

Community Council Surveys | 2022 Community Projects

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1	Hillside Fire Prevention and Mitigation, Disaster Evacuation Routes - Low Cost Connections	CUSTOM	?	None	?	Initial scope is on Hillside areas with high risk for wildfires. Identify and establish low cost connections and secondary egress for fire and other evacuation routes in currently isolated and limited access Hillside neighborhoods. Assess areas with high fuel loads and potential choke points for egress and access to isolated neighborhoods. Use Firewise funds to assist with local home preparation and create shaded fuel breaks along key defense and access routes. Conduct annual assessments and plan and implement an evacuation drill in the Rabbit Creek community, and other areas of the Hillside. See the Fire Department Study and Hillside District Plan for further recommendations and needed connections. Develop and install safety and access signage. Focus on wildfire season but consider applicability for other disasters and emergencies.	Many neighborhoods in the RCCC area have limited access, steep roads, and unpaved roads making access difficult for emergency vehicles or for residents to leave in an emergency. Residents and thus the overall community would benefit from more information on how to be prepared for wildfires, how to manage brush and plantings around their homes to minimize wildfire dangers, and other mitigation and avoidance measures. Preventive measures, as well as improved connections for both access and among community members, would also be of benefit to reduce impacts, including saving lives, from other potential disasters.	In 2019 Rabbit Creek Community Council formed a committee to create a local Firewise Community Site program to increase awareness, provide resources and information, and implement mitigation strategies responsive to the threat of wildfires. Now established as a broader and year round Resilience Committee, we work to strengthen the fabric of our community connections and ability to be safe, prepared, responsive, and resilient to future events that affect our community (Earthquakes, Fire, Wind, Power, Flood, Medical, Child Safety Alerts, criminal activity, COVID-19). The group meets monthly and has expanded to include participation from the Hillside Home and Landowners Organization (HALO) and other hillside community councils. Fire Department, University and Muni fire and other disaster experts attend Resilience Committee meetings and share information at our RCCC meetings. In 2019 RCCC received a small grant to provide coupons for members to make free drop offs at the Muni woodlot, encouraging them to clear debris around their homes. At a virtual Spring Wildlife Awareness program May 2, 2020, organized by our Resilience	2022 Survey: Ranked #1 among all 35 projects and #1 out of 13 MOA projects. 2021 Survey: Overall #1 of all 34 projects and #1 of 15 MOA projects ranked. This project was again #1 among all projects ranked for this survey by RCCC, in both 2021 and 2022. After being disappointed that while this top priority added to our list of recommended projects on the 2020 CIP Survey, was not included on the 2021 Survey, we appreciate that it has now been included in the 2022 Survey. 2022 NEW NOTE: recommend that fire safety connections should be small-scale for emergency use, NOT major new roads into undeveloped private lands that will spur development and overload lower Hillside intersections with more traffic.

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									<p>Committee and partners, information was shared on Ready, Set, Go and checklists for ensuring one's home is Firewise; woodlot coupons were also provided.</p> <p>In 2021, the Resilience Committee has continued to meet monthly, including an April 20th Hillside Wildfire Awareness and Community Outreach Prevention Effort Training involving our Muni and University partners. The Wildfire Evacuation Training and Table Top Drill - 4/28 and 4/30 was a multi-agency event in partnership with the Resilience Committee. Involving almost 50 participants from various MOA and State of AK agencies to review incident response procedures, the drill focused on a potential event in the Rabbit Creek green belt to the south of DeArmoun Road. The drill quickly highlighted the need for residents to be prepared to move quickly and prepare for possible APD traffic controls that would shut down DeArmoun Road and perhaps use Huffman or other roads in a "contraflow" pattern. Communication with the public was a critical issue that everyone recognized would be challenging in our current age of social media and a confusing number of places to try to find authoritative information.</p> <p>The drill had been a goal of the Rabbit Creek/HALO/Resilience</p>

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								project for a couple years, and we appreciated the opportunity to participate in the training and the drill. Additional information on Resilience Committee activities can be found here: http://communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/Neighborhood%20Resilience%20Committee.html	
2	Old Seward Highway Upgrade - Rabbit Creek to Potter Valley Road	CUSTOM	?	None	?	Reconstruct Old Seward Highway between Rabbit Creek Road and Potter Valley Road to include a separated pedestrian/bike path and viewing spots.	This project has been high on the RCCC CIP list for about 20 years. No shoulder or path exists now; the road needs full reconstruction, not repaving, to include safe non-motorized uses. HDP Policy 9D is to: 'Upgrade Old Seward Highway to a multi-modal facility while retaining its rural and recreational character.' A Context Sensitive Design should be developed to include purposes of traffic calming (e.g., reduce speed limit to 30 mph), protection of wildlife and habitat in the adjacent State Coastal Wildlife Refuge, and for safe non-motorized travel and recreation, consistent with existing growing uses of the refuge, recreation, parking ,	Old Seward Highway between Rabbit Creek Road and Potter Valley Road is in poor condition but is regularly used by pedestrians, cyclists, joggers, roller skiers (high school and university teams regularly train here before snowfall) in increasing numbers, along with bird watchers and photographers accessing the adjacent Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge and State Critical Habitat Area just to the west. The area is also seeing increasing use with opening of the Bird Treatment and Learning Center on Old Seward Highway.	2022 Survey: Ranked #2 among all 35 RCCC area projects (with ties, 13th was the lowest rank for a project); ranked #1 out of all 8 SOA projects. 2021 Survey: Overall #4 of all 34 projects and #2 of 9 SOA projects ranked. Tied with one other project as #2 of 8 projects in Ak State projects category considered by RCCC. This included the 4 projects on CIP list plus 4 additional projects (8 total) ranked for this category. RCCC was disappointed that while this project was one of our top priorities on our list of recommended projects on the 2020 CIP Survey, it was not included on the 2021 Survey; moreover, this project has been on our CIP list for over 15 years. We recognize that the full project (reconstruction/repaving to include a separated

