAGE & WAYFINDING PLAN

TCC Committee Recommendations to TCC — April 7, 2016 meeting

QUESTION REGARDING USE OF PROPOSED ICONS:

- How many neighborhoods/community councils do the 5 main trails run through?
- How many parks are located along the 5 main trails?
- Confused about initial proposed icon designs and how/where they would be used. Is the plan to have an icon for each neighborhood/community council AND each park that is located along the 5 main trails? Again, concerned about too many signs and clutter impact along trails.
- Does this wayfinding plan propose to direct trail users to parks that are not directly located adjacent to the 5 main trails? If so, are you going to have icons for every park in the bowl? How far would you go with this concept?
- What happens when a trail crosses from one neighborhood to the next — would there be a sign with the new neighborhood icon installed along the trail to mark the boundary? Don't support — would result in too much arbitrary signage and distraction.

PROPOSED ICON DESIGNS PRESENTED ON HANDOUT SPECIFIC TO TURNAGAIN:

- TCC requests review and final approval of any neighborhood/trail/park icon design that would be used within the TCC boundaries.
- Difficult to tell if name of neighborhood/park would be used as part of icon design (since they are very faint in handout) — definitely would want name (dark enough so you could actually read it) incorporated with graphic as part of the icon.
- TURNAGAIN NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY COUNCIL ICON:
 - Since there isn't an icon presented in the handout for Turnagain neighborhood/council — idea: use simplified silhouette of ship design on Turnagain sign located along WNL; this already identifies the Turnagain neighborhood in a clean, graphic way.
- EARTHQUAKE PARK ICON ON HANDOUT:
 - Close, but a little too vague — needs tweaking for easier interpretation. Maybe add simple tree graphics at an angle.
- LYN ARY PARK ICON ON HANDOUT:
 - Graphic misses the boat — park has no relationship to strange-looking ship in icon presented in handout.
 - A much better representation of this park along our coast and with the Coastal Trail running through it is to graphically show a trail with water in the background.
- WESTCHESTER LAGOON ICON ON HANDOUT:
 - Good start, but needs some changes to better represent the beautiful mountain view:
 - Delete trees on top of mountains (they don't make sense and are way out of proportion).
 - Make mountains larger/more prominent and duck a little smaller, for better proportion.



AIRPORT HEIGHTS



BANCROFT PARK



CAMPBELL



CAMPBELL CREEK PARK



DIMOND



DOWLING



DOWNTOWN



EARTHQUAKE PARK



ELDERBERRY PARK



FAIRVIEW



FOX RIDGE



GOOSE LAKE



GORILLA PARK



KINCAID



LYN ARY PARK



MOUNTAIN VIEW



MULDOON



NUNAKA



ROGERS PARK



RUSSIAN JACK
SPRINGS PARK



SPENARD



SULLIVAN ARENA



TAKU LAKE



TIKISHLA



UNIVERSITY LAKE



VALLEY OF THE MOON



WESTCHESTER LAGOON

SUMMARY OF TCC Comments on

Draft 2016 Heritage Land Bank Annual Work Program & 2017-2021 Five-Year Management Plan

- 5 of 8 Comments request minor editing/typo corrections/use of wording from the Assembly-approved 2015 Plan.
(TCC letter: pages 1, 2, 3, 4)
- 1 Comment requests inclusion of a public notice Code requirement omitted in the notices listed in the Draft Plan
(TCC letter: page 2)
- 1 Comment requests language amendments/additions regarding Mayor Berkowitz's request for transfer of State-owned land to the Municipality.
(TCC letter: pages 2)
- 1 Comment include specific language from previous TCC-approved comment letters regarding transfer of HLB parcels west of the Airport to the Parks Dept. — where sections of the Coastal Trail and Sisson Loop Trail system are located.
(TCC letter: pages 3-4)

DRAFT LETTER FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE APRIL 7, 2016 TCC MEETING

Turnagain Community Council

c/o President Jonathan Tarrant

tccpresident@yahoo.com

April 8, 2016

sent via e-mail

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Real Estate Department
Municipality of Anchorage
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Anchorage, Alaska 99507

RE: Draft 2016 HLB Annual Work Program and 2017-2021 Five-Year Management Plan

Dear HLB Director Oswald, HLB Staff, and HLB Advisory Commissioners,

As the Turnagain Community Council (TCC) does each year, we are submitting comments on the Draft 2016 Heritage Land Bank (HLB) Annual Work Program and the 2017-2021 Five-Year Management Plan (Draft 2016 Plan). The following was approved at our April 7, 2016, general meeting.

CHAPTER 1: HERITAGE LAND BANK OVERVIEW

Page 4, 5th graph, last sentence:

Last year's approved 2015 Plan (page 3) included reference to Appendix D (HLB Leases and Permits List-December 2015 spreadsheet) in this sentence, but the Draft 2016 Plan has deleted this reference. TCC sees no reason for this deletion, as it provides an immediate reader-friendly reference to additional information in the Appendices section of the Plan.

⇒ *TCC requests that reference to Appendix D be reinserted, so the sentence reads as follows:*

"A spreadsheet of leases and permits currently held by the HLB is attached as Appendix D and is also available online."

