

**Goals and Objectives Chart: Walkability, Parks and Trails Working Group (February 8, 2017)**

**Goal: Promote safe, pedestrian and bike friendly neighborhoods and safe accessible parks and trails in South Addition.**

<p><b>Objective 1:</b> Establish walkable streetscape standards that assure well maintained, walkable sidewalks in all areas of South Addition with safe crosswalks and adequate sidewalk access.</p>		
<p><b>Opportunities</b> (that SA already has)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing sidewalks in most areas</li> <li>• Existing sidewalks in most areas are in fair to good condition</li> <li>• Good safe cross walks on neighborhood smaller streets</li> <li>• A lot of pedestrian use for travel to work and recreation</li> <li>• Nearness to downtown business corridor for walkers</li> <li>• High volume of summer sidewalk use</li> <li>• Robust volume of winter sidewalk use</li> </ul>	<p><b>Challenges</b> (that SA doesn't have)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some areas have multi-unit housing but no sidewalks</li> <li>• Sidewalk standards may need updating for access and driveways</li> <li>• Continued sidewalk maintenance</li> <li>• Winter snow storage on sidewalks requires pedestrians to walk in roads inhibiting walking</li> <li>• Uncleared winter sidewalks safety risk to walkers</li> <li>• Inadequate street lighting in some areas</li> <li>• Walkers not safe from traffic, especially sidewalks near arterials, lack of sidewalk snow plowing</li> <li>• Sidewalks along arterials with higher speed limits do not feel safe for walking so are less used</li> <li>• Lack of safe crosswalks on arterials</li> <li>• Wide neighborhood streets without traffic calming</li> </ul>	<p><b>Resources</b></p> <p>Anchorage Pedestrian Plan  <a href="http://www.muni.org/Department/s/OCPD/Planning/AMATS/Documents/PedestrianPlan_Web.pdf">http://www.muni.org/Department/s/OCPD/Planning/AMATS/Documents/PedestrianPlan_Web.pdf</a>                  Complete Streets Coalition  <a href="https://smartgrowthamerica.org/program/national-complete-streets-coalition/what-are-complete-streets/">https://smartgrowthamerica.org/program/national-complete-streets-coalition/what-are-complete-streets/</a>                  Ft. Collins Pedestrian Plan  <a href="http://www.fcgov.com/transportationplanning/pedplan.php">http://www.fcgov.com/transportationplanning/pedplan.php</a>  <a href="http://www.pedbikeinfo.org/pdf/PlanDesign_SamplePlans_LocalFortCollins2011.pdf">http://www.pedbikeinfo.org/pdf/PlanDesign_SamplePlans_LocalFortCollins2011.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>Objective 2:</b> Promote road and street standards that result in improved connectivity between neighborhoods with adequate and safe traffic crossings, especially on major arterial roads.</p>		
<p><b>Opportunities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SA is a historic grid neighborhood with sidewalks that was developed with good connectivity, much of which remains</li> <li>• Good safe cross walks on neighborhood smaller streets enhance connectivity</li> <li>• Some crosswalks on major arterials safe pedestrian and bike crossing</li> </ul>	<p><b>Challenges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Original neighborhood connectivity has been impaired by addition of major arterial roads bisecting areas</li> <li>• Lack of sufficient and safe, marked crosswalks on arterials impairs pedestrian and bike crossing</li> <li>• Need crossing islands in arterials</li> <li>• Lack of sidewalks in some residential areas</li> <li>• Winter snow storage on streets, lack of sidewalk plowing</li> </ul>	<p><b>Resources</b></p> <p>Congestion Management Report Anchorage Bowl 2016:  <a href="https://www.muni.org/Departments/OC PD/Planning/AMATS/Documents/CMP/2016/Status_of_System_22216.pdf">https://www.muni.org/Departments/OC PD/Planning/AMATS/Documents/CMP/2016/Status_of_System_22216.pdf</a>                  Complete Streets Coalition  <a href="https://smartgrowthamerica.org/program/national-complete-streets-coalition/what-are-complete-streets/">https://smartgrowthamerica.org/program/national-complete-streets-coalition/what-are-complete-streets/</a></p>