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							and viewing along this road.		pedestrian/bike path) could be very expensive, but have requested two other projects that are much less extensive or expensive and could partially resolve the needs here (see Old Seward Highway Recreational Corridor & Speed Signage project recommended under Parks & Rec, and the Old Seward Highway (Rabbit Ck to Potter Valley) rut repair project) until full funding is available. We are disappointed that recent work on the sewer system was not used to make some modest improvements. Where equipment is being used for nearby New Seward Highway resurfacing or Potter Marsh visitor improvements, it would be economical to expand that use to improve the Old Seward Highway behind Potter Marsh.
3	Chugach State Park Access Improvements	Project Management and Engineering	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000	Design and construct access improvements as identified in the Chugach State Park Alternate Access study.	The population growth of Anchorage and the increased popularity of Chugach State Park have created safety concerns. The high volume of vehicles driving to and parking near existing park access points has overwhelmed the existing facilities. Users typically park in	Construct recommendations from a study. State grant funding is proposed.	2022 Survey: Ranked #3 among all 35 projects; ranked #1 out of 16 Parks & Rec projects. NOTE - this project was classified as an MOA project, but we had considered it a Parks & Rec project for the 2021 survey, so put it under both Parks and Rec and MOA project lists. In the MOA project list it came out with enough votes to be ranked #4 (tied)

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									the roadway or on private property near the access points.
									overall, and #2 for MOA projects. 2021 Survey: Overall #8 of all 34 projects and #2 of 14 Parks & Rec projects where 8th was the lowest rank.
4	Golden View Dr Pedestrian Pathway - Rabbit Creek Rd to Romania Dr	Project Management and Engineering	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$5,000,000	Develop a grade separated pedestrian/bike path along Golden View Drive from Rabbit Creek Road, south to Romania, providing bike and pedestrian access to Golden View Middle School and Moen Park.	Golden View Drive is one of the few, fairly flat roads in the Rabbit Creek community making it particularly attractive for biking, walking, and jogging in an area otherwise characterized by steep narrow roads with limited sight lines. Golden View is also the primary access for a middle school and one of only two parks with playgrounds in the community; it is also traveled by many other youth traveling to Rabbit Creek elementary school and South High School.	The project has not started. The scope of the project will be included in the Golden View Drive upgrade project. However, since funding is dependent on state grants for either project, a pathway may be a lower cost alternative, which may be more easily attainable.	2022 Survey: Tied for #4 among all 35 projects (with ties, 14th was the lowest rank for a project); tied for #2 out of 13 MOA projects where 7th was lowest rank. 2021 Survey: Overall #2 of all 34 projects and #2 of 15 MOA projects ranked. NOTE: RCCC has been advocating for this project for some time and frustrated that our recommendations for a simple gravel/dirt bike path (without curbs and pavement) could not be accommodated during repaving of this road in 2020.
5	Left Turn Lane from Rabbit Creek Rd to Old Seward Hwy	State of Alaska	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000	Construct a left turn lane on Rabbit Creek Road at the Old Seward Highway intersection.	Vehicles making the left-hand turn at this intersection must yield to oncoming traffic and therefore often come to a complete stop. Due to the slope and winter conditions, stopping can be a challenge for the traffic headed west on	The project has not started. Rabbit Creek Road and Old Seward Highway are state-owned roads. As such, evaluation and prioritization of the project will be made by the State of Alaska DOT.	2022 Survey: Ranked #5 among all 35 RCCC area projects (with ties, 13th was the lowest rank for a project); ranked #2 out of 8 SOA projects where 7th was the lowest rank. 2021 Survey: Overall #6 of all 34 projects and #3 of 9 SOA projects ranked.

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							Rabbit Creek Road when a vehicle is waiting to make the left-hand turn.		
6	Identify, Survey, Platt, and add Signage for existing but undeveloped pedestrian easements	CUSTOM	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	Identify, survey, platt, and add signage for existing but undeveloped pedestrian easements in the Rabbit Creek and adjacent areas. This would be similar to what was done at Campbell Lake where an existing but undeveloped public easement was identified and signed to allow public access.	<p>Funding is needed to identify and develop publicly accessible walking routes in the Rabbit Creek and adjacent areas where there are many tracts of open space but access is limited. Increasing public outdoor opportunities is even more critical in this time of COVID-19 where people have been sheltering in place and opportunities to gather, with safe social distancing, outdoors are ever more important for the mental and physical health of all our residents.</p> <p>This project was added and identified as #1 of 14 projects in the Parks & Rec category considered by RCCC. This included the 11 projects on CIP list plus 3 additional projects (14 total) ranked for this category.</p>	Request that this project be added to the Parks & Rec list.	<p>2022 Survey: Tied for #6 out of 35 projects (with ties, 13th was the lowest rank for a project); ranked #2 out of 14 Parks & Rec projects where 8th was the lowest rank.</p> <p>2021 Survey: Overall #7 of all 34 projects and #1 of 14 Parks & Rec projects where 8th was the lowest rank.</p> <p>See above statements. This project was added and identified as #1 of 14 projects in the Parks & Rec category considered by RCCC. This included the 11 projects on CIP list plus 3 additional projects (14 total) ranked for this category.</p>

