

2027 CAPSIS Proposals for the Legislature from RCCC - DRAFT

1. Old Seward Highway Recreational and Safety Corridor – Rabbit Ck to Potter Valley Rd
In poor condition and slated for repaving that has repeatedly been postponed, this roadway is regularly used by pedestrians, cyclists, joggers, roller skiers (high school and university teams routinely 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. With creation of Potter Marsh Watershed Park just to the east, the area is expected to see even more use. This project will consider options for providing safe, non-motorized uses, including potentially a pilot trial for sharing the roadway.
Phase 1: \$100,000 (?) to initiate design with a median island and crosswalk to connect the South Potter Marsh Parking lot with Potter Marsh Watershed Park.
2. Golden View Non-motorized Path – Rabbit Creek to Bulgaria
Promote safety and recreation by creating a grade separated pedestrian/bike path along 1.83 miles of Golden View Drive from Rabbit Creek Road, south to Bulgaria Drive. This would provide a safe pedestrian/bike way for students of Goldenview Middle School just south of Rabbit Creek, as well as increase safety and neighborhood connectivity for area residents. The road is a popular bike, dog-walking, and running route. While there is a shoulder, the current dirt substrate is uneven, unmarked, and unsigned. Given the rural, large lot nature of surrounding neighborhoods, an unpaved, rural path is envisioned.
Phase 1: \$100,000 (?) to initiate design, signage, and grading for a rural bike/pedestrian trail along Golden View Drive.
3. Rabbit Creek Road Left Turn Pocket
ADOT is planning an upgrade of Rabbit Creek Road from the Old Seward Highway to Golden View Road, however construction is not likely for several more years. One safety improvement that could be initiated sooner and at a fraction of the overall cost would be to construct a left-turn pocket on Rabbit Creek for turns south onto Old Seward Highway. This could be designed as a permanent element and first phase of the longer project, greatly improving safety conditions for vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians.
Phase 1: \$100,000 K (?) to initiate design for the Left turn pocket on Rabbit Creek Road
4. Water Capacity Study for the Hillside:
As more and more homes are built on the Hillside, there is an increasing demand on our water table, and we are seeing more and more existing homes develop problems with their wells. Flows are decreasing and people are installing holding tanks. We need a study of water capacity and impact of increased septic density on water quality on the

Anchorage Hillside. This would complement groundwork for a needed Stormwater Utility to appropriately manage and protect Hillside water resources for all.

Phase 1: \$ (?) to initiate this study and coordinate with water availability study for wildfire response

5. Chugach State Park Access

Existing Chugach State Park (CSP) parking lots are overflowing. An investment in repairing and expanding access facilities will alleviate damage to CSP resources, improve access, and more. Funding over a few years would allow final planning, design, and construction of one medium-sized parking lot plus improvements to one to three smaller access points. Total estimated cost about \$3 million. This complements the recently formed Chugach State Park Access Service Area which can provide funding to improve roads, parking and maintenance extending to CSP boundaries.

6. Anchorage Access and Egress - Stranded Pedestrian Easements

Many pedestrian easements have been platted or reserved to ensure neighborhood connectivity and access but have never been developed or signed, remaining hidden treasures throughout our RCCC and neighboring areas. Phase 1 would include: inventory of unused easements and rights-of-ways, scoping, and surveys, emphasizing signage and improvements needed to formalize the pathways. Pathway improvements, construction (e.g., bridges) and signage would be Phase 2 where grants may also be available.

Phase 1: \$50 K (?) to conduct inventory and develop recommendations for signage, outreach, and construction.

7. Inadequate Water for Ground-Based Fire Fighting: Initiate a review of water supplies to identify and construct new, or augment existing, water supply locations and storage systems. Include both areas where there are hydrants and where hydrants are lacking and tenders and other water sources would be used. Consider extending water lines to supply new hydrants.

Phase 1: \$60 K (?) to initiate this review and coordinate with proposal #4 above.