

Turnagain Community Council Surveys | 2021 Community Projects

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NA	ARDSA Alley Paving	Project Management and Engineering	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000	This program will systematically pave all remaining unpaved alleys in ARDSA.	There are over 300 unpaved alleys in ARDSA. Unpaved alleys are a nuisance for residents and businesses. Dusty alleys negatively impact the air quality over the Municipality.	This is an annual program to pave 10-12 alleys each summer in the Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area (ARDSA).	
NA	ARDSA Storm Drain System Condition Assessment and Rehabilitation Program (13-24)	Project Management and Engineering	\$835,000	\$1,545,000	(\$710,000)	This project will investigate/assess the condition of the Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area (ARDSA) storm drain systems and rehabilitate those system segments as the needs are identified and prioritized. This goal will be accomplished by evaluating the degree of degradation and functionality in our existing storm drain systems through CCTV (Closed Circuit Television) videoing augmented and by field inspecting segments of pipe. The primary focus of this project will be to concentrate on metal pipes and sections with suspect corrosion, flooding and drainage issues. Inherent with any of these investigative techniques, it may be incumbent upon the investigative staff to complete a condition survey, which may require the cleaning and or vactoring of debris that covers the bottom of the storm drain pipe. Emergency rehabilitation will be completed on segments that have or are near failure to the extent that funding is available. Other sections will be prioritized to be included in a future capital improvement program.	There are approximately 2,213,000 linear feet of underground storm drain pipe in the Anchorage Road and Drainage Service Area. Metal pipe was primarily used prior 1990 and in some instances developers were creative and even used substitutes such as metal barrels/55 gallon drums laid end to end to divert or convey storm water from their properties. Much of the storm drain pipe that Anchorage has in the ground today is now deteriorated to the extent that in some instances it has completely vanished. Obviously these system failures impact the public in many ways. Primary impacts include health & safety consequences and property damage through flooding.	This is an annual program with bond funding anticipated.	
NA	Areawide Trail Safety Upgrades	Parks and Recreation	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$3,000,000	Add LED lighting to spur trails and missing greenbelt trail links. Upgrade/replace aging bridges. Add systemwide wayfinding.	Safety upgrades are needed along major greenbelt trails to support trail use in all seasons. This includes lighting missing links and spur trails, wayfinding with emergency locators, bridge upgrades as needed.	Park maintenance performs monthly safety inspections and repairs the park assets as necessary.	

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NA	Campbell Creek Greenbelt	Parks and Recreation	\$3,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000	Asphalt repair, lighting assessment and improvements, bridge repair/replacement, signage improvements	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.	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).	
NA	Campbell Creek Trail - Separated Grade Crossing @ Lake Otis	Parks and Recreation	\$12,000,000	\$50,000	\$11,950,000	Design and construct an elevated bike/pedestrian bridge over Lake Otis Blvd to connect the east and west portions of the Campbell Creek Trail.	Provide a safe and seamless connection for the Campbell Creek trail.	A new design study was completed in 2019.	
NA	Chester Creek Flooding - Lagoon to A St (14-19)	Project Management and Engineering	\$3,200,000	\$1,480,500	\$1,719,500	This project will study the causes of flooding in this drainage basin and explore costs/options for alternatives to alleviate flooding.	Flooding occurred in January 2009 impacting homes adjacent to the creek.	Permit and utility coordination underway. Culvert procurement to occur early 2020. Installation anticipated in 2020 depending on bond funding.	
NA	Community Garden Site Selection and Design and Management Standards.	Parks and Recreation	\$50,000		\$50,000	Identify appropriate parks in the Anchorage Bowl where community garden development is appropriate. Create design and management guidelines to assist the department in building and maintaining community gardens.	The public demand for plots in MOA Community Gardens far exceeds the current availability. New community gardens have been identified in a number of newly completed park master plans. Funding will be used to develop new community gardens.	The department currently manages community gardens at The Gardens @ Bragraw, C Street Gardens, Fairview Lyons and McPhee Gardens	
NA	Didlika Park	Parks and Recreation	\$250,000		\$250,000	Funds will be used to repair the playground and safety surfacing and fix neighborhood park amenities.	Didlika Park is an important neighborhood park playground for the Turnagain and Spenard neighborhoods. The playground and safety surfacing need to be compliant with current industry-wide	Park Maintenance performs monthly safety inspections and repairs the playground as necessary.	