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7	Abbott Rd/ Hillside Dr Trail - Rabbit Creek Rd to Seward Hwy	State of Alaska	\$40,000,000	\$0	\$40,000,000	Construct missing trail links and reconstruct those in poor condition.	The trail is not fully constructed between Rabbit Creek Road and the Seward Highway.	No work is underway. This trail has been added to the Capital Project Needs List for evaluation and future funding consideration. Both Abbott Road and Hillside Drive are state owned facilities and funding would be from state or federal sources.	2022 Survey: Tied for #6 among all 35 projects ranked (with ties, 14th was the lowest rank for a project); ranked #3 out of 8 SOA projects where 7th was the lowest rank. 2021 Survey: Ranked #13 of 34 projects overall and #6 of 9 SOA projects.
8	Rabbit Creek Rd Upgrade - Seward Hwy to Golden View Dr	State of Alaska	\$27,500,000	\$0	\$27,500,000	While the scope has not been set, suburban arterial standards typically include a new road base, paved lanes and shoulders, pedestrian facilities, and street lighting.	This road has not been constructed to suburban arterial standards. The project is included in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan as a short-term priority.	No work is underway or scheduled in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. This is a state-owned facility and evaluation and funding would be by the State of Alaska. The route is identified as a minor arterial in the Official Streets and Highways Plan.	2022 Survey: Tied for #7 among all 35 RCCC area projects (with ties, 13th was the lowest rank for a project); tied as #4 out of 8 SOA projects where 7th was the lowest rank. 2021 Survey: Overall #3 of all 34 projects and #1 of 9 SOA projects ranked.
9	Elmore Rd at Rabbit Creek Rd Intersection Safety Improvements	State of Alaska	\$0	\$0	\$0	Construct safety improvements once clarified.	Safety concerns have been raised about this intersection.	No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. This is a state owned facility and evaluation and funding would be by the State of Alaska.	2022 Survey: Tied for 7th among all 35 RCCC area projects (with ties, 13th was the lowest rank for a project); ranked 4th out of 8 SOA projects where 7th was the lowest rank. 2021 Survey: Overall #9 of all 34 projects and #4 of 9 SOA projects ranked.
10	Tony Knowles Coastal Trail Erosion	Parks and Recreation	\$3,500,000	\$400,000	\$3,100,000	Design development and implementation to protect the land water interface along the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail	To protect the eroding banks along the trail corridor.	Recent and ongoing bank armoring has provided protection for a 5-10 year period.	2022 Survey: Tied for #7 among all 35 projects (with ties, 13th was the lowest rank for a project); ranked #3 out of 14 Parks & Rec projects where 8th was the lowest rank.

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									2021 Survey: Overall #22 of all 34 projects and tied for #4 of 14 Parks & Rec projects where 8th was the lowest rank. 14
11	Golden View Road at Rabbit Creek Road - Intersection Safety Improvements	CUSTOM	?	None	?	Repair and improve intersection at Golden View Road and Rabbit Creek Road, ideally in conjunction with upgrade of Rabbit Creek Road (unfortunately, that upgrade is already completed?).	This is the most trafficked intersection in the RCCC area and also one of the more dangerous as cars coming uphill and downhill converge with the shoulder used by pedestrians and cyclists, and many cars are turning onto or off of Golden View, particularly during the busy middle school drop off and pick up hours. This project was previously identified as a top priority for the area, including as the #1 priority by DOT's Hillside Intersection Study.	While Rabbit Creek Road was repaved and upgraded in the past year or two, nothing was done to address the traffic and safety issues at the Golden View Road and Rabbit Creek Road intersection.	2022 Survey: Tied for #8 among all 35 RCCC area projects (with ties, 13th was the lowest rank for a project); ranked #5 out of 8 SOA projects where 7th was the lowest rank. 2021 Survey: Overall #5 of all 34 projects and tied for #2 of 9 SOA projects ranked. RCCC was disappointed that while this project was one of our top priorities on our list of recommended projects on the 2020 CIP Survey, it was not included on the 2021 Survey.
12	Rabbit Creek Gateway	CUSTOM	\$20,000 initial (?)	0 plus community volunteers	Community volunteers and up to \$20,000	In response to a request from the RCCC, the Municipality requested that the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) transfer the approximately 1-acre lot at the SE corner of Rabbit Creek Road and Old Seward Highway, to the Municipality through a long-term lease of	This project was ranked #3 of 14 projects in Parks & Rec category considered by RCCC. This included the 11 projects on CIP list plus 3 additional projects (14 total) ranked for this	RCCC has submitted written requests over a number of years and met with both BLM and the Muni about our request for transfer of the BLM parcel to the Muni and use of it as a Rabbit Creek community Gateway. The Municipality submitted an application to the BLM, May 2, 2019, with the request that the	2022 Survey: Tied for #8 among all 35 projects (with ties, 13th was the lowest rank for a project); tied for #4 out of 14 Parks & Rec projects where 8th was the lowest rank. 2021 Survey: Overall #12 of all 34 projects and tied as

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						<p>the parcel under the 1926 Recreation & Public Purposes Act (43 USC 869) for public purposes. The site could serve as a community gateway used for a variety of community purposes and cared for by RCCC as an "Adopt-A-Gateway/Park parcel."</p> <p>Our initial vision is to establish a welcome sign with architectural elements and plantings (e.g., similar to the neighborhood welcome sign for Rogers Park), possibly designed through a competition involving local schools, or by local artists. RCCC would be the community lead for this "Adopt-a-Gateway/Park" parcel.</p> <p>The Municipality has approved this concept, and RCCC is looking for local artists and engineers to assist (volunteer) with the design of the Gateway sign, in order to provide the specifications required by BLM to finalize the lease with the Muni.</p>	<p>category.</p> <p>Currently there is no recognizable entrance or gateway to the Rabbit Creek community. Nor are there any recognizable community gathering places, and our municipal parks are very limited (Moen Park and Storck park are the only Muni areas with playground equipment and park benches in our community). RCCC is interested in assisting the Muni with an application under 43 CFR 2740 to pursue this significant opportunity for our neighborhood which has limited parks and no current gateway. Our long-term intent is for this community gateway to be used for a variety of community purposes and cared for by RCCC as an "Adopt-A-Gateway/ Park parcel."</p> <p>Our initial vision is to provide a gateway to our community by establishing a welcome sign with</p>	<p>Muni 'lease this lot to be used as a 'gateway' property to place a welcome sign with architectural elements and plantings." In response the BLM has requested detailed plans for the exact placement and dimensions of the sign. The RCCC continues to work on those details.</p>	<p>#3 of 14 Parks & Rec projects where 8th was the lowest rank.</p> <p>This is a low to no cost project. RCCC is looking for neighbors with artistic, engineering, and gardening expertise who could design and implement this project with volunteer labor and donated materials. The cost would be if we need to hire someone for any part of the installation.</p>

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architectural elements and plantings, possibly designed through a competition, potentially through local schools or with local artists and engineers. RCCC will be the community lead for this "Adopt-a-Gateway/Park" parcel.

