

Project Title: Anchorage - Golden View Dr Pedestrian/Bike Pathway - Rabbit Creek Rd to Bulgaria Drive

TPS Number: 67124

Priority: 4

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development
Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)

Grant Recipient: Anchorage

FY2023 State Funding Request: \$300,000

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

To develop a grade separated pedestrian/bike path along 1.83 miles of Golden View Dr, from Rabbit Creek Rd, south to Bulgaria Dr.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$5,000,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2023 State Funding Request:	(\$300,000)
Project Deficit:	\$4,700,000

Explanation of Other Funds:

\$ 300,000 FY 2023: CAPSIS request for initial project scoping, right-of-way surveys, and design

\$4,700,000 FY 2024: Future request for permitting, right-of-way acquisition, construction

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Project Purpose/Description:

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. The path would also provide a safe pedestrian/bike way for students of Golden View 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, particularly in snow-free times. While there is a shoulder, the current dirt substrate is uneven and unmarked; there are no signs indicating its popular use. Given the rural, large lot nature of surrounding neighborhoods, an unpaved, rural path is envisioned.

Phase 1 of the project would include scoping, preliminary environmental work, right-of-way and related surveys, and design, to be covered by this CAPSIS proposal for \$300,000. Phase 2 would encompass completing environmental work, permitting, and project construction. This phase, currently estimated at \$4,700,000 would need to be covered by a future CAPSIS grant or potential federal infrastructure grant.

Justification:

Golden View Drive is one of the few, fairly flat roads in the Rabbit Creek community making it particularly attractive for biking, walking, and jogging in an area otherwise characterized by steep narrow roads with limited sight lines. It is also primary access for a middle school and Moen Park, one of only two parks with playgrounds in the community. Other youth travel along it to Bear Valley Elementary school and South High School. If students have a safer way to walk and bike to school, it will decrease current traffic congestion at the Golden View entrance and the busy Rabbit Creek and Golden View intersection.

Currently, dog-walkers, joggers, and pedestrians often walk in the roadway, particularly in winter, creating unsafe conditions for themselves and vehicles. Providing a separated pathway will ameliorate this problem.

A pedestrian/bike pathway along Golden View Drive has been a high priority of the Rabbit Creek Community Council for years. It has been one of our top priorities on the Municipality's annual Capital Improvement Projects Survey. This project will improve Anchorage's bicycle network which is currently non-existent in the Rabbit Creek Community Council area and most of the surrounding Hillside! It has

been identified as Project #147, a High Priority Project in the Bicycle Network of the Municipality's 2021 Non-Motorized Plan. Although a rural, unpaved pathway is envisioned, it should be possible to provide some compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act on graded, sections in the vicinity of Golden View Middle School and along the flatter sections of Golden View Drive.

This project will also greatly improve local recreation options, and neighborhood connectivity and access for kids and adults as they find it easier to bike and ride to visit neighbors, attend school, and participate in extra-curricular and other community events held at Golden View Middle School - even voting!

Project Timeline:

FY 2023: Initial project scoping, right-of-way surveys, initial environmental work and design - \$300,000.

FY 2024-26: Future request to cover completing environmental work, permitting, right-of-way acquisition, construction - \$4,700,000.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Municipality of Anchorage

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This project has been through a public review process at the local level and it is a community priority.