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NA	Dog Park Site Selection and Design and Management Standards.	Parks and Recreation	\$75,000		\$75,000	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.	<p>safety standards.</p> <p>Anchorage residents love their dogs! There is demand for more fenced dog parks throughout the bowl. Funds will be used to systematically identify appropriate places to build dog parks. Additionally, this project will develop dog park design and management guidelines.</p>	Currently, Anchorage has 8 official dog parks, and one more in development	
NA	Esquire Dr Sidewalk - Forest Park Dr to Hillcrest Dr	Project Management and Engineering	\$750,000	\$0	\$750,000	This project will install a sidewalk along Esquire Drive., either within the existing shoulder (parking lane) or in the right-of-way beyond the existing curb, or partially on both.	There is no separation between motorized and non-motorized traffic along this route that is frequently used by West/Romig students, Coastal Trail users, and neighborhood residents. In particular, Esquire Drive is often used by non-motorized users to avoid the narrow roadway curve along the north section of Forest Park Drive. Vehicles occasionally cross into the parking lane used by most pedestrians and cyclists, especially in icy conditions. The project need was identified and is supported by the Turnagain Community Council.	The project has not started. The project will remain on the Needs List for future funding consideration.	
NA	Fish Creek Trail to the Ocean	Parks and Recreation	\$3,500,000	\$0	\$3,500,000	Connect the Fish Creek Trail to the Tony Knowels Coastal Trail	Non Motorized transportation that connects Spenard, Midtown, Turnagain, West Anchorage and Downtown	Design development has started internally and MOA Parks and Recreation is positioned to start the public process with funding established.	
NA	Forest Health and Park Safety	Parks and Recreation	\$200,000		\$200,000	Funds will be used to address various issues impacting forest health on parkland. This includes the mitigation of spruce bark beetle kill, the removal of hazard trees from the 2012 windstorm, and the management of invasive species.	Clean up efforts are still needed for areas of forest impacted by the 2012 windstorm event. Additionally, the recent infestation of spruce bark beetle in southcentral Alaska will result in significant loss of spruce trees and will require mitigation to reduce fire danger and ensure public	Park maintenance and horticulture crews continually assess parks and trails and address issues as they come up to ensure that park assets are safe	

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NA	Forest Park Shoulder Rehabilitation	Project Management and Engineering	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000	This project will remove overgrown grass and weeds on the road shoulders and repave the shoulders along Forest Park Dr. between W. Northern Lights Blvd. and Esquire Dr.	The usable shoulders of Forest Park Dr. have narrowed over the years as sediment and vegetation growth have encroached upon the roadway. The pavement is in poor condition, leaving non-motorized users with very little room in places (especially low spots).	The project has not started. There is no funding programmed in the current six-year CIP. The project will remain on the Needs List for future funding consideration.	
NA	Hillcrest Dr Sidewalk - West High Campus to Forest Park Dr	Project Management and Engineering	\$750,000	\$0	\$750,000	This project will install a sidewalk along Hillcrest Dr., either within the existing shoulder (parking lane) or in the right-of-way beyond the existing curb, or partially on both.	There is no separation between motorized and non-motorized traffic along this route that is frequently used by West/Romig students, Coastal Trail users, and neighborhood residents. Vehicles often cross into the parking lane used by most pedestrians and cyclists.	The project has not started. The project will remain on the needs list for future funding consideration.	
NA	Lakeshore Dr Upgrade - Constellation St to Wisconsin St	Project Management and Engineering	\$12,000,000	\$0	\$12,000,000	Improvements would include a new road base, curbs, pavement, underground storm drains, street lighting, and pedestrian facilities.	This segment of road has not been built to urban collector standards.	No work is underway and no funding is proposed in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. The project will remain on the Capital Projects Needs List for future funding consideration. The project is identified as a collector route in the Official Streets	
NA	Lyn Ary Park	Parks and Recreation	\$500,000		\$500,000	Funds will be used to rehabilitate the playground and surfacing of this well-loved playground. Seating for parents will be installed.	Lyn Ary Park is an important neighborhood park playground for the Turnagain neighborhood. The playground and safety surfacing need to be compliant with current industry-wide safety standards.	Park Maintenance performs monthly safety inspections and repairs the park assets as necessary. 2009 Master Plan	

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NA	Margaret Eagan Sullivan Park	Parks and Recreation	\$500,000		\$500,000	Funding will be used to improve heavy use community spaces, trail, parking and to rehabilitate degradation to the lagoon's banks.	Margaret Eagan Sullivan is one of Anchorage's most heavily used parks. Parking lot improvements and outdoor gathering areas a necessary for the large numbers of park users who visit Westchester Lagoon within the park.	completed.	In the summer of 2011 the playground project was completed.
NA	Milky Way Dr Surface Rehab - Aero Ave to Wisconsin St	Project Management and Engineering	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000	This project will address the deteriorating pavement and curb conditions on a collector route by replacing worn curbs and overlaying the existing pavement.	Pavement on this collector street is deteriorating. This is identified as a collector route in the Official Streets and Highways Plan. This project was identified by the Turnagain Community Council.	No work is currently scheduled in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program. Project will remain on the Capital Project Needs List for future funding consideration.	
NA	Northern Lights Blvd Upgrade Phase IV - Postmark Dr to Nathaniel Ct	Project Management and Engineering	\$19,400,000	\$0	\$19,400,000	The scope for this project has not been determined. Typically, an arterial street upgrade would include a new road base, pavement, curbs, storm drains, street lighting, pedestrian facilities and landscaping. The specific street section will be developed in the design study phase, which will include significant public involvement.	The arterial street has not been constructed to urban standards. But, the improvements are not a priority.	No work is underway or scheduled in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. The project is included in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and is designated as a minor arterial in the Official Streets and Highways Plan (OS&HP).	
NA	Point Woronzoff Overlook	Parks and Recreation	\$500,000		\$500,000	Funds will be used to replace broken and missing parking barriers and bollards, build a sustainable trail to the beach, repair the asphalt and drainage in the parking lot and add a dog waste station.	Point Woronzoff Overlook is one of the most popular places for Anchorage residents and visitors to go and view the sunset and the inlet. Additionally, it is a popular access point and trailhead for the Coastal Trail. The park facilities at this location currently do not meet the demands of the users and	Park Maintenance performs monthly safety inspections and repairs as necessary.	

