

**Turnagain Community Council Ranking Recommendations
for the Municipality of Anchorage's
2011 Capital Projects Needs List —
PROJECT MANAGEMENT & ENGINEERING
Approved by TCC May 6, 2010**

TCC is not ranking the following projects that we understand have been funded, but we continue to support their completion as previously ranked in 2009:

35th Avenue and McRae St. Upgrade – Wisconsin St. to Spenard Rd. — TCC supports the project contingent upon final agreements in site design, traffic calming features, landscaping, and property acquisition between the Municipality and the 35th & McRae Neighbors for a Safe Community group.

West Northern Lights Blvd. Pedestrian Improvements – Lois Dr. west to Captain Cook Estates Cir. — TCC supports this project in the form of a walkway, as recommended in the Anchorage Pedestrian Plan. Because of the constraints of the area, a narrower walkway, rather than a sidewalk, is desired. We want to make sure that any design does not impair/impact Fish Creek in this immediate area.

Borland St./Turnagain Blvd. Area Flooding and Glaciation — TCC supports the use of legislative and other funding to identify and construct drainage improvements. Any design should be sensitive to property owner impacts.

The following are our rankings for 2011:

1. **Turnagain St. Upgrade – W. Northern Lights Blvd. to 35th Ave.** — TCC supports construction funding once the legislative funding for engineering study to upgrade using Context Sensitive Design is spent. Curbs, drainage, pedestrian facilities on at least one side of road, and landscaping. Any design should be sensitive to property owner impacts.
2. **Turnagain Blvd. Upgrade – 35th Avenue to Spenard Rd.** — TCC supports construction funding once the legislative funding for engineering study to upgrade using Context Sensitive Design is spent. Curbs, drainage, pedestrian facilities on east side of road to connect with trail through Fish Creek Park; if room, sidewalk on west side. Any design should be sensitive to property owner impacts.
3. **Turnagain Area Traffic Calming and Safety Improvements** — TCC supports continued implementation of projects identified in the Traffic Calming Study completed in 2006 and any specific designs TCC has approved working with PM&E and consultants. NOTE: This is an **ADDITION** to the MOA CIP list sent to TCC. TCC ranked this project #3 in our PM&E Project list last year.
4. **West High and Romig Middle Schools Access and Circulation** — Design and construct access and circulation improvements, as per Master Plan that is now being developed.
5. **Fish Creek Improvements – Cook Inlet to Lake Otis** — TCC supports water quality and drainage capacity improvement projects for the entire stretch of Fish Creek, including

daylighting the creek wherever possible. Site specific projects should be included in next year's MOA CIP list.

6. **Milky Way Drive Surface Rehab – Aero Ave. to Wisconsin St.** — Rehabilitate existing pavement and repair deteriorating curbs.
7. **Turnagain Parkway Surface Rehabilitation – Iliamna Ave. to Northern Lights Blvd.** — The existing road condition is fine; this is a low priority for TCC.
8. **Lakeshore Dr. Extension/Upgrade – Aero Ave. to Wisconsin** — Aero Ave. currently does not extend down to Lakeshore Dr. and the Corps of Engineers denied a wetland permit to extend this road, so TCC feels this project is questionable. Also, the western portion of Lakeshore Dr. has been a parcel identified during the West Anchorage District Plan public process as a potential land acquisition by Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport. TCC requests more information on this proposal and also how this CIP project would integrate with that potential airport acquisition.

TCC is not ranking the following project; we need more information on this proposal, as it was our understanding that the Fish Passage Improvement Project completed in 2009 was going to address flooding issues.

Westchester Lagoon/Chester Creek Flooding

TCC Again Requests that the following ROAD Project be DELETED from the TCC CIP List :

Northern Lights Boulevard Upgrade Phase IV – Postmark Drive to Nathaniel Court

TCC has consistently requested the deletion of this project from the CIP list and we will continue to oppose any upgrade to this section of W. Northern Lights. Specifically, we oppose: 1) pedestrian amenities along the road, as the public is well served by the existing Earthquake Park Trail and Coastal Trail; 2) widening of existing lanes or shoulders or lane additions; 3) clearing of existing vegetation or filling of wetlands; and 4) upgrades to accommodate airport-generated traffic from Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport North Airpark and West Airpark onto WNL, which negatively impacts the Turnagain residential neighborhood.