Upon subsequent approval from the Muni and BLM, future uses could include:

1. Parking and staging for trails in the area, with eventual pedestrian connections to Bird TLC and their events, Potter Marsh, and the hoped-for Old Seward Highway greenway trail.
2. Pop-up events like a candidate cook-off, a feed/water station for a community bike or running race, a charity drive.
3. Seasonal events, to build neighborhood traditions such as a spring clean-up staging area, creek cleanup staging, a gardeners' plant exchange, solstice tree lighting, etc.

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							<p>4. In the long run, the adjoining orchard could become a conservation parcel and subsequently incorporated into the Gateway, similar to Government Hill's community orchard. It may not be a large parcel, but we can still dream big!</p> <p>5. A small community garden or possibly a covered pavilion (note, any structures would become the property of BLM) could be included (Challenge Grants from Anchorage Park Foundation could provide matching funds; neighborhood volunteers have gardening and building skills and materials).</p>		
13	Forest Health and Park Safety	Parks and Recreation	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000	Funds will be used to address various issues impacting forest health on parkland. This includes the mitigation of spruce bark beetle kill, the removal of hazard trees from the 2012 windstorm, and the management of invasive species.	Clean up efforts are still needed for areas of forest impacted by the 2012 windstorm event. Additionally, the recent infestation of spruce bark beetle in southcentral Alaska will result in significant loss of spruce trees and will require mitigation to reduce fire danger and ensure public health and	P&R crews and CARES Act funded contractors completed thousands of hours of work in 2020 to remove beetle-kill spruce along trail corridors and adjacent to develop facilities such as playgrounds and picnic shelters. Park maintenance and horticulture crews continually assess parks and trails and address issues as they come up to ensure that park assets are safe for Anchorage citizens.	<p>2022 Survey: Tied for 8th among all 35 projects (with ties, 13th was the lowest rank for a project); tied for 4th out of 14 Parks & Rec projects where 8th was the lowest rank.</p> <p>2021 Survey: Overall #14 of all 34 projects and tied for #4 of 14 Parks & Rec projects where 8th was the lowest rank.</p>

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							safety. Also, invasive species along greenbelts are impacting native vegetation and riparian/stream health.		
14	Old Seward Highway Rut Repair - Rabbit Creek Road to Potter Valley Road	CUSTOM	?	None	?	Repair ruts, cracks, and sloughing in roadway along Old Seward Highway between Rabbit Creek Road and Potter Valley Road. (Note, this is a smaller version of our #2 ranked State project to reconstruct the roadway and include safe, non-motorized uses, ideally, a bike/pedestrian pathway.	The road has become quite bumpy and rutted and is particularly dangerous for motorcycles and bikers, with numerous potholes, cracks in the roadway, sloughing at the edges, and bumps.	None	<p>2022 Survey: Tied for #9 among all 35 RCCC area projects (with ties, 13th was the lowest rank for a project); ranked #6 out of 8 SOA projects where 7th was the lowest rank.</p> <p>2021 Survey: Overall #11 of all 34 projects and #5 of 9 SOA projects ranked.</p> <p>Ranked #5 of 8 projects in Ak State projects category considered by RCCC. This included the 4 projects on CIP list plus 4 additional projects (8 total) ranked for this category. RCCC was disappointed that while this project was on our list of recommended projects on the 2020 CIP Survey, it was not included on the 2021 Survey.</p>
15	Areawide Trail Safety Upgrades	Parks and Recreation	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$3,000,000	Add LED lighting to spur trails and missing greenbelt trail links. Upgrade/replace aging bridges. Add systemwide wayfinding.	Safety upgrades are needed along major greenbelt trails to support trail use in all seasons. This includes lighting missing links and spur trails, wayfinding with emergency locators,	Park maintenance performs monthly safety inspections and repairs the park assets as necessary.	2022 Survey: Tied for #9 among all 35 projects ranked (with ties, 14th was the lowest rank for a project); tied for 5th out of 14 Parks & Rec projects where 8th was the lowest rank.

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							bridge upgrades as needed.		2021 Survey: Ranked #16 of all 34 projects ranked and #5 of 14 Parks & Rec projects.
16	Mountain Air Drive Extension/ Connection	CUSTOM	\$100,000 for initial design	\$100,000 for initial design approved by voters in April 2020 Muni election	? for additional engineering and construction - Note - \$2 million of \$11 million total estimated cost was funded by a previous state grant; a design was completed with further state grant funding proposed for right of way acquisition and construction.	This project will initiate a new collector connection south of Rabbit Creek Road and east of Golden View Drive by completing an extension/ connection of Mountain Air Drive from current terminus to connect with Rabbit Creek Rd near Fire Station 10/Bear Valley Elementary School. Eventual improvements may include pavement, street lighting, drainage, and pedestrian facilities.	This connector has been a community development priority for years and will provide much needed secondary and emergency access for this area of the community. This extension will increase safety for the south Anchorage hillside area and is a high priority for emergency services, including police, fire, and medical.	Voters approved a bond providing \$100,000 for initial project design in the April 2020 Muni election.	This is the same project as the one above, so we combined them in our ranking: 2022 Survey: Tied for #9 among 35 projects (with ties, 14th was the lowest rank for a project); tied for #3 out of 13 MOA projects where 7th was lowest rank. 2021 Survey: Overall #18 of all 34 projects and #3 of 15 MOA projects ranked. RCCC was disappointed that while this project was on our list of recommended projects on the 2020 CIP Survey, it was not included on the 2021 Survey.
17	Golden View Dr Connection (West) - Romania Dr to Potter Valley Rd	Project Management and Engineering	\$20,000,000	\$0	\$20,000,000	This project will construct a collector route between Romania Drive and Potter Valley Road. The exact route and scope will be determined in the design process which includes public involvement. Improvements are expected to include pavement, drainage, pedestrian facilities, lighting, traffic calming, and landscaping.	This connection will be a vital link in south Anchorage that will enhance traffic circulation in the area and promote safety. This collector connection is in the Official Streets and Highway Plan. This connection is vital for safety reasons because Golden View Drive to the north provides the only collector street egress	The project area is included in the Hillside District Plan as a special study area. This study will occur before the project advances.	2022 Survey: Tied for #9 among all 35 projects (with ties, 14th was the lowest rank for a project); tied for #3 out of 13 MOA projects where 7th was lowest rank. 2021 Survey: Overall #19 of all 34 projects and tied for #4 of 15 MOA projects ranked.