THE HERITAGE LAND BANK FUND

Page 7, 1st graph:

Last year's approved 2015 Plan included reference to Appendix C (HLB Fund Activities by Year and Fund Balance Graph: 1995-2015)) in this graph, but the Draft 2016 Plan has deleted this reference. As above, TCC sees no reason for this deletion, as it provides an immediate reader-friendly reference to additional information in the Appendices section of the Plan.

⇒ *TCC requests that the following sentence (from the 2015 Plan, page 6) be reinserted as the second sentence in this graph, so that reference to Appendix C is retained:*

"A graph in Appendix C of this document outlines the fund's activities since 1983, showing the annual fund balance at the end of each year, and a trend line of the moving average from year to year."

LAND MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

Page 7, Objective 4:

As written in the Draft 2016 Plan, management objective 4. states, [Our management objectives include:] “Disposing of lands excess to municipal, need both immediate need and potential future need, from its inventory to the appropriate municipal agency with the capacity to manage and utilize improved facilities,” It clearly as some grammatical problems, making it unclear as to its meaning. Wording used in the approved 2015 Plan for this management objective seems preferable.

⇒ *TCC requests that the following sentence (from the 2015 Plan, page 6) be reinserted as management objective 4.:*

[Our management objectives include:] “Disposing of improved lands from its inventory to the appropriate municipal agency, with the capability to manage and utilize improved facilities.”

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAM

Page 9, 3rd graph:

This graph describes how Municipal Code (AMC 25.40.020.B & AMC 25.40.030) applies to public notice and hearing requirements for HLB plans and proposed actions on specific work items. TCC views this information as an important component of the Plan and supports its inclusion.

However, one specific public notice item from AMC 25.40.030 is not included in the Draft 2016 Plan description. This item (AMC 25.40.030.D.3.) references HLB maintaining a standing list of persons who have requested to receive notices, and this list is to be mailed notices whenever HLB is proposing an action — regardless of where they live. *So that the public notice description in this section is complete and readers are aware of this notification opportunity...*

⇒ *TCC requests that the following sentence be added after the current sixth sentence (“Considerable effort is made to keep the public notified of proposed HLB activities through neighborhood mailings, publication of the agenda and via online information maintained on its website.”):*

“In addition, HLB maintains a standing list of people who request to receive notification of proposed HLB actions, and will mail notices of all proposed actions to this list.”

CHAPTER 3: 2016 WORK PROGRAM

2016 POTENTIAL ACQUISITIONS

Page 20, 3rd graph (& Chapter 4, Proposed Acquisitions: 2017-2021, page27):

TCC is pleased to see that Mayor Berkowitz has submitted a list of State-owned parcels to be transferred to the Municipality and supports HLB’s involvement in this effort.

It has been a long-standing position of TCC that State lands currently located within Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (TSAIA) boundaries that are being used as parks/natural open spaces/recreational areas (including Parcels #21 & #68, which are included in the 1986 Municipal Land Entitlement agreement) should be transferred to the Municipality.

For example, the popular and nationally-recognized Tony Knowles Coastal Trail is routed through a number of State-owned parcels. Transfer of these parcels to the Municipality would conform to the West Anchorage District Plan (WADP) Park Objective #6, P-8: “Acquire all remaining portions of the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail on airport land along with a vegetative greenbelt buffer, so that the full length of the trail corridor is consolidated under MOA ownership for permanent public recreational use.

⇒ *TCC requests to be provided a list of the Mayor's requested State-owned parcels to be transferred to the Municipality, to ensure State-owned land that has served as important, long-term wildlife habitat, natural open space, and recreational and parkland uses are included in this list.*

Page 20, 3rd graph, 3rd sentence:

Typo needs correcting:

“The list of requested properties...some of these parcels will be disposed of by...”

CHAPTER 4: FIVE YEAR WORK PLAN: 2017-2021

PROPOSED DISPOSALS: 2017-2021

Page 26, Region 4 — Northwest Anchorage Bowl, 4. HLB Parcels 4-033 and 4-034:

Consistent with previous TCC requests, this section of the HLB Plan should include a specific proposal to transfer HLB Parcels 4-033 and 4-034 to the Municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department, for the permanent protection of important municipal lands currently being used by the public for park, recreation and natural open space purposes.

While TCC understands that a transfer request of HLB should come from the Municipal Dept. (in this case, the Dept. of Parks and Recreation), **Appendix B — Heritage Land Bank Policies, page 4, IX. HLB Policies, A. Land Management Policies** states,

“The HLB shall consult regularly with other municipal agencies and the Assembly to determine whether HLB land is needed to fulfill various municipal purposes.”

So it is not out of HLB's purview to participate in a discussion with the Dept. of Parks and Recreation and communicate TCC and other interested community member's longstanding desire for the Coastal Trail and portions of the Sisson Loop Trails system located in HLB Parcels 4—033 & 4-034 to be transferred to the Parks Dept. — and this should effort should be include in HLB's Five-Year Plan.

