

Proposed transportation projects to nominate for the MTP 2050

Here is the link to the site where you can nominate projects for the Muni's Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050: <https://www.amats2050.com/commentmap>. If you scroll down and click on the interactive map, you can see a few projects already listed for our area. It is unclear who has nominated each of these projects, some are ones we have been nominating and discussing over the years in our annual Capital Improvement Program and Transportation Improvement Program nominations and comments.

Projects must be listed in the MTP to qualify for future funding through AMATS. This is a wish list and RCCC should nominate projects freely, and not leave anything out. The nomination only needs three pieces of information: 1) Project location (underlined), 2) Purpose or need, and 3) Project description.

These are not in any priority order. Projects already in the current 2023-2026 TIP do not need to be re-nominated, for the latest TIP draft, see: (https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/AMATS/AMATS%20TIP%20Docs/2023_2026/Draft%202023_2026_TIP%20Interagency%20Draft.pdf).

NOTE: Capital Improvement Program staff will include the top three nominated projects from each Community Council's 2023 Survey in the MTP 2050 projects list. For RCCC these were:

- 1) Hillside Fire Prevention and Mitigation, Disaster Evacuation Routes - Low Cost Connections
- 2) Old Seward Highway Upgrade - Rabbit Creek to Potter Valley Road
- 3) Chugach State Park Access Improvements

Motorized projects and studies

Goldenview Drive and Rabbit Creek Road intersection:

Purpose: relieve congestion at peak traffic hours and provide safe student walking/biking access to Goldenview Middle School. This is a documented collision site.

Description : An upgrade is needed at this intersection to alleviate congestion and improve safety.

156th Ave from Golden View Drive east to Mountain Air Drive

Purpose: provide secondary egress for neighborhood safety and efficient transportation coordination as large tracts are developed; coordinate with potential Schools on Trails project to connect Goldenview Middle School, Bear Valley Elementary School, Section 36 Park, and surrounding neighborhoods.

Description: Study of connectivity as recommended by the Hillside District Plan Special Study Area for a connection along 156th Avenue from Mountain Air Drive to Golden View Drive.

Old Seward Hwy from Rabbit Creek Road south to Potter Valley Road and Seward Highway

Purpose: safety and improved conditions for heavy current and likely increasing non-motorized uses. The current roadbed is inherently unsafe with poor sightlines and no shoulders. This is a severe risk to non-motorized users who share the traffic lanes with cars: the road receives heavy use by walkers, runners, bikers, wildlife watchers, roller-skiers, etc.

Description: Upgrade to a Greenway corridor safe for wildlife and non-motorized users, that integrates into the natural setting of Potter Marsh/Alaska Coastal Wildlife Refuge.

Elmore Road at Rabbit Creek

Purpose: Safety. The poor sight lines, high turning volume, and high speeds at this intersection require traffic control and safety measures. There have been several serious crashes and fatalities in this vicinity.

Description: Implement intersection safety upgrades and speed moderation.

Rabbit Creek Road and Old Seward Highway

Purpose: Safety and improved traffic flow.

Description: Provide a left turn pocket at Rabbit Creek Road and Old Seward Highway.

Note: this may be part of the Rabbit Creek Road upgrade that is already in the 2023-2026 TIP, so we might not need to submit it.

Rabbit Creek Road between the Seward Highway and Golden View Drive

Purpose: Improve traffic flow and safety.

Description: Change the project description for the current Rabbit Creek Road Upgrade project from Seward Highway to Golden View Drive. This should be described as an upgrade with center turn pockets, not a center turn lane. A center turn lane invites passing and is inherently dangerous. Also, specify separated non-motorized pathways be added to this roadway because of the traffic speeds that make the use of the shoulders unsafe.

Emergency access connections across the Hillside

Purpose: provide for evacuation and emergency responder routes in case of wild fire, without cut-through traffic.

Description: Study and plan for low-cost Emergency access connections across the Hillside; note this may be partially covered by our #1 CIP priority of 'Hillside Fire Prevention and Mitigation, Disaster Evacuation Routes - Low Cost Connections.'

Non-motorized projects and studies

Schools on Trails

Purpose: Connect schools, parks and neighborhoods by implementing the non-motorized connections shown in the Hillside District Plan, the Area Wide Trails Plan, and the Anchorage Bowl Parks Plan.

Description: develop non-motorized greenway-type trails, separated from roadways where possible, connecting Bear Valley Elementary School, Goldenview Middle School, neighborhoods and Section 36 Park.

Golden View Drive from Rabbit Creek Road to Romania

Purpose: Provide safety for students and residents, and active transportation options.

Description: Develop a non-motorized separated path here. This is a priority project in the Non-Motorized Plan and a primary corridor in the HDP.

Undeveloped pedestrian easements and Rights-of-Way across the Anchorage Bowl

Purpose: to implement the Non-motorized Plan and MTP goals for equitable, affordable, efficient, safe non-motorized travel and to reduce congestion and GHG emissions.

Description: Inventory and map undeveloped easements and rights of way across the Anchorage Bowl to determine direct routes and connectivity for the non-motorized network

Survey, signage and trail construction fund for undeveloped pedestrian easements (see above)

Moen Trail

Purpose: provide safe and scenic off-the-road way connection from Old Seward Highway/Potter Valley Road to Golden View Drive. Fits with economic investment for the proposed Community Forest. Could serve as emergency evacuation/fire suppression corridor. Shown in Hillside District Plan as a priority trail; also in Area Wide Trails Plan.

Description: Develop the historic Moen Trail into a recognized rural trail with signage. The trail is currently well-used and maintained with consistent use in all seasons.

Sea-to-Summit Trail study: Potter Marsh to McHugh Peak

Purpose: provide a potential alternative access to Chugach State Park that would tie together neighborhoods and community destinations at the Potter Road pull-out, Turnagain Arm Trail, and Golden View Drive future pathway.

Description: Study trail options for a Sea-to-Summit trail from Potter Marsh to McHugh Peak.

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