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							from this large area of south Anchorage. It is a high priority for emergency services (police, fire, medical) and the Rabbit Creek Community Council.		
18	Recreational Corridor Along Old Seward Highway, Rabbit Creek south to New Seward Highway	CUSTOM	<\$20,000 ?	\$0	<\$52,000	Old Seward Highway heading south from Rabbit Creek Road to the New Seward Highway at Potter Valley Road is a popular road used by up to hundreds (?) of residents for walking, biking, and jogging, as well as more sedentary pursuits such as wildlife viewing and photography of the diverse and prolific wildlife in the adjacent Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge and State Critical Habitat Area managed by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. While traffic is more limited, especially on the southern half (fewer than 2,000 cars/day use this road south of South Park Bluff), the road lacks shoulders and has hills that reduce visibility. These factors combine to create a tremendous safety hazard as traffic is known to flow at high speeds along Old Seward Highway here. Because of the low traffic volumes, the RCCC recommends that signage be added to designate lower speed limits (no more than 30 mph) and sharing of the road	See above Scope for further details.	New proposal to the Muni.	<p>2022 Survey: Tied for #9 among all 35 projects (with ties, 13th was the lowest rank for a project); tied for #5 out of 14 Parks & Rec projects where 8th was the lowest rank.</p> <p>2021 Survey: Overall #22 of all 34 projects and #8 of 14 Parks & Rec projects where 8th was the lowest rank.</p> <p>This is a low cost project. Perhaps a Go Fund Me site in partnership with RCCC could provide funds for the signs with installation by the Muni, for a minimal cost project that could be implemented fairly soon. The RCCC plans to soon request a meeting with Muni officials to discuss this proposal.</p>

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						with non-motorized users. This would promote safety and recreation. Establishing the area as a recreation corridor would also be particularly useful for Anchorage residents anxious for outdoor, social distancing, opportunities during this time of COVID-19 and beyond.			
19	Bluebell Drive and Golden View Drive Improvements	CUSTOM	?	None	?	Design and engineering has been completed to improve the dangerous intersection at Bluebell and Golden View Drive. Funds are now needed to construct the project.	Bluebell is very steep and has limited sight lines at its intersection with Golden View Drive, resulting in particularly hazardous conditions in the winter. Engineering to ameliorate the situation has been completed but funds to construct the improvements have been lacking.	Need funds to implement construction and remedy the existing dangerous situation at Bluebell and Golden View.	2022 Survey: Ranked #10 among all 35 projects (with ties, 14th was the lowest rank for a project); tied for #4 out of 13 MOA projects where 7th was the lowest rank. 2021 Survey: Overall #16 of all 34 projects and #5 of 15 MOA projects ranked.
20	Section 36 Park Improvements	Parks and Recreation	\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000	Funds will be used to begin trail development and complete access improvements.	Section 36 is approximately 640 acres of new park in south Anchorage. Improvements are needed to provide residents with access and recreational opportunities.	Section 36 uplands are in the process of being transferred to P&R management and will be formally dedicated. A master plan for Section 36 Master Plan was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission.	2022 Survey: Tied for #11 among all 35 projects (with ties, 13th was the lowest rank for a project); tied for #6 out of 14 Parks & Rec projects where 8th was the lowest rank. 2021 Survey: Overall #10 of all 34 projects and tied as #3 of 14 Parks & Rec projects where 8th was the lowest rank.
21	Community Garden Site Selection and	Parks and Recreation	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	Identify appropriate parks in the Anchorage Bowl where community garden	The public demand for plots in MOA Community Gardens	In 2017, the department collaborated with the University of Alaska Anchorage to survey	2022 Survey: Tied for #11 among all 35 projects (with ties, 13th was the lowest

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	Design and Management Standards.					development is appropriate. Create design and management guidelines to assist the department in building and maintaining 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.	Anchorage residents and to better understand the need for additional community garden plots in Anchorage. The department currently manages community gardens at The Gardens @ Bragraw, C Street Gardens, Fairview Lyons and McPhee Gardens. The department is currently developing a new community garden and food forest at Chanshtnu Muldoon Park.	rank for a project); tied as #6 out of 16 Parks & Rec projects where 8th was the lowest rank. 2021 Survey: Overall #21 of all 34 projects and #7 of 14 Parks & Rec projects where 8th was the lowest rank.
22	Potter Valley Road Surface Rehabilitation - Old Seward Highway to Greece Drive	CUSTOM	\$3.2 Million	\$300,000	\$2.9 Million	The project will overlay or replace pavement on this collector street.	Pavement is deteriorating and pavement rehabilitation will be required. The 2019 PCI survey determined the road was in Fair condition.	Project has been on hold pending further funding (\$300 K of total \$3.2 million needed is available) through state grants or local bonds. Fortunately the road has been standing up better than expected.	2022 Survey: Tied for #12 among all 35 projects (with ties, 14th was the lowest rank for a project); ranked #5 out of 13 MOA projects where 7th was lowest rank. 2021 Survey: Overall #25 of all 34 projects and tied as #5 of 15 MOA projects ranked. RCCC was disappointed that while this project was on our list of recommended projects on the 2020 CIP Survey, it was not included on the 2021 Survey, but appreciates that it was included in the 2022 Survey.
23	Dog Park Site Selection and Design and Management Standards.	Parks and Recreation	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	Identify appropriate parks in the Anchorage Bowl where dog park development is appropriate. Create design and management guidelines to assist the department in building and maintaining dog parks.	Continuation of multi-year, multi-phase Campbell Creek Trail rehabilitation project including pavement resurfacing, drainage improvements, streambank	Currently, Anchorage has 8 official dog parks, and one more in development	2022 Survey: Tied for 12th among all 35 projects (with ties, 13th was the lowest rank for a project); tied for 7th out of 14 Parks & Rec projects where 8th was the lowest rank.