<b>Objective 3. Promote more or better lighting in some areas for increased safety.</b>		
<b>Opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Street lighting in all areas, but insufficient or lacking in some</li> </ul>	<b>Challenges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inadequate street lighting in some areas</li> <li>• Street light pollution mitigation</li> <li>• Street lighting under authority of three different entities</li> </ul>	<b>Resources</b> <p>Anch Muni Street Lights  <a href="http://www.muni.org/Departments/operations/streets/Pages/Maps.aspx">http://www.muni.org/Departments/operations/streets/Pages/Maps.aspx</a>            Best practices: <a href="http://m.startribune.com/technology-how-allows-best-practices-on-street-lighting">http://m.startribune.com/technology-how-allows-best-practices-on-street-lighting</a>  <a href="https://www.arlingtoneconomicdevelopment.com">https://www.arlingtoneconomicdevelopment.com</a></p>
<b>Objective 4: Enhance and preserve parks and public spaces and access to these spaces, e.g. Westchester Lagoon, Park Strip, Valley of the Moon, Coastal Trail and numerous small neighborhood parks.</b>		
<b>Opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major parks adequately maintained</li> <li>• Several neighborhood pocket parks</li> <li>• Good access to most parks</li> <li>• Coastal Trail – popular for walkers and bicyclers summer &amp; winter</li> <li>• Two good access points to the Coastal Trail</li> <li>• Trails &amp; Parks shared use with walkers, runners, bicycles, dogs by people of all ages</li> <li>• Park Strip community-wide public events               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amenities - tennis courts, hockey rinks, volley ball</li> <li>Sports - soccer, rugby, kickball, ultimate Frisbee</li> <li>Memorial sites - Veterans, MLK, Pope’s Rose Garden</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Popular playgrounds at Valley of the Moon, Westchester Lagoon, Frontier Park</li> <li>• Westchester Lagoon winter skating rink               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extremely high volume of summer use</li> <li>High Volume of Winter use</li> <li>Popular coffee house in summer</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Elderberry Park Oscar Anderson House</li> </ul>	<b>Challenges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance funding all parks and trails</li> <li>• Not all neighborhood pocket parks are dedicated parks               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Park Strip events – inadequate parking, noise issues, clean up</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Inadequate parking available at popular Lagoon, Park Strip and Valley of the Moon Park and Inadequate parking at some neighborhood pocket parks</li> <li>• Need additional access points to Coastal Trail</li> <li>• Maintaining funding for parks and playground amenities</li> <li>• Inadequate signage to Coastal Trail and Parks, especially for tourists</li> <li>• Winter access and safety on parks and trails</li> <li>• Grooming for winter recreation</li> <li>• Need to continually promote good shared use practices, e.g. leash laws, courtesy, bike safety</li> <li>• Veterans Memorial maintenance</li> </ul>	<b>Resources</b> <p>National Rec. and Park Ass’n:            Creating Safe Park            Environments to Enhance            Community Wellness:  <a href="https://www.nrpa.org/uploadedFiles/nrpaorg/Grants_and_Partners/Recreation_and_Health/Resources/Issue_Briefs/Park-Safety.pdf">https://www.nrpa.org/uploadedFiles/nrpaorg/Grants_and_Partners/Recreation_and_Health/Resources/Issue_Briefs/Park-Safety.pdf</a>            Anch Parks &amp; Trails  <a href="http://www.muni.org/Department/s/parks/Pages/ParksandTrails.aspx">http://www.muni.org/Department/s/parks/Pages/ParksandTrails.aspx</a>            Anch Park Foundation            Inclusive Play  <a href="http://anchorageparkfoundation.org/programs/parks-for-all-2/">http://anchorageparkfoundation.org/programs/parks-for-all-2/</a></p>

<b>Objective 5: Continually strive for improved safety practices on trails and in park spaces.</b>		
<b>Opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally good shared use practices, e.g. leash laws, courtesy, bike safety</li> <li>• Trail Watch</li> <li>• Municipal homeless camp reporter system</li> </ul>	<b>Challenges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to continually promote good shared use practices, e.g. leash laws, courtesy, bike safety</li> <li>• Inadequate lighting</li> <li>• Homeless camps along Coastal Trail and parks in, especially in summer</li> <li>• Unsafe conditions for attacks on Coastal Trail</li> <li>• Few or no restroom facilities away from Lagoon</li> <li>• Winter use of parks and trails</li> </ul>	<b>Resources</b> <p>Creating Safe Park Environments to Enhance Community Wellness  <a href="https://www.nrpa.org/uploadedFiles/nrpaorg/Grants_and_Partners/Recreation_and_Health/Resources/Issue_Briefs/Park-Safety.pdf">https://www.nrpa.org/uploadedFiles/nrpaorg/Grants_and_Partners/Recreation_and_Health/Resources/Issue_Briefs/Park-Safety.pdf</a> --  NCDOR Bike Plan  <a href="https://www.pps.org/reference/what-role-can-design-play-in-creating-safer-parks/">https://www.pps.org/reference/what-role-can-design-play-in-creating-safer-parks/</a>  Anch Parks &amp; Rec Trails:  <a href="http://www.muni.org/Departments/parks/Pages/Trails.aspx">http://www.muni.org/Departments/parks/Pages/Trails.aspx</a></p>
<b>Objective 6: Improve access and wayfinding signage to trails and parks.</b>		
<b>Opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coastal trail has some signage along it</li> </ul>	<b>Challenges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited access points to the popular Coastal Trail that are far apart – Westchester Lagoon and Elderberry Park</li> <li>• Inadequate signage to find Coastal Trail access and Parks, especially for tourists near downtown</li> <li>• Inadequate warnings of mud-flat dangers in busier tourist areas of Coastal Trail</li> </ul>	<b>Resources</b> <p>Anch Park Foundation  Wayfinding Plan  <a href="http://anchorageparkfoundation.org/programs/trails-initiative/signage-wayfinding-plan/">http://anchorageparkfoundation.org/programs/trails-initiative/signage-wayfinding-plan/</a></p>
<b>Objective 7: Promote bicycle-friendly roads and streets.</b>		
<b>Opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some SA streets have dedicated bike routes</li> <li>• Coastal Trail has a lot of bicycle use</li> </ul>	<b>Challenges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shortage of dedicated safe bike routes throughout SA</li> <li>• Need to continually promote good shared use practices, courtesy, bike safety</li> <li>• Funding to designate and mark bike routes</li> <li>• Winter biking</li> </ul>	<b>Resources</b> <p>Anch Bicycle &amp; Ped Plan Advisory Com  <a href="http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/AMATS/Documents/AdoptedBicyclePlan.pdf">http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/AMATS/Documents/AdoptedBicyclePlan.pdf</a>  NCDOT bikaped plan  <a href="https://www.ncdot.gov/bikaped/walkbikenc/pictures/designtoolbox.pdf">https://www.ncdot.gov/bikaped/walkbikenc/pictures/designtoolbox.pdf</a>  Anch Bicycle and Ped Alliance  BikeAnchorage <a href="http://www.bikeanchorage.org/">http://www.bikeanchorage.org/</a></p>