RATIONALE FOR TRANSFER: The portions of HLB Parcels 4-033 and 4-034 not being leased or otherwise encumbered by easements and right-of-ways should become permanently dedicated parkland due to the location of the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail as well as a portion of the Sisson Loop Trail within the parcel boundaries. The naturally wooded areas remaining in these two parcels are serving as de facto parkland and the natural open space provides essential buffering from high impacts generated by TSAIA operations to the east. This buffering will only increase in value to the community if the airport's West Airpark is fully developed with high-impact cargo operations adjacent to this municipal land. This land also contains marginal soils; if there is ever a need to relocate the Coastal Trail inland due to erosion, the Parks and Recreation Department will already have the permanently protected land under its management authority to build a new trail.

Transfer of this municipal land to the Parks and Recreation Department would provide permanent protection of a Coastal Trail greenbelt/buffer, and protect some of the most important attributes about Anchorage, as stated in the goals and expressed by the community in the 2020 Anchorage Comprehensive Plan, and explicitly stated as an objective in the WADP on page 223.

On December 4, 1997, TCC passed a resolution in support of transfer of title and management authority of Parcels 4-032, 4-033 and 4-044 from HLB to the Parks and Recreation Dept. We reiterated our position by passing another resolution making the same request on December 2, 1999. Each year, our TCC-approved comment letter on the HLB 1-Year and Five-Year Plans underscored our continuing position. TCC sees no justifiable reason to delay this action any longer and it should take place early in the 2017-2021 timeframe, to ensure permanent protection of high value land used

by a multitude of park and trail users along our scenic coast.

TCC would like to collaborate with the current administration's appropriate departments (including HLB), and hopes that a request from the Municipal Parks Dept. for transfer of these HLB parcels to their department can be made in the near future. We feel it is important to reiterate our request for this action to be included in the HLB Five-Year Management Program.

⇒ *As previously submitted, TCC requests that the following language for HLB Parcels #4-033 and 4-034 be amended in this section as follows:*

"In the future, HLB will manage this land in a manner consistent with the 2012 [NEWLY ADOPTED] West Anchorage District Plan, which provides for potential title and land management authority of these parcels to be transferred to the MOA Parks and Recreation Department, with the intent that it become permanently dedicated parkland. Detailed ordinance language should be written with community and agency input to ensure all easements, plat notes and restrictions are appropriately included in the land transfer. This would conform to WADP Park Objective #6: "...permanently preserve the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail as a well-maintained, continuous, public recreational corridor with vegetative buffer from Kincaid Park to Westchester Lagoon [PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCE, AND POTENTIALLY MAJOR TRANSPORTATION FACILITY USES FOR THESE PARCELS."

PROPOSED ACQUISITIONS: 2017-2021

Page 27, 2nd graph, only sentence in this section:

Typo needs correcting:

"The list of requested properties...some of these parcels will be disposed of by [TO THE] during the 5-year..."

⇒ *However, TCC recommends replacing this sentence with the language used on page 20 of the Draft 2016 Plan (with the typo corrected and amended for 5-year plan chapter), which provided more specific information on the transfer proposal:*

"The list of requested properties to be transferred to the MOA ownership has been well received and it is anticipated that some of these parcels will be disposed of by the State of Alaska to the MOA during the 5-year work plan horizon."

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the 2016 Heritage Land Bank Work Program and 2017-2021 Management Plan. In the past, HLB has worked with TCC to incorporate our requests into these important municipal planning documents and we look forward to that continued effort. Appropriate planning and management of our public land is vital to the long-term future of our city, and citizen/community council involvement is an important element of this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Tarrant
Turnagain Community Council President

CC:
Mayor Ethan Berkowitz
Anchorage Assembly
Parks and Recreation Department Director John Rodda

Anchorage Airport Update
April 2016

1. Lake Hood Seaplane Base Master Plan Update:

- a. The third and final Public Open House is scheduled for April 28th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the presentation starting at 6:30 p.m. at The Lakefront Hotel (formerly Millennium Alaskan Hotel). This meeting will serve to provide the public with the opportunity to review and comment on the draft recommended alternative. Available meeting materials and information on joining the online broadcast will be posted to the project website by April 21. Meeting details will be posted to the project website and public noticed.
- b. Visit www.lhdmasterplan.com for information and to send comments, questions and request to receive notifications/updates.

2. Lake Hood Seaplane Base:

- a. All frozen lake surfaces are strictly off-limits except for authorized pilot access to/from their aircraft. The frozen lakes at Lake Hood are themselves an active controlled airfield. Aircraft may be taking-off, landing, taxiing, or have motors running at any time. Unauthorized entry on the frozen lakes is prohibited.
- b. Lake Hood Spring User Group Meeting will be held on Monday, April 4, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Alaska Aviation Museum, located at 4721 Aircraft Drive, Anchorage, AK 99502. For agenda requests or further information please contact tim.coons@alaska.gov or call (907) 266-2710.

3. Concessions:

- a. Construction of Sushi on the Fly and Kiosk bar in Concourse C is underway.
- b. Chili's restaurant is being rebranded to a barbeque theme restaurant that will offer smoked meats along with standard menu items. Construction is underway and will open in May 2016.
- c. Construction of a lounge in the Concourse C mezzanine area to complement the native art displays will begin April.
- d. Construction of an Alaska Outfitters store by Concourse B bag claim 5 will begin this spring.