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							restoration, wayfinding, and bridge replacement. Previously completed bond funded phases include+E7 trail rehabilitation from Dimond Blvd to Fairbanks St. Future phases will continue east to Elmore Rd.		2021 Survey: Overall #26 of all 34 projects and #8 of 14 Parks & Rec projects where 8th was the lowest rank.
24	Systemwide Trail Wayfinding	Parks and Recreation	\$2,500,000	\$500,000	\$2,000,000	Design, development and implementation of wayfinding for Anchorage's paved & soft surface trails.	Wayfinding provides increased safety and an improved experience for the area wide trail system.	Anchorage has over 250 miles of trails and improved wayfinding will address safety and navigation concerns.	2022 Survey: Tied for #12 among all 35 projects (with ties, 13th was the lowest rank for a project); tied for #7 out of 14 Parks & Rec projects where 8th was the lowest rank.
25	Campbell Creek Trail - Separated Grade Crossing @ Lake Otis	Parks and Recreation	\$12,000,000	\$50,000	\$11,950,000	Design and construct an elevated bike/pedestrian bridge over Lake Otis Blvd to connect the east and west portions of the Campbell Creek Trail.	Provide a safe and seamless connection for the Campbell Creek trail.	A new design study was completed in 2019.	2021 Survey: Overall #27 of all 34 projects and tied as #8 of 14 Parks & Rec projects where 8th was the lowest rank. 2022 Survey: Tied for #12 among all 35 projects (with ties, 14th was the lowest rank for a project); ranked #7 out of 14 Parks & Rec projects where 8th was the lowest rank. 2021 Survey: Overall #28 of all 34 projects and tied for #6 of 14 Parks & Rec projects.
26	Campbell Creek Greenbelt	Parks and Recreation	\$3,500,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,500,000	Asphalt repair, lighting assessment and improvements, bridge repair/ replacement, signage	Anchorage has over 250 miles of paved trails. Current infrastructure is	Continuation of multi-year, multi-phase trail rehabilitation project including pavement resurfacing, drainage improvements,	2022 Survey: Tied for #13 among all 35 projects (with ties, 14th was the lowest rank for a project); ranked

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						improvements	outdated, unsafe and in need of repair. Trail use, both summer and winter, will continue to increase and safety and quality condition of trail infrastructure and amenities needs to be a priority.	wayfinding, streambank restoration, and bridge replacement along the Campbell Creek Trail. Previously completed bond funded phases have rehabilitated trail from Dimond Blvd to Fairbanks Street. Future phases will continue east along the trail to Elmore Rd.	#8 out of 14 Parks & Rec projects where 8th was the lowest rank. 2021 Survey: Overall #17 of all 34 projects and #6 of 14 Parks & Rec projects.
27	Golden View Dr/Buffalo St/Elmore Rd/145th Ave Area Chip Seal Surfacing	Project Management and Engineering	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000	Resurface these roads with a chip seal.	These gravel roads frequently have pot holes and contribute to Anchorage's air quality concerns. The 2020 GASB survey rated Golden View Drive (north of Rabbit Creek Road) and Buffalo Street in failing condition.	The project has not started. The project will remain on the needs list for future funding consideration.	2022 Survey: Tied for #13 among all 35 projects (with ties, 14th was the lowest rank for a project); tied for #6 out of 13 MOA projects where 7th was lowest rank. 2021 Survey: Overall #23 of all 34 projects and #5 of 15 MOA projects ranked.
28	Little Rabbit Creek Flooding and Glaciation Improvements	Project Management and Engineering	\$0	\$0	\$0	This project will construct stream bank and channelization improvements to reduce flooding and glaciation and improve fish habitat.	Due to development in the area, portions of Little Rabbit Creek are running steeper than before leading to erosion that is threatening structures.	No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. Project will remain on the Capital Project Needs List for future funding consideration.	2022 Survey: Tied as #13 among all 35 RCCC area projects (with ties, 14th was the lowest rank for a project); tied for #6 out of 13 MOA projects where 7th was lowest rank. 2021 Survey: Overall #24 of all 34 projects and tied as #5 of 15 MOA projects ranked.
29	Hillside Intersections: Development Capacity, Safety	CUSTOM	?	None	?	An AK Department of Transportation study of Hillside intersections has apparently been undertaken. Coordination is needed between the Muni and the State around priorities for major Hillside intersections. A	The Rabbit Creek Road and Golden View Drive intersection has long been considered the #1 intersection for needed improvement, however speed and steepness here have	The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) initiated a study of South Anchorage Hillside intersections in 2014 with a "Reconnaissance	2022 Survey: Tied for #13 among all 35 projects (with ties, 14th was the lowest rank for a project); tied for #6 out of 13 MOA projects where 7th was lowest rank. 2021 Survey: Overall #29 of

