

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Palmer****Federal Tax ID: 92-6000194****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

## Palmer - Sidewalk Improvements

**State Funding Requested: \$100,000****House District: 13 / G**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Replacement or installation of new sidewalks in the downtown core, increasing the width of existing sidewalks from four to five feet and construction of ADA compliant curbs at all intersections.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$100,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$100,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:*

*In 2008, the City received a grant for phase II of this program from the Alaska Dept of Commerce Community & Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$80,000.*

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

This project will widen sidewalks in the downtown area of Palmer from four feet to five feet and construct ADA compliant curbs at all intersections. In areas where sidewalks have heaved due to lack of proper bedding material, old existing sidewalks and improper bedding material will be removed and replaced. The surface of the new sidewalks will be a broom finish. Priority has been given to completing sidewalks in the core downtown area, and in new construction areas. This is a part of the City's five-year infrastructure plan.

By providing well-constructed ramps at intersections, overall quality of life will see improvements with increased mobility for residents with visual impairments and for anyone in scooters, walkers, wheelchairs, and other mobility aids. There are many senior facilities and housing accommodations in the Palmer area, and the benefits of better walking conditions will allow all residents more access to all areas of the walkable downtown. Some of the downtown sidewalks are cracked and heaved making wheelchair travel difficult. Currently, the streets are used by wheelchair users which pose a danger to the user and causes traffic issues.

A pedestrian-friendly environment is a key attraction and good for business. The City will be responsible for sidewalks connecting different areas of the community, with individual developers/subdividers taking responsibility for sidewalks and trails within subdivisions.

During community meetings for the 2006 Palmer Comprehensive Plan residents and members of the public identified maintenance and improvements to community trails and sidewalks as a very high priority.

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## **ADA Sidewalk Compliance: Phase Four**

**Impact: Life, Health and Safety, Infrastructure, Quality of Life**

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When the Palmer Comprehensive Plan was enacted in 2006, residents and members of the public identified maintenance and improvements to community trails and sidewalks as a very high priority.

**Project Cost: \$ 100,000**

**State Request: \$100,000**

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Introduced by: City Manager Griffin  
Date: January 11, 2011  
Action: Adopted  
Vote: Unanimous

Yes:	No:
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Brown	
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Johnson	
DeVries	
Hanson	

CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 11-003

A RESOLUTION OF THE PALMER CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE 2011 PRIORITIES FOR THE PALMER CAPITAL PROJECTS, A COMMUNITY MODEL PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, it is the City of Palmer's desire to provide a complete and accurate plan of the City's capital and improvement project needs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved a Capital Project Development Process on May 25, 2010 to ensure adequate opportunity for public input and a thorough review by the Community and City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Project Development Process was truncated in 2010 to allow for nominations and review in a shorten time span; and

WHEREAS, a total of thirty one projects were nominated; and

WHEREAS, the results of the Capital Project Development Process were reviewed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, cost estimates and potential funding sources were identified for projects under consideration for 2011; and

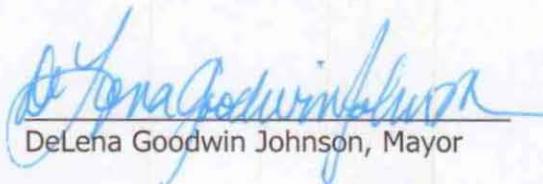
WHEREAS, the projects will be compiled into a document which will provide an overview of the City's needs, a comprehensive listing and a narrative description for each project.

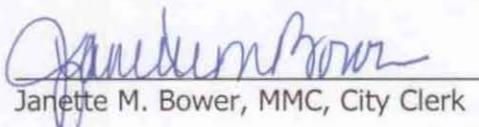
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Palmer City Council that the following projects are hereby established as the Palmer Capital Projects, a Community Model for 2011.

Steel Water Main Replacement  
Waste Water Treatment Plant Phase IIA  
ADA Sidewalk Compliance Phase Four  
Matanuska Maid Block Land Acquisition and Development Planning  
Airport Navigational Aids

Expansion of MTA Arena & Events Center  
Fire Training Center Floor  
Sherrrod Storm Water Improvements  
Central Water Meter Read System  
Airport Security Powered Gates  
Brittany Estates Park  
Daron Drive Park Upgrade  
Police Vehicles  
Sewer Division One Ton Utility Truck  
Water Division One Ton Utility Truck  
Pump Track  
Sport Court Basketball Court  
Small Aircraft Wash Area  
Trail Connections / Walk to Fair Revisited  
Teen Park

Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Palmer, Alaska this eleventh day of January, 2011.

  
DeLena Goodwin Johnson, Mayor

  
Janette M. Bower, MMC, City Clerk



## City of Palmer 2010-11 Project Development Process

A new Project Development Process was approved by the Palmer City Council in May, 2010. The goal of the new process is to help the Council make informed decisions on a set time frame annually, and to provide several opportunities for public involvement, input and questions. Each project being considered for the capital budget will now go through this review cycle.

The process is designed to start in January; the City truncated the process for 2010 to accept nominations from June to July. A total of 31 applications were received from the public and City staff members by mid-July. All the submitted projects were reviewed by the City Manager and eight items were deferred to future budget years. The City Council received a report in August and directed all of the current year projects undergo further staff assessment.

The next steps in the process included an August presentation to the Palmer Planning and Zoning Commission on the process and all the projects for the Commission's input. Each of the City's five departments reviewed the projects for code compliance, public safety impact, risk management issues, budget development, potential user groups, and budgetary constraints and potential funding mechanisms.

The Staff's work was reviewed by the City Council in November, and the final compilation of projects was approved by the City Council in Resolution 11-003 in January, 2011.

## Truncated Capital Project Development Process For 2011 Projects