4. Airport Summer Construction: 2016 Construction Projects Map and associated descriptions are online at www.anchorageairport.com.

5. Airport Job Fair: The Anchorage Airport Job Fair will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 2nd, 2016 in the North Terminal, and parking will be free.

6. Great Alaska Aviation Gathering: April 30th and May 1st at the FedEx Hangar on Postmark Drive.
www.greatalaskaaviationgathering.org/

7. Airport Clean-up Day: Friday, April 29th is the annual Airport Clean-up Day. Meet at the Old Field Maintenance Facility on Aircraft Drive at 10am for work assignments and join us for a barbeque lunch afterward.

8. Sign up for GovDelivery: at www.anchorageairport.com to receive emails on all sorts of DOT related things.

9. Visit us on Facebook and Twitter.



SIGNIFICANT 2016 ANC CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Complete Taxiway Y and K Safety Area Widening

Project Description

Widen the safety and object free areas of Taxiways Y and K to Aircraft Design Group (ADG) VI Standards. The existing taxiway surface area already meets ADG VI standards. Work completed in 2015 is the section of Taxiway Y from Taxiway U to just north of Taxiway S.

Benefits

By increasing the safety area the airport will meet or exceed current FAA taxiway design standards. The airport will be able to continue to serve ADG VI aircraft such as the Boeing 747-8.

Complete Runway 7L/25R Reconstruction, Phase II

Project Description

Reconstruct the eastern portion of airfield pavement on Runway 7L/25R. The reconstruction consists of excavating and replacing with a structural section thickness (pavement, base course, and sub base) that is designed for Design Group VI aircraft, as well as disposing of any contaminated soils, repaving, lighting, striping, signage, and storm drainage. The majority of this project was completed in 2015. Work remaining is the intersection with Taxiway Y, some edges lights, and Taxiway G centerline lights.

Benefits

Runway 7L/25R is showing signs of advanced structural distress. There is alligator cracking occurring along sections of the runway. Reconstruction of the runway structural section will allow for the newer Group VI aircraft to utilize the runway. LED runway lights will reduce operational and maintenance costs.



Complete Lake Hood A-B Parking Rehabilitation

Project Description

Reconstruct the Lake Hood A-B General Aviation (GA) parking areas. Project includes structural section replacement (pavement, base course and sub base), improved surface drainage, storm drain improvements, ditch re-grading, guardrail replacement, and individual electrical outlet installation. Project also includes adjustment of the tie-down orientation for improved snow removal operations. This project was mostly completed in 2015. Work remaining is pavement markings and sealing of asphalt pavement joints in the Alpha parking area.

Benefits

Bring the pavement condition into compliance with FAA standards and allow for the continued use of these GA apron's.

Taxiway R Improvements & Taxiway T Improvements,

Project Description

Rehabilitate and reconstruct the pavement on Taxiway R from approximately Taxiway K to north of Taxiway P, and reconstruct the pavement on Taxiway T east of Taxiway K, including the intersection with the UPS and FedEx aprons. The reconstruction consists of excavating the existing structural section and replacing with a structural section that is designed for Design Group VI aircraft/Taxiway Design Group VII.

Benefits

Bring the pavement condition into compliance with FAA standards and allow for the continued use of these Taxiways.



ANC Paving & Drainage Improvements 2016

Project Description

Rehabilitate South Airpark Place and install a culvert across Old International Airport Road. Rehabilitation efforts include grinding and mixing the existing asphalt with the existing aggregate as a low cost roadway improvement prior to final paving. Installing the culvert will help relieve standing water within the roadside ditch along Old International Airport Road

Benefits

Improve asphalt condition and road drivability/safety. The Old International culvert will remove an existing drainage problem.

