

2015 Capital Projects
South Fork - Community Council Priority List
Municipality of Anchorage

PRIORITY

OVERALL GROUP

Area Wide - Parks and Recreation Projects

PRIORITY #	PRIORITY #		Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
		Eagle River High School Stadium	\$1,700,000	\$1,200,000	\$500,000
		Scope:	Survey, design and construction of a stadium to surround the existing athletic field and track.		
		Need:	Athletic fields in Anchorage play an important role by promoting healthy recreational activities and helping young athletes develop positive life skills. They also play a significant role in statewide athletics. Anchorage is one location for the State Cup soccer competition, hosting statewide soccer tournaments sponsored by local soccer clubs as well as little league and adult softball tournaments that draw teams into Anchorage from around the region and the state. Accommodating the local and regional use of the athletic fields within the Municipality requires fields that can withstand intense use over the summer sports seasons. Past use has resulted in large ruts and depressions, exposed soil and stones, and other hazards that have the potential to cause serious injury to participants.		
		Status:	\$1.2M was appropriated as part of the FY14 Enacted Alaska State Budget and flowed through the Department of Commerce to the Anchorage School District (ASD). This \$1.2M portion is rolled up into the \$1.44M Stadium/Trails/Lighting/Equipment Unrestricted GF funding line.		
		Eagle River High School Trail Lighting	\$480,000	\$240,000	\$240,000
		Scope:	Funds will be used to finalize engineering analysis, solicit public comment and install trail lighting near Eagle River High School on both sides of Yosemite Drive.		
		Need:	Trails in Anchorage and Eagle River play an important role by promoting healthy recreational activities. This lighting project will enhance year round safety for all Eagle River and Anchorage community members who utilize this trail system.		
		Status:	Lessons learned from the Beach Lake Trails project have been and continue to be incorporated into this project. The first half of the funds (\$240K) are already in place with Eagle River Parks and Recreation. The second half of the funds (\$240K) are part of the FY14 Enacted Alaska State Budget and should flow through the Department of Commerce (this \$240K portion is rolled up into the \$1.44M Stadium/Trails/Lighting/Equipment Unrestricted GF funding line).		
		626 Multi-use Athletic Field Rehabilitation	\$600,000	\$0	\$600,000
		Scope:	Funds will be used to rehabilitate existing fields to a reasonable standard for all users and increase field amenities to offer quality statewide and local spectator and player use.		
		Need:	Athletic fields in Anchorage play an important role by promoting healthy recreational activities and helping young athletes develop positive life skills. They also play a significant role in statewide athletics. Anchorage is one location for the State C		
		Status:	Anchorage has 110 athletic fields to serve the community and state needs for healthy sports activities. Funds will be used to rehabilitate existing fields to safe and current field standards.		
		627 Forest Health and Park Safety	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
		Scope:	Funds will be used to conduct a follow-up risk assessment, develop a recommended strategy for species management (cottonwood, evergreen, birch), finalize a tree emergency plan and continue the clearing of hazard trees on parkland from the 2012 windstorm.		
		Need:	In September of 2012 more than 5000 trees were lost during a windstorm. Initial assessments estimate clean-up to be over 1 million dollars. The Anchorage Urban Forester's plan to address the damage include a mix of volunteer clean-up, commercial sales and contracted clean-up. Currently, park assets are safe for park and trail users, however as conditions change, follow-up risk assessment and clean-up is required.		
		Status:	Park Maintenance and horticulture crews have cleared parks and trails making current park assets safe for Anchorage citizens.		
		628 Campbell Creek Greenbelt	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000
		Scope:	Asphalt repair, lighting assessment and improvements, bridge repair/replacement, signage improvements		
		Need:	Anchorage has over 250 miles of paved trails. Current infrastructure is 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.		
		Status:	Bond funding and State legislative grant requests are pending. Areawide greenbelt trails (Campbell Creek Greenbelt, Chester Creek Greenbelt Coastal Trail and Ship Creek Trail) need a repair program to address safety and security concerns (over 250 miles).		
		629 Dog Park Site Selection and Design and Management Standards.	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000
		Scope:	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.		
		Need:	Anchorage residents love their dogs! Currently, Anchorage has 6 official dog parks, and one more in development. Only one park is completely fenced. There is demand for more fenced dog parks throughout the bowl. Funds will be used to systematically identify the next, most appropriate places to build dog parks. Additionally, this project will develop dog park design and management guidelines.		
		Status:	The department just completed a small, fenced dog park at Arctic Benson Park. Another project is underway to formalize a fenced off-leash area at Valley of the Moon Park.		