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						process to prioritize upgrades to major intersections with a history of capacity and safety problems needs to be developed before additional local roads and subdivision development is approved in order to insure the resulting additional load on major intersections will be addressed before current problems are worsened. Specific intersections of concern are Rabbit Creek Road at Goldenview and at Old Seward Highway, and Potter Valley/Old Seward Highway at New Seward Highway.	complicated potential solutions. The intersection receives particularly heavy use, with very large amounts of youth in the area and in cars, at the start and end of the Golden View Middle School day. Other intersections of particular concern are Rabbit Creek and Old Seward Highway (partially addressed in the recommended State project for a left turn pocket pocket from Rabbit Ck Road to Old Seward Highway) and Potter Valley/Old Seward Highway at New Seward Highway intersections.	Engineering Study" of nine intersections on the Hillside, in Anchorage, including the one at Rabbit Creek and Golden View. The project website is no longer active and we cannot find the final study.	all 34 projects and tied as #5 of 15 MOA projects ranked.
30	162nd to Mountain Air Drive: Traffic Calming	CUSTOM	?	None	?	162nd to Mountain Air Drive assessment and traffic calming. This could also look ahead to the eventual connection of Mountain Air Drive north and east to connect to Rabbit Creek Road and Bear Valley.	Traffic calming is needed along 162nd to Mountain Air Drive to address increased traffic along streets that were not constructed or upgraded to support the new development to the east and the lack of second connections that were originally intended to be built to support new subdivisions that remain isolated with	None	2022 Survey: Tied for #14 among all 35 projects ranked (with ties, 14th was the lowest rank for a project); tied for #6 out of 13 MOA projects where 7th was lowest rank. 2021 Survey: Overall priority was #30 of 34. Ranked #6 of projects in PME category considered by RCCC. This included the 6 projects on CIP list plus 9 additional projects which the RCCC had previously

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31	DeArmoun Rd Upgrade Ph II - 140th Ave to Hillside Dr	State of Alaska	\$28,000,000	\$0	\$28,000,000	The Alaska Department of Transportation is designing a pavement rehab project for the road.	no secondary access or egress routes. Drainage, pavement condition, lighting, and safety issues have been identified.	Environmental and design work was completed by the State of Alaska. However, the project is being re-evaluated in light of public comment and future funding is uncertain. This is a state owned facility.	recommended on the 2020 Survey (15 total ranked). 2022 Survey: Tied for #13 among all 35 RCCC area projects (with ties, 13th was the lowest rank for a project); ranked #7 out of 8 SOA projects where 7th was the lowest rank. 2021 Survey: Not ranked in 2021; RCCC Land Use & Transportation Committee recommended deferral of this project due to expense, that it was not warranted, and the State and community disagreed on project purpose.
32	E. 142nd Grade	CUSTOM	?	None	?	Road has many issues that need to be ameliorated.	Road has many issues that need to be ameliorated.	Unknown	2022 Survey: Tied for #14 among all 35 projects (with ties, 14th was the lowest rank for a project); tied for 7th out of 13 MOA projects where 7th was lowest rank. 2021 Survey: Overall #34 of all 34 projects - this project was raised as a write-in during RCCC ranking of 2021 CIP projects, so others did not rank it. Details are lacking.
NA	Fish Creek Trail to the Ocean	Parks and Recreation	\$8,000,000	\$0	\$8,000,000	Connect the Fish Creek Trail to the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail	Non Motorized transportation that connects Spenard, Midtown, Turnagain, West Anchorage and Downtown	Project was nominated for AMATS funding in 2018.	2022 Survey: For the second year in a row, this project received no votes from RCCC respondents. Because it is a local trail at the other end of town from our area, it is apparently not

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									a priority for RCCC. We recommend it be removed from the RCCC CIP list only. 2021 Survey: Project received no votes so was ranked at bottom of RCCC list.
NA	Ship Creek Trail to the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail	Parks and Recreation	\$8,000,000	\$0	\$8,000,000	Connect the Ship Creek Trail to the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail	Non Motorized transportation that connects two major multi-use trails providing non-motorized connections to West Anchorage, Downtown, Mt. View and East Anchorage	Project was nominated for AMATS funding in 2018.	This project was added to the RCCC 2022 Survey but it is not in our area and was inadvertently left off the 2022 Survey list for ranking by RCCC residents. Because it is so far away from our area, it should be dropped from the RCCC list.
NA	DeArmoun Road Walkway - 140th to Crestview	CUSTOM	unknown	\$0	unknown	Extend a walkway along DeArmoun Road from 140th to Crestview.			This was a proposal from a RCCC area resident added to the survey so it was not voted on by others.
NA	Develop accessible cross-country ski trails	CUSTOM	unknown	\$0	unknown	Develop readily accessible cross-country ski trails for users with limited proficiency (elderly, young families, disabilities, etc.). Connect a gas line type trail from Hilltop to Service. Provide similar low slope trail at Kincaid.			This was a proposal from a RCCC area resident added to the survey so it was not voted on by others.
NA	Golden View Pedestrian/ Bike Path	CUSTOM	?	None	?	Develop a grade separated pedestrian/bike path along Golden View Drive from Rabbit Creek Road, south to Romania, providing bike and pedestrian access to Golden View Middle School and Moen Park.	Golden View Road is one of the few, fairly flat roads in the Rabbit Creek community making it particularly attractive for biking, walking, and jogging in an area otherwise characterized by steep narrow roads with	no funds available?	2022 Survey: Tied for #4 among all 35 projects (with ties, 14th was the lowest rank for a project); tied for #2 out of 13 MOA projects where 7th was lowest rank. 2021 Survey: Overall #2 of all 34 projects and #2 of 15 MOA projects ranked.