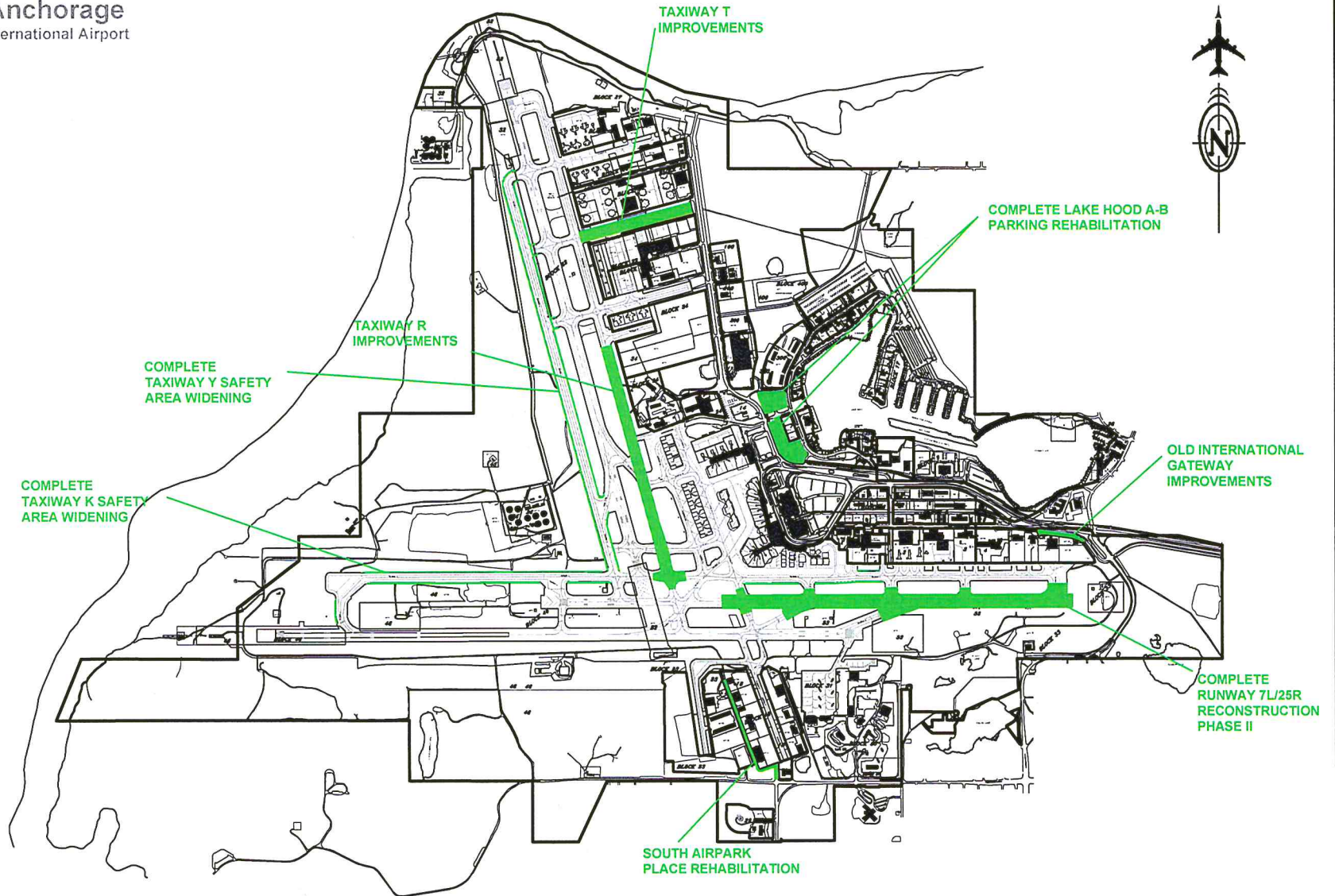
ANC Old International Gateway Improvements

Project Description

Install landscaping, including trees and shrubs, at various locations between West International Airport Road and Old International Airport Road (OIAR) and at the intersection of Jewel Lake Road and West International Airport Road. Project also includes installing artwork panel boards and landscaping along the south side of OIAR near Jewel Lake Road.

Benefits

Beautify the entrance into TSAIA and screen unsightly utilities. The panel boards along OIAR will be artwork prepared by Anchorage students and replaced annually, helping connect the community to the airport.



2016 PROPOSED AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS*

*DRAFT CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE - SUBJECT TO CHANGE



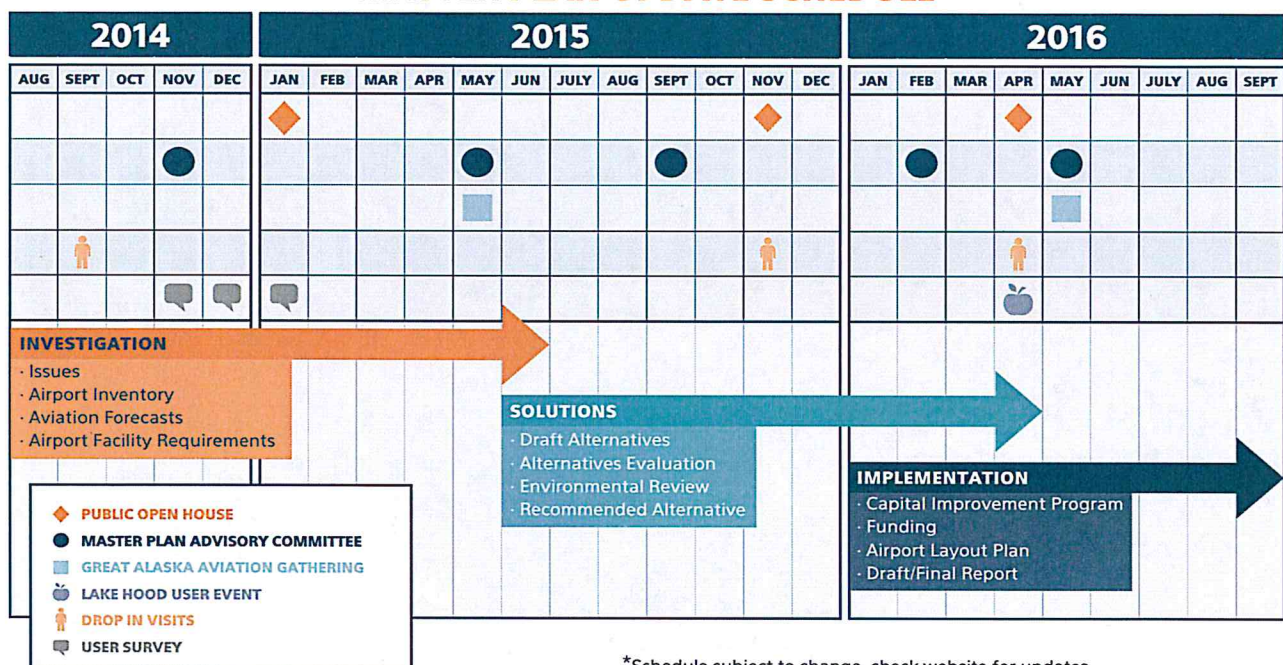
LAKE HOOD SEAPLANE BASE MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Tom Middendorf, Project Manager
Leah Henderson, Assistant Project Manager
DOWL | 907-562-2000