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OVERALL PRIORITY #	GROUP PRIORITY #	Project Management and Engineering Projects			
			Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
		379 Yosemite Dr Upgrade - Yellowstone Dr to Eagle River Loop Rd (13-36)	\$9,800,000	\$1,900,000	\$7,900,000
		Scope:	This project will upgrade the roadway to collector street standards, install storm drains, pedestrian facilities, and landscaping.		
		Need:	This road needs to be upgraded to comply with a recent court ruling.		
		Status:	PM&E is managing this project for the Anchorage School District. Contract negotiations are complete with Lounsbury. Design contract is under review. Design was funded with a 2013 state grant. SoFCC thinks this estimate is very high and should be revised. This is a high priority for SoFCC.		
		377 Yosemite Dr Area Drainage (07-54)	\$6,875,000	\$660,493	\$6,214,507
		Scope:	The study phase will analyze drainage patterns, infrastructure needs, construction options, and project costs in an area east of the Glenn Highway, north of Veterans Memorial Highway, and west of Eagle River Loop Road.		
		Need:	A study is needed to identify areawide solutions.		
		Status:	An NTP has been issued for USKH to complete the design. State grant funding is proposed for construction.		
		378 Yosemite Dr Trail Overpass	\$900,000	\$0	\$900,000
		Scope:	This project will construct an overpass over Yosemite Drive to connect the Eagle River High School trails with the trails on the west side.		
		Need:	This project is a priority for the South Fork Community Council.		
		Status:	This project has not started. There is no funding programmed in the current six-year Capital Improvement Program.		
		373 Birchwood-Chugiak-Eagle River Areawide Drainage Plan	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000
		Scope:	This project will do a comprehensive study of the storm water drainage in the Chugiak-Eagle River area and make drainage plan recommendations.		
		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. This project is the top ranked priority for the Birchwood Community Council.		
		Status:	No work is underway. State grant funding is proposed.		
		372 Birchwood/Chugiak/Eagle River Areawide Subsurface Aquifer Study	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000
		Scope:	This project will do a comprehensive study of the subsurface aquifers in the Birchwood-Chugiak-Eagle River area.		
		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 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.		
		Status:	No work is underway. State grant funding is proposed.		
		374 Eagle River Area Snow Disposal Site	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$3,000,000
		Scope:	This project will construct a snow disposal facility serving the Chugiak, Birchwood, Eagle River Rural Road Service Area (CBERRRSA).		
		Need:	The population growth and corresponding development in the Eagle River valley has produced a need for increased snow storage capacity. Using existing facilities is increasingly expensive as the trips made by dump trucks are greater and further.		
		Status:	No work is underway, However, a state grant has been requested.		
		375 Hiland Rd Intersection Safety Improvements - South Creek Rd to South River Ln	\$250,000	\$0	\$0
		Scope:	This project will construct safety improvements at intersections along Hiland Road. The exact scope will be determined in the design phase with input from residents and the community council.		
		Need:	Safety concerns have been raised regarding this intersection.		
		Status:	No work is underway or scheduled in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. Funding priorities set by Chugiak, Birchwood, Eagle River Rural Road Service Area Board. An initial funding of \$250K to study the required safety improvements is proposed.		
		376 Senate District M Local Road Rehabilitation	\$30,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$28,000,000
		Scope:	Resurface, primarily by reclaiming, local roads in Senate District F. Some drainage, grading, and curb work may be included as needed.		
		Need:	Many of the local roads in the Municipality are experiencing surface degradation. This issue manifests in cracking, pot holing, frost heaving, erosion of pavement edges, and separation between curb and asphalt.		
		Status:	State grant funding is proposed annually to fund this program.		

