

Areawide Trail Safety Upgrades

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$3,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$0.00

Additional Funds Required: \$3,000,000.00

Need: 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, bridge upgrades as needed.

Project Scope: Add LED lighting to spur trails and missing greenbelt trail links. Upgrade/replace aging bridges. Add systemwide wayfinding.

Project Status: Park maintenance performs monthly safety inspections and repairs the park assets as necessary. Emergency locators and mile markers have been installed on greenbelt multi-use trails.

Athletic Field Safety Improvements

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$1,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$400,000.00

Additional Funds Required: \$600,000.00

Need: Anchorage's athletic fields are well used during the short summer season. Funding will be used to improve athletic fields and supporting facilities in coordination with user groups.

Project Scope: Improvements to athletic fields throughout the Anchorage Bowl to improve play for youth and adult sports. Improvements include turf rehabilitation, fence repair, irrigation systems repairs, amenities, and general facility improvements.

Project Status: Parks and Recreation is working with local user groups to identify and provide needed improvements to athletic fields and sports complexes in Anchorage.

Campbell Creek Trail - Separated Grade Crossing @ Lake Otis

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$12,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$50,000.00

Additional Funds Required: \$11,950,000.00

Need: The Campbell Creek Trail consists of an east and west trail which is separated by Lake Otis Blvd. Pedestrians and cyclists are required to travel a half mile to the south to access a tunnel under Lake Otis Blvd. An overpass would provide for a more direct connection and eliminate safety concerns associated with trail users cutting directly across traffic.

Project Scope: Design and construct an elevated bike/pedestrian bridge over Lake Otis Blvd to connect the east and west portions of the Campbell Creek Trail.

Project Status: A design alternatives study was completed in 2019 to evaluate potential options and rough order of magnitude costs estimates. This project was recently nominated as an AMATS non-motorized project. Preliminary design will begin in 2023.

East Anchorage JBER Perimeter Trail-Study

Agency: Municipality of Anchorage

Cost: \$100,000

Funds on Hand: 0

Additional Funds Required: \$100,000

Need: We need a study to assess the total planning and costs associated with this trail which will provide direct access for cyclists, pedestrians and other trail users between the Glenn Highway and the Campbell Creek greenbelt. Thousands of area residents will be able to use this trail for transportation, recreation, and commuting. Project scope: As identified in the East Anchorage District plan, a bike trail between the Glenn Highway that continues south along the military boundary and then bends westward on the Northeast connector Trail along Tudor Rd. A land swap with JBER would need to be secured for this project to move forward. Northeast and Scenic Foothills Community council have passed resolutions of support.

Project Scope: Trail connecting Chugach Foothills to the Glenn Highway, passing through Muldoon Town Square Park

Far North Bicentennial Park (FNBP) Improvements

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$4,500,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$2,500,000.00

Additional Funds Required: \$2,000,000.00

Need: There are over 100 miles of soft surface trails in FNBP. Trail and trailhead infrastructure (bridges, lighting, parking lots, signage, drainage) needs to be repaired to keep pace with increasing demand.

Project Scope: Bridge repair, trail sustainability projects, trail reroutes and construction of missing trail links, parking lot improvements.

Project Status: The FNBP Trail Improvement Plan was adopted in 2011 by the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Urban Design Commission. The Trail Improvement Plan identifies a list of projects supported by all trail user groups. Federal grant funds were secured for wayfinding, bridges replacement, and trail repair with re-construction of three bridges on the Tour of Anchorage Trail in summer 2023. Funds will be used to match federal dollars.

Forest Health and Park Safety

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$1,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$800,000.00

Additional Funds Required: \$200,000.00

Need: 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 safety. Also, invasive species along greenbelts are impacting native vegetation and riparian/stream health.

Project Scope: 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.

Project Status: The Department has received several federal grants to remove beetle-kill trees. P&R crews and contractors completed thousands of hours of work in 2022 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.

Systemwide Trail Wayfinding

Agency: Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$2,000,000.00

Funds on Hand: \$800,000.00

Additional Funds Required: \$1,200,000.00

Need: Trail signage and wayfinding is currently inconsistent throughout Anchorage's park and trail system. Adding signage and wayfinding will help residents and visitors navigate our parks and trails, reduce barriers to access for underserved neighborhoods, and create a safer and more enjoyable experience on Anchorage trails.

Project Scope: Design, development and implementation of wayfinding for Anchorage's paved & soft surface trails.

Project Status: Anchorage has over 250 miles of trails. Implementation of a comprehensive suite of signage and wayfinding throughout the trail system will help address safety concerns as well as improve neighborhood access and navigation to destinations.