What is a Master Plan?

An airport master plan is an important tool in determining an airport's current and future development needs. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recommends that a master plan be completed for busy airports every 5-7 years. Lake Hood Seaplane Base (LHD) last completed a master plan in 2006. See below for a schedule of upcoming meetings and initiatives.

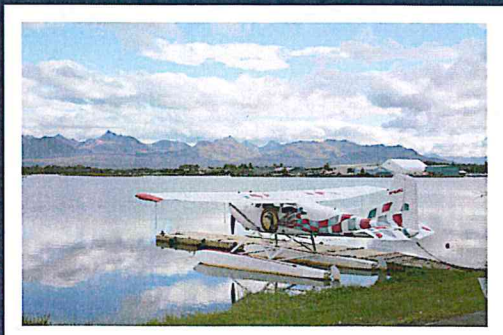
LAKE HOOD SEAPLANE BASE MASTER PLAN UPDATE SCHEDULE

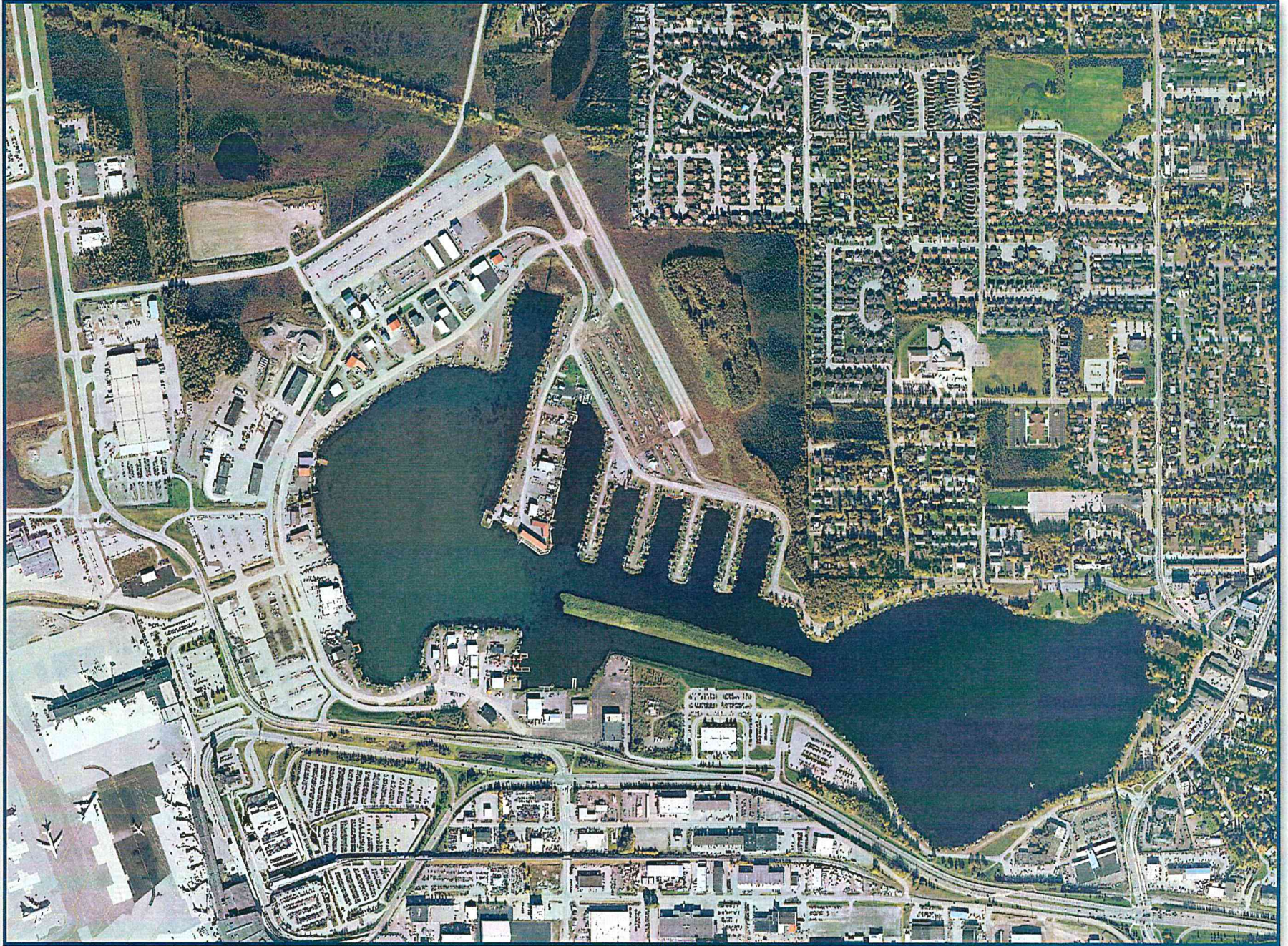


*Schedule subject to change, check website for updates.

