

## **Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects**

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### **Project Information**

#### **Project Name**

Golden View Dr Pedestrian/Bike Pathway - Rabbit Creek Rd to Bulgaria Drive

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#### **Description of Project or Program**

**In your own words, briefly describe the proposed purpose of the project.**

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 one of only two parks with playgrounds in the community. Other youth travel along it to Bear Valley Elementary school and South High School. Project Scope: Develop a grade separated pedestrian/bike path along 1.83 miles of Golden View Dr from Rabbit Creek Rd, south to Bulgaria Dr, providing safe bike and pedestrian access to Golden View Middle School and Moen Park, and improved neighborhood connectivity. While there is some 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 path is envisioned. This is High Priority Project #147 in the Bicycle Network of the Non-Motorized Plan.

**Draw a line to represent the general path of your project.**



**CRITERIA: Safety**

**Are there any truck (freight) and non-motorized related safety concerns in or near the project location?**

Yes

**Please identify what are the truck (freight) and non-motorized related safety concerns and how the project will help reduce these conflicts?**

A separated bike/pathway will greatly improve safety for non-motorized users along Golden View.

**Are there any bicycle related safety concerns in or near the project location?**

Yes

**What are the bicycle related safety concerns?**

Currently, bicyclists often ride in the roadway creating unsafe conditions for themselves and vehicles. Providing a separated pathway will ameliorate this problem

**Are there any pedestrian related safety concerns in or near the project location?**

Yes

**What are the pedestrian related safety concerