

Preliminary List to Inform our Legislators: Issues of Rabbit Creek Community Council

The 2010 [Hillside District Plan](#) (HDP) is the framework for development within the Rabbit Creek Community Council area. RCCC comments to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Assembly typically reference tenets established in the HDP such as neighborhood connectivity, providing trails as neighborhoods are developed, ensuring waterways and drainages are protected, and secondary access is addressed as housing and transportation is developed and improved in our area.

Resilience and Firewise - the RCCC works to share information and provide resources to ensure neighbors know each other, look out for each other, maintain our homes so as to protect them and our neighborhoods from wildfires, and so we can all be safe, healthy, and resilient in the face of disasters such as fires, earthquakes, and even pandemics.

Subdivision plats, zoning issues, road and trail developments and improvements.

Major land use and transportation planning and requested changes, including Title 21, Municipality's Long-range Transportation Plan, Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2040, Non-motorized plan, Hillside District Plan, and others.

Capitol Improvement Program - RCCC provides comments on State of Alaska projects (where most of the funding will be federal); Municipality projects; and Parks and Recreation (and Trails) projects included in the Municipality's annual CIP, focusing on projects in our area and commonly used major transportation corridors; we also recommend needed projects not included in the CIP.

Management of Heritage Land Bank lands in our area including Section 36 development - RCCC provides comments on the HLB annual program and 5-year Management Plan.

Schools on Trails - Bear Valley Elementary School in our area is one of only two schools in the Municipality with zero walkable access to it. RCCC is exploring options to connect Bear Valley Elementary and Golden View Middle Schools with pedestrian/bike paths.

Old Seward Highway between Rabbit Creek and Potter Valley Roads - RCCC has asked ADOT&PF to lower the speed limit and add signage alerting motorists to wildlife and wildlife watchers here, adjacent to the popular Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge and State Critical Habitat area.

Golden View and Rabbit Creek intersection redesign.

Repeated frustration with Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities intransigence regarding (1) highway plans developed years ago when current conditions no longer support them, e.g., planned Scooter Ave underpass of the Seward Highway;

and (2) road and trails standards that are expensive or unnecessary, e.g., pursuit of a road 'design speed' around the speed that 85% of people drive when lower speeds are safer and more realistic, such as for the Old Seward Highway between Rabbit Creek and Potter Valley Roads; and limiting trails development to a 'gold' standard with curbs and cutouts when a simple soft path may be fine, for example to provide a pedestrian bike path along Golden View to access Golden View Middle School. How can we help ADOT&PF be more efficient and responsive to current neighborhood needs?

Neighborhood Gateway! In response to RCCC's request, the Municipality has asked the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to provide a long-term, no-cost lease for the BLM 1-acre lot at the SE corner of Rabbit Creek Road and Old Seward Highway, to serve as our neighborhood gateway, with a sign, and potential future neighborhood uses.