How can you stay involved?

- Attend the November 18, 2015 Open House
- Attend an Advisory Committee Meeting
- Email the project team at lhdmasterplan@dowl.com
- Learn more about the project and upcoming meetings at www.lhdmasterplan.com





Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan Map
Focused Group Meetings & Community-wide Public Meetings
April 7, 2016



FOCUSED GROUP MEETINGS	DATE – TIME - LOCATION
<i>Open House 4:00–5:30 p.m.</i> Presentation and Focused Discussion 5:30–7:00 p.m.: Invited: UMED Steering Team; University Area, Tudor, and Campbell Park – CCs	Thursday, April 14, 4:00–7:00 p.m. 4700 Elmore Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:00 Open House, Room 170 & Hall • 5:30 Presentation, Training Room
<i>Open House 4:00–5:30 p.m.</i> Presentation and Focused Discussion 5:30–7:00 p.m.: Invited: Hillside Area Community Council delegates “SteamDot” Group	Friday, April 15, 4:00–7:00 p.m. 4700 Elmore Road, Training Room
Presentation and Focused Discussion Invited: Anchorage Chamber Young Professionals and Non-Profits	Tuesday, April 19, 8:30–10:30 a.m. BP Energy Center
FCC Presentation	Wednesday, April 20, 6:00–6:45 p.m. 1057 West Fireweed Lane
<i>Open House 4:00–5:30 p.m.</i> Presentation and Focused Discussion 5:30–7:00 pm: Invited: North Star, Spenard, Midtown, Turnagain – CCs.	Friday, April 22, 4:00–7:00 p.m. Spenard Recreation Center
<i>Open House 4:00–5:30 p.m.</i> Presentation and Focused Discussion 5:30–7:00 pm: Invited Fairview, Downtown, South Addition, Airport Heights – CCs.	Monday, April 25, 4:00–7:00 p.m. Anchorage Senior Center
COMMUNITY-WIDE MEETINGS	DATE – TIME - LOCATION
Open House and Presentation Invited: Community-wide Invitation	Wednesday, April 26, 6:00–8:00 p.m. Location TBD
Open House and Presentation Invited: Community-wide Invitation	Wednesday, April 27, 6:00–8:00 p.m. Begich Middle School