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NA	Tony Knowles Coastal Trail Erosion	Parks and Recreation	\$3,500,000	\$400,000	\$3,100,000	Design development and implementation to protect the land water interface along the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail	To protect the eroding banks along the trail corridor.	Recent and ongoing bank armoring has provided protection for a 5- 10 year period.	
NA	Turnagain Area Traffic Calming and Safety Improvements	Project Management and Engineering	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	This project will construct traffic calming projects identified in the 2006 study of the Turnagain area.	A 2006 Traffic Calming Study of the Turnagain area identified specific projects to be constructed. This project will construct the remainder of those projects.	This project has not started. There is no funding programmed in the current six-year Capital Improvement Program.	
NA	Turnagain Pkwy Surface Rehab - Iliamna Ave to Northern Lights Blvd	Project Management and Engineering	\$560,000	\$0	\$560,000	Replace or overlay pavement.	Pavement on this collector is deteriorating. Some segments of the road surface were rated as Condition F by the 2014 GASB survey.	No work is underway or scheduled in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. The project will remain on the Capital Projects Needs List for future funding consideration. This route is designated as a collector in the Official Streets and Highways Plan (OS&HP).	
NA	Turnagain St Upgrade - Northern Lights Blvd to 35th Ave (10-31N)	Project Management and Engineering	\$21,500,000	\$0	\$21,500,000	Upgrade the road to urban collector standards. Improvements typically include a new road base, pavement, curb and gutters, storm drain, pedestrian facilities, lighting upgrades, and landscaping.	Turnagain Street is a narrow two lane road that functions as a residential collector. Current right of way is limited. There are line of sight issues at some of the cross streets. The project need was identified by the Turnagain Community Council.	Project is on hold until 2024 design funding is received. The design study phase, funded by a 2010 state grant, is substantially	

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NA	Wayfinding	Parks and Recreation	\$750,000	\$150,000	\$550,000	Design, development and implementation of wayfinding for Anchorage's paved & soft surface trails.	Wayfinding provides increased safety and an improved experience for the area wide trail system.	complete.	Anchorage has over 250 miles of trails and improved wayfinding will address safety and navigation concerns.
NA	West High and Romig Middle Schools Access and Circulation	Project Management and Engineering	\$6,500,000	\$0	\$6,500,000	This project will design and construct access and circulation improvements.	A state grant provided the funding for the development of a Master Plan for the West/Romig campus renovation. The road construction and access improvements are the first phase of implementing recommendations from this plan. Safety concerns have been raised with the current access arrangement at these schools. Traffic circulation is impacted due to school activities. Over 2,700 students attend these two schools and the school area is bordered by two major transportation routes (Minnesota Drive and Northern Lights Boulevard). This project was identified by the Turnagain Community Council.	The school district has commissioned a study. No construction work is underway or scheduled in the six-year Capital Improvement Program. The project will remain on the Capital Project Needs List for evaluation and prioritization.	
NA	West High and Romig Middle Schools Pedestrian Access Improvements	Project Management and Engineering	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	Rehabilitate existing pedestrian access connecting the Huntington Park neighborhood to West High/Romig Middle School campus.	Heavily used, paved easements connecting student pedestrian traffic from Belmont Dr. and Arlington Dr. to the school campus from the Huntington Park neighborhood in Turnagain are in serious disrepair and need to be regraded and repaved for safety and maintenance purposes. The project need was identified by the Turnagain Community Council.	The project has not started. The project will remain on the Needs list for future funding consideration.	
NA	West/Romig Schools Area Trail Resurfacing	Project Management and Engineering	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000	Regrade and resurface the trails providing access in the vicinity of West and Romig schools.	The trails connecting West High and Romig Middle Schools to the Huntington Park neighborhood have experienced wear. Regrading and repaving are needed to improve safety for the children using the trails	The project has not started. The project will remain on the Needs List for future funding consideration.	

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NA	Wildwood Ln/ Forest Park Dr Trail	Project Management and Engineering	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	The project will upgrade the paved trail connection between the end of Wildwood Lane and Forest Park Drive.	and to reduce ongoing trail maintenance expense. The project was identified by the Turnagain Community Council. The pedestrian easement at the end of Wildwood Lane is in poor condition and continues to deteriorate as sediment erodes in wet weather. It is not ADA-compliant and difficult to traverse for pedestrians and cyclists. Students, trail users, and residents use the Wildwood Lane route as a safer, low-traffic alternative between the West/Romig campus and the trail area.		The project has not started. There is no funding programmed in the current six-year CIP. The project will remain on the Needs List for future funding consideration.