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OVERALL PRIORITY #	GROUP PRIORITY #	State Road Projects			
			Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
		598 Hiland Rd Overlay - Eagle River Loop Rd to River View Dr	\$1,600,000	\$0	\$1,600,000
		Scope:	Overlay the existing road surface and restripe.		
		Need:	This road surface is deteriorating to the point that safety and maintenance may be impacted. This project is the number 2 priority of the South Fork Community Council.		
		Status:	This project has not started. A state grant has been requested.		
			Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
		600 Lower Hiland Rd Safety Improvements	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Scope:	Construct safety improvements to be identified in a design study effort.		
		Need:	Safety concerns have been raised in this area.		
		Status:	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 through the State of Alaska.		
			Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
		599 Hiland Rd Upgrade - Stonehill Dr to River View Dr	\$6,400,000	\$0	\$6,400,000
		Scope:	Hiland Road would be upgraded from mile post 2.2 to mile post 3.5. Improvements are expected to include pavement, curbs, storm drains, street lighting, and landscaping.		
		Need:	This road does not meet current standards.		
		Status:	No work is underway nor funding planned for this upgrade.		
			Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
		601 South Fork/Hiland Rd Access Study	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
		Scope:	This study would examine the access alternatives for the Hiland Road area.		
		Need:	The Hiland Road residential area has a single egress point. Limited access is a point of concern for residents, emergency responders, and the Municipality of Anchorage. The area is at risk for wildfire or other catastrophic event that would leave residents in a potentially hazardous situation. This project is a priority for the South Fork Community Council.		
		Status:	No work is underway or scheduled in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. Funding priorities set by Chugiak, Birchwood, Eagle River Rural Road Service Area Board.		
			Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
		594 Eagle River Greenbelt Multi-use Trail - Glenn Hwy to Eagle River Nature Center	\$12,000,000	\$0	\$12,000,000
		Scope:	This project will construct a multi-use trail along the Eagle River Road corridor. It is anticipated that the trail will be separated from the roadway for most of its length. Trail lighting is expected with occasional benches and educational signs for users.		
		Need:	Eagle River Road is a narrow, winding two lane road with no pedestrian facilities. There is a high demand for recreational among non-motorized users along this corridor which is the only access to the popular Eagle River Nature Center and trailhead. This project is a priority for the South Fork Community Council.		
		Status:	This project has not started. This route is owned by the State of Alaska. Evaluation and prioritization for future funding will be done by the Alaska DOT&PF.		
			Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
		595 Glenn Hwy Asphalt Study	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Scope:	This project will conduct a study of the effectiveness of various pavement types to determine the best mix for the conditions of the Glenn Highway.		
		Need:	This project is a priority for the Chugiak Community Council. Rutting on the Glenn Highway is a continual problem with safety impacts and maintenance expense.		
		Status:	This project has not started. This is a state-owned route so prioritization and funding will be done by the State of Alaska Department of Transportation.		
			Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
		596 Glenn Hwy Lane Expansion - Hiland Rd to Artillery Rd	\$65,000,000	\$0	\$65,000,000
		Scope:	This project would add an additional traffic lane in each direction to the Glenn Highway from Hiland Road to Artillery Road. This would include widening or replacing the two bridges crossing Eagle River. In addition, the interchanges with Hiland Road and Artillery Road would be evaluated and new ramps installed if beneficial.		
		Need:	Traffic volumes have continued to climb on one of the busiest road segments in Alaska. Frequent incidents along the roadway slow traffic to inefficient levels. The Long Range Transportation Plan includes this project.		
		Status:	No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. This is a state owned facility and evaluation and funding would be through the State of Alaska.		
			Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
		597 Glenn Hwy/Hiland Rd Interchange Expansion	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Scope:	To be determined in the design study.		
		Need:	Traffic, particularly left-turn movements, has increased to the point that congestion is increasing and safety is a growing concern.		
		Status:	A state grant was provided for preliminary analysis on the intersection needs. This is a state owned facility and evaluation and funding would be through the State of Alaska. This project is included in the Glenn Hwy Lane Expansion.		
			Estimated Cost	Funds on Hand	Additional Funds Required
		602 Veterans Memorial Highway (Eagle River Loop Rd) Trail - Glenn Hwy to Eagle River Bridge	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Scope:	Construct a multi-use trail parallel to Veterans Memorial Highway to link with existing trail on either end.		
		Need:	This section of trail is a missing link in the existing trail system and is identified in the Anchorage Trails Plan. Residents of Eagle River would like to see this section of trail constructed.		
		Status:	This project has not started. This is a state-owned arterial route so evaluation and funding of the project would be through the State of Alaska.		