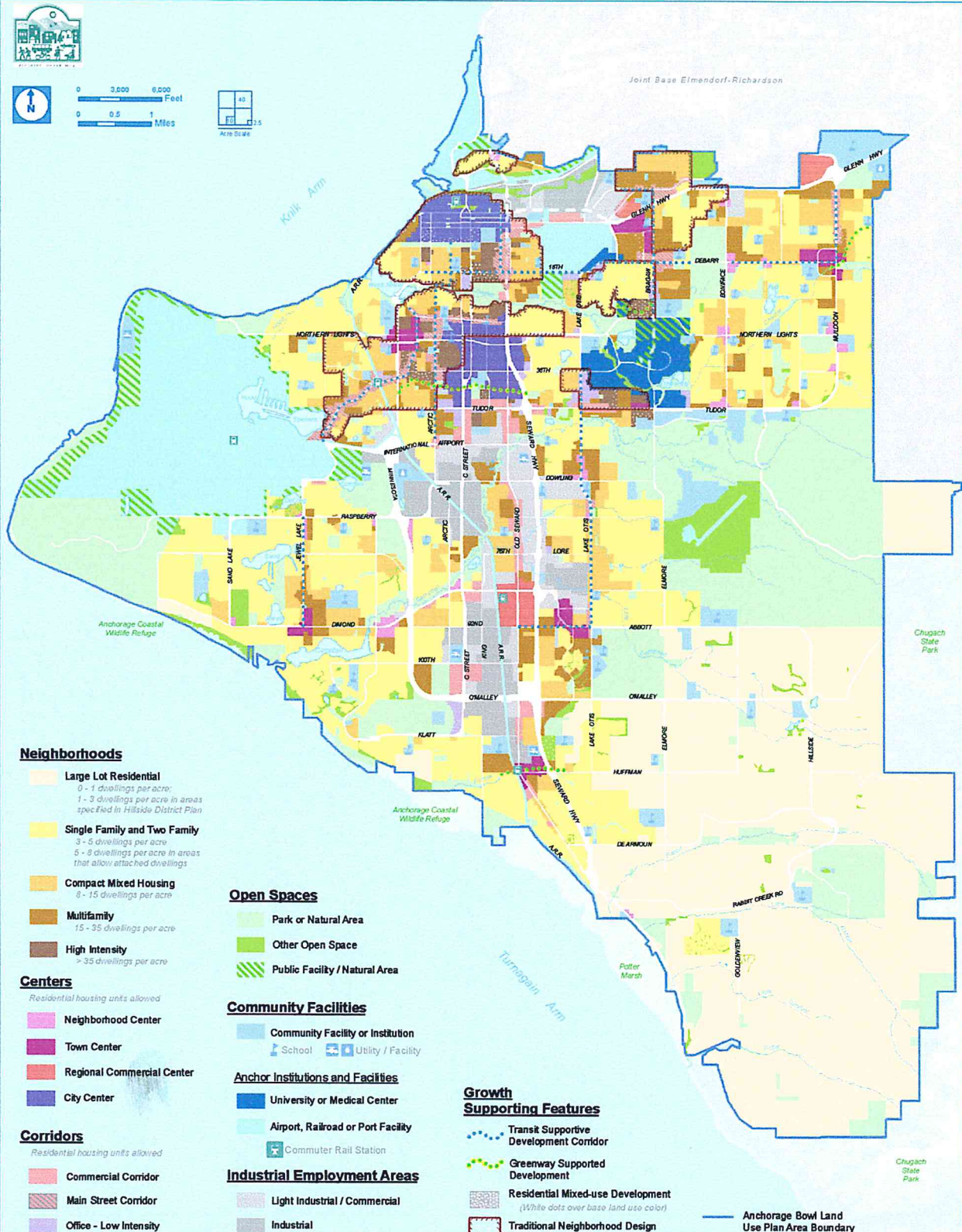


Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan Map

Future Use and Development through 2040



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**WHERE
WE
ARE**

2006
Concept-
approved
Map

2012 Revisited
* Land use changes
* New city goals, policies
* Community vision for growth
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**Community
Discussion
Draft**

February 29

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**Public
Hearing
Draft**

**Assembly
Review
Draft**

Interested in being part of the Fish Creek Trail to Ocean Working Group?

Many of you expressed your interest in the Fish Creek Trail to the Ocean via Nextdoor.com or Turnagain Community Council meeting. **It's time to organize a working group!**

Please go to:

<http://goo.gl/forms/l3Bp81JCK1>

and fill out the form if you are interested in being part of an active working group to explore the trail connection along Fish Creek between Northern Lights Blvd and the Coastal Trail.

The working group will likely meet around once per month, and do some side research projects along the way. If you think you have the time and interest, please fill out the form on the above link.

For more information, please contact:

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Revenue Sharing

Revenue Sharing is the means in which the State shares a portion of their resource revenue with municipalities and unincorporated communities in order to help keep municipal taxes lower and to help provide basic services to communities.

Back in 2008, legislation was proposed by the Alaska Municipal League and carried by Sen. Lyman Hoffman and Sen. Bert Stedman that reinstated Revenue Sharing for a total amount of \$60 million per year to be distributed among all 164 municipalities and approximately 50 small, unorganized communities. The distributed \$60 million was actually pulled out of a larger fund that historically held \$180 million and state statute called for a distribution of 1/3 or \$60 million, whichever was least. After the \$60 million distribution, an additional \$60 million was deposited back into the fund to bring it back up to \$180 million. This pattern continued for approximately 7 years.

Two years ago, however, after the \$60 million distribution, the Legislature deposited only \$52 million, bringing the total fund to \$172 million. The distribution last year, based on the 1/3 of the fund, was \$57 million to municipalities and communities. After the \$57 million was distributed, this left \$115 million in the fund. Last session, the Legislature deposited no money into the account. This years' Revenue Sharing will be based on 1/3 of the \$115 million or \$38 million.

The Governor is a supporter of local government and has put an additional \$35 million into the Revenue Sharing fund to bring the total fund back up to \$150 million (resulting in a \$50 million distribution). The Legislature may not be supportive of the Governor's proposal. This is where we will need your help in this matter.

To put this in perspective, here are the changes in Revenue Sharing for the Municipality of Anchorage under current decreases. In FY15 under the \$60 million scenario, Anchorage received \$14.8 million. In FY16, with the small decrease to a \$57 million distribution, Anchorage received \$14.0 million.

Next year, if the Governor's additional \$35 million is adopted by the Legislature, Anchorage will receive approximately \$12 million; if the additional \$35 million is not adopted, Anchorage will receive \$9.2 million. In FY18 Anchorage will receive \$4.6 million and in FY 19, it will be gone!

We will be contacting you shortly with requests to help the Alaska Municipal League see that these funds do not disappear. If the Governor's amendment is not adopted by the Legislature, Anchorage will lose approximately \$3 million which will have to be made up in either budget cuts or increased taxes.

Please call our office with any questions you might have

- In larger municipalities, Revenue Sharing is often used to offset sales and/or property taxes.
- In smaller municipalities and communities, Revenue Sharing is usually used to provide basic services to the people of the community, such as:

Road/boardwalk maintenance
Property Insurance

Snow Removal
Fuel

Thanks for your help on this.

Kathie Wasserman, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League of Cities and the National Association of Counties