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							<p>limited sight lines. Golden View is also the primary access for a middle school and one of only two parks with playgrounds in our community; it is also traveled by many other youth traveling to Rabbit Creek elementary school and South High School. The fact that no bike/pedestrian path exists here is unconscionable.</p>		<p>NOTE: RCCC has been advocating for this project for some time and frustrated that our recommendations for a simple gravel/dirt bike path (without curbs and pavement) could not be accommodated during recent repaving of this road. While funding was lacking to meet all requirements for a 'Cadillac' bike/pedestrian pathway, there should be some intermediate option that could provide a safe route for bikers, walkers, and other non-motorized uses.</p> <p>ALSO - this is a duplicative listing of the project titled, "Golden View Dr Pedestrian Pathway - Rabbit Creek Rd to Romania Dr." RCCC provided an overall ranking of #4 for that project and thus did not provide a rank for this one so as not to dilute the rankings. Projects should be combined on Survey.</p>
NA	Mountain Air Dr Extension (20-19)	Project Management and Engineering	\$10,000,000	\$110,000	\$9,890,000	Construct a collector connecting the northern and southern ends of Mountain Air Drive.	The south Anchorage Hillside has large residential areas with no secondary egress. Extending Mountain Air Drive will create the alternate route.	2020 areawide bonds provided a local match for the design work for this TIP funded project. DOT&PF managing design and construction.	<p>2022 Survey: Tied for #9 among 35 projects (with ties, 14th was the lowest rank for a project); tied for #3 out of 13 MOA projects where 7th was lowest rank.</p> <p>2021 Survey: Overall #18 of all 34 projects and #3 of 15</p>

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									MOA projects ranked. NOTE - this project is duplicative of the one titled: "Mountain Air Drive Extension/Connection" for which initial design funds were provided in a voter approved bond. RCCC provided an overall ranking of #16 for that project and thus did not provide a rank for this one so as not to dilute the rankings. Projects should be combined on Survey.
NA	Old Seward Hwy Upgrade - Rabbit Creek Rd to Potter Valley Rd	State of Alaska	\$30,000,000	\$0	\$30,000,000	While the scope has not been set, urban collector standards typically include a new road base, curbs, pavement, pedestrian facilities, storm drains, and street lighting.	This road has never been constructed to urban collector standards. There are safety issues with this section of the Old Seward Highway as there is strong recreational use but a narrow road with no shoulders and no pedestrian facilities. This improvement is a high priority for the Rabbit Creek Community Council.		NOTE - This is essentially the same project as the one titled, "Old Seward Highway Upgrade - Rabbit Creek to Potter Valley Road" that did not include a cost estimate, so we combined them in our ranking. NOTE - RCCC does not believe this road should be upgraded to urban collector standards but rather should be classified as a 'country road' or in some other slower, speed category given its high use by pedestrians, bikers, roller skiers, wildlife watchers, and others, not to mention wildlife. 2022 Survey: Ranked #2 among all 35 RCCC area projects (with ties, 13th was the lowest rank for a project); ranked #1 out of all

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									8 SOA projects. 2021 Survey: Overall #4 of all 34 projects and #2 of 9 SOA projects ranked.
NA	Rabbit Creek Rd/New Seward Highway Southbound ramp -	CUSTOM	?	None	?	Rabbit Creek Rd at New Seward Highway Southbound ramp - separate out eastbound Rabbit Creek traffic to allow ramp left turns.	Would improve traffic flow at this intersection.	Unknown	This project was mistakenly left off the list of 2022 project provided for ranking so we lack data on it for the 2022 Survey Raised as a write-in during RCCC ranking of 2021 CIP projects. Details are lacking.
NA	Recreational corridors: along Rabbit Creek Road, and from Old Seward to the Potter Creek Trailhead	CUSTOM	unknown	\$0	unknown	Develop a recreational corridor along Rabbit Creek Road. Also develop a recreational corridor to connect the south end of Old Seward Highway to the Potter Creek Trailhead. This could become part of the Alaska Long Trail being promoted by Alaska Trails (https://www.alaska-trails.org/the-alaska-long-trail).			This was a proposal from a RCCC area resident added to the survey so it was not voted on by others.
NA	Repave on-ramp from Old Seward Highway, westbound, onto New Seward Highway, northbound.	CUSTOM	unknown	\$0	unknown	Repave on-ramp from Old Seward Highway, westbound, onto New Seward Highway, northbound. Repave the 60-foot section near the south end, which is mostly pothole patches.	This short section of pavement is between newer pavement on the start (south end) of the on-ramp, and the main section of on-ramp (north of it), which is also newer. Both the newer sections of pavement are in good condition. But the short older section between them		This was a proposal from a RCCC area resident added to the survey so it was not voted on by others. NOTE - is this a project that could be solved by the Muni or State pothole maintenance department?

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							gets multiple potholes every year – often 4 in deep with vertical edges, i.e., dangerous. The State patches the potholes after complaints, but now, after years of patching, much of the pavement is actually overlapping patches.		
NA	Trails - Abbott Road/Hillside, Rabbit Creek Road to Seward Highway	CUSTOM	?	None	?	Construct missing trail links and reconstruct those in poor condition from Abbot Road and Hillside Drive to Rabbit Creek Road and the Seward Highway.	Existing segments of this trail and pedestrian/bike path are popular and important in South Anchorage and the Hillside where parks are limited. Connecting missing trail links would greatly enhance use, provide safer, connected routes for area users, and greatly add to the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of Anchorage residents in being able to safely walk, bike, job, etc. near their homes.	No work is underway. This trail is not fully constructed from Abbot/Hillside to Rabbit Creek Road and then the Seward Highway. Both Abbott Road and Hillside Drive are state owned facilities and funding would be from state or federal sources.	NOTE - This appears to be a duplicate with the project titled, "Abbott Rd/Hillside Dr Trail - Rabbit Creek Rd to Seward Hwy. " RCCC provided an overall ranking of #7 for that project and thus did not provide a rank for this one so as not to dilute the rankings. Projects should be combined on Survey. 2022 Survey: Tied for #6 among all 35 projects ranked (with ties, 14th was the lowest rank for a project); ranked #3 out of 8 SOA projects where 7th was the lowest rank. 2021 Survey: Ranked #13 of 34 projects overall and #6 of 9 SOA projects. RCCC was disappointed that while this project was on our list of recommended projects on the 2020 CIP Survey, it was not included on the 2021 Survey.