

Agency: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities**Project Title:****Project Type:** Planning and Research

Intersection Improvements Study - Caribou and Boniface

State Funding Requested: \$100,000
One-Time Need**House District:** Anchorage Areawide (16-32)**Brief Project Description:**

A study of intersection improvements at Caribou and Boniface with the intent of improving capacity and safety while retaining the functionality of the system.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$100,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$100,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:**This is the first request.***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

This study will determine the options available to maximize the safety of one of the most dangerous intersections in North Anchorage. Furthermore, the usage of the intersection will continue to grow as the population in the vicinity increases due to development.

This study will look at the various ways to improve public safety and retain the functionality of the intersection.

Project Timeline:

Funds will be expended during fiscal year 2013.

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

Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

**\$100,000
Approved**

November 9, 2011

Re: Capital Improvements Projects/Transportation Improvement Projects (CIP/TIP) Survey

The Russian Jack Community Council reviewed and approved the 2012 CIP/TIP at our November 9, 2011, meeting. These were discussed and ranked by consensus.

Fully funded items:

1. Complete Fire Station #6.
2. Replace the storm drain and drain systems from 4th Avenue & Boniface to Pine Street to prevent pipe breakdown, sink holes, flooding of adjacent properties, etc. Install sidewalks along 4th Avenue (between Bunnell Street & Boniface Parkway) for Wonder Park Elementary School pedestrians. Replace co-located water and sewer lines as necessary.
3. Locate Fire Station #3.

Items needing funds:

1. Improve the intersection of Boniface & Caribou to eliminate the most unsafe intersection in East Anchorage. Perform an effectiveness study under the Highway Safety Improvement program, to include 4th Avenue.
2. Continue the pedestrian and bike path amenities on the west side of Boniface Parkway, between Debarr Road and 22nd Avenue.
3. Lighting for along Hoyt Street between 6th Avenue and San Roberto. This is for Williwaw Elementary School student traffic.
4. Install turf at Bartlett High School playing field and track. Expanding the parking would enable Bartlett H.S. to host and support state-wide events.
5. Traffic calming for the area of Russian Jack community area.
6. Anti-graffiti efforts in East Anchorage..
7. Repave bike trails, repair bridges and add lighting to Russian Jack Springs Park.
8. Rehabilitate pedestrian walkways that connect to trails and lead to schools.
9. Install the approved storm drain system for the area bounded by 25th and 26th Avenues, Glacier Street and Wesleyan Drive to prevent flooding of adjacent properties.

10. Rehabilitate McCarry / Pine Street from Mountain View Drive to San Roberto, with emphasis on pedestrian safety and traffic calming.
11. Conduct a traffic study on Bragaw, between Northern Lights Boulevard and the Glenn Highway to determine the effects of providing a northern access to the U-Med district. This would include determining exit strategies for the north Russian Jack neighborhood.
12. Establish the Glenn - Bragaw Interchange community gardens as a permanent project.
13. Replace the rotting wooden bollards while installing diagonal or perpendicular parking along 3rd Avenue at Dave Rose Park.
14. Develop a pocket park in the area around 8th Avenue & Klevin Street.
15. Rehabilitate the Middle Fork of Chester Creek. This could involve Anchorage Waterways Council, youth employment efforts and Parks Department.
16. Support the Community Patrol with fuel and equipment, especially communications to work with the Anchorage public safety departments
17. Continue work at Russian Jack Springs Park. Create a destination playground to attract more users to the park. Improve the signage on existing trails on the north side, but keep them natural. Some ideas are for wider trails, expanding trails into the bog areas, networking the existing trails and installing additional lighting.
18. Rehabilitate the tennis courts and improve parking and the dog park.
19. Install a permanent water supply to Williwaw Park for irrigation of playing fields, playground grass-lands, and future public amenities.

Motion - Fred McLeary moved and Max Gruenberg seconded:

Russian Jack Community Council adopts the 2012 CIP / TIP and recommends it to the Municipality and the Alaska Legislature.

Motion passed unanimously (8 - 0).

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