

Priorities last updated 06/04/2024

**Note: these projects and priorities are submitted as final.**

### Priority 1

## Brooks Rd/Chugiak Dr/Cross Rd Upgrade

**Agency:** Project Management and Engineering

**Cost:** \$7,000,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$0.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$7,000,000.00

**Need:** This project is a priority for the Chugiak, Birchwood, Eagle River Rural Road Service Area Board. Because these roads have not been built to current standards, safety may be impacted. The 2023 GASB survey rated Brooks Lane in failing condition.

**Project Scope:** The project will construct these roads to current design standards.

**Project Status:** This project has not started. Funding priorities are set by Chugiak, Birchwood, Eagle River Rural Road Service Area Board.

### Priority 2

## Farm Ave Sidewalk - Old Glenn Hwy to New Glenn Hwy

**Agency:** Project Management and Engineering

**Cost:** \$690,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$0.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$690,000.00

**Need:** No sidewalk exists in this location. This project is included in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan.

**Project Scope:** The project will install sidewalk and a crossing at the Old Glenn Highway.

**Project Status:** No work is underway and no funding is proposed in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. Funding priorities are set by Chugiak, Birchwood, Eagle River Rural Road Service Area Board. The project will remain on the Capital Projects Needs List for future funding consideration.

### Priority 3

## Eagle River Traffic Mitigation Phase I - Business Blvd to Eagle River Rd (11-16)

**Agency:** Project Management and Engineering

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**Cost:** \$5,890,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$8,674,500.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$0.00

**Need:** This project was recommended in the Eagle River CBD study (2011) to enhance traffic circulation in the Eagle River Central Business District area. The primary purpose of this new connection is to relieve pressure from the overly crowded Old Glenn Highway

**Project Scope:** The project will study specific ways to provide better access to Business Boulevard from Eagle River Road and then construct the selected alternative. Discussing expansion of traffic analysis with ADOT to include evaluation of the Glenn Highway interchanges. The exact scope will be determined during the design process, which will include public involvement.

**Project Status:** DOWL is working on 95% design for Cross Drive/Centerfield Connection. CBERRRSA expressed interest in constructing Centerfield storm and road extension with term contractor using their CIP funds in 2024. \$500K has been allocated for the Planning Department to perform the CBD Study Phase 2. PTS is assisting Planning with the RFP.

### Priority 4

## Eagle River Greenbelt Multi-use Trail from Meadow Creek to Gruening Middle School

**Agency:**

**Cost:** To Be Determined

**Funds on Hand:** \$0.00

**Additional Funds Required:** To Be Determined

**Need:** There is a high demand for recreational trails in the community. Portions of an unimproved trail currently exist in the general location of the trail along Eagle River. Gruening Middle School students would have the opportunity to have a cross county running trail directly connected to the school grounds.

**Project Scope:** Build soft-surfaced, non-motorized, multi-use trail extending from an access point off VFW Road near the Glenn Highway Bridge to Gruening Middle School. This would build the beginning portion of the proposed trail extending to the Eagle River Nature Center.

**Project Status:** Proposed trail location and trail type has been identified.

### Priority 5

## Repair, Restoration and Installation of Eagle River Bus Stops to Support Public Transit System

**Agency:**

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**Cost:** \$5,000,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$0.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$5,000,000.00

**Need:** Funding is urgently required to effect repairs and restore operations at the Eagle River Transit Center. Situated in the immediate vicinity of Eagle River's town square park, a cherished community gathering place, the center has regrettably been locked up and rendered inaccessible to residents, leading to its gradual deterioration. The remaining public transportation facilities in Eagle River lack essential amenities such as benches and protection from the elements. The Eagle River Community Council has on multiple occasions expressed its dissatisfaction with the removal of all but one of its bus routes. The deteriorating state of the remaining public transportation infrastructure is a significant concern, as it can lead to a decline in ridership, ultimately resulting in reduced funding. This situation does not align with the mission of restoring bus service to Eagle River and is inconsistent with the goal of fostering a robust and thriving economic environment in the area. And encouraging more active transportation

**Project Scope:** Renovate the Eagle River Transit Center and improve other bus stop locations to ADA requirements. Improvements to support People Mover Public Transit and Micro Transit Systems to serve the Eklutna, Peters Creek, Chugiak and Eagle River areas.

**Project Status:** No work started.

### Priority 6

## Lower Fire Lake Public Use Facilities

**Agency:**

**Cost:** Unknown

**Funds on Hand:** \$0.00

**Additional Funds Required:** Unknown

**Need:** Fire Lake access is in high demand for recreational opportunities by the community throughout the year. Summer activities includes boating, paddle boarding, swimming and fishing. Winter activities include ice fishing, cross country skiing, and ice skating. West Lake Ridge Road and the bridge/dam are narrow. Vehicles parking along the road create hazardous conditions for the users, pedestrians and bicyclist.

**Project Scope:** Develop adequate park-style amenities, including restrooms, trash receptacles, parking, and a dock. Expand the bridge to include a pedestrian/bicycle lane. Integration of dedicated infrastructure for cyclists and pedestrians within this corridor simplifies the utilization of the Glen/Old Glenn multi-use trail.

**Project Status:** No work started.

### Priority 7

## Birchwood-Chugiak-Eagle River Areawide Drainage Plan

**Agency:**

**Cost:** \$500,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$0.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$500,000.00

**Need:** Development in this region has produced a need for an areawide plan to handle future drainage needs. The last drainage plan was done in 1987.

**Project Scope:** This project will do a comprehensive study of the storm water drainage in the Chugiak-Eagle River area and make drainage plan recommendations.

**Project Status:** No work is underway. State grant funding is proposed.

### Priority 8

## Eagle River Chugiak Road and Drainage System Rehab

**Agency:**

**Cost:** \$2,500,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$0.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$2,500,000.00

**Need:** Road and drainage needs exist throughout the service area.

**Project Scope:** Construct road and drainage improvements.

**Project Status:** The Chugiak, Birchwood, Eagle River Rural Road Service Area Board manages funding collected through property taxes for road and drainage improvements in their area. The local road board evaluates and prioritizes projects for funding.

### Priority 9

## Birchwood/Chugiak/Eagle River Areawide Subsurface Aquifer Study

**Agency:**

**Cost:** \$500,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$0.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$500,000.00

**Need:** A majority of the developed properties in Birchwood-Chugiak-Eagle River rely upon on-site water well and septic systems rather than public utilities. Little is known of the location of all

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subsurface aquifers that serve these rural properties. Proper planning requires identification of the aquifers. Insufficient information can produce negative impacts on the health and the environment as well as to the pocketbook. This study is included in the Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan.

**Project Scope:** This project will do a comprehensive study of the subsurface aquifers in the Birchwood-Chugiak-Eagle River area.

**Project Status:** No work is underway. State grant funding is proposed.

### Priority 10

## CBERRRSA Traffic Calming

**Agency:**

**Cost:** \$500,000.00

**Funds on Hand:** \$0.00

**Additional Funds Required:** \$500,000.00

**Need:** Community streets experiencing high levels of vehicles traveling at excessive speeds. Implementation of traffic calming measures on the streets.

**Project Scope:** Conduct an area study to identify streets experiencing high levels vehicles traveling at excessive speeds and safety issues. Construct and implement traffic calming measures identified through the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.

**Project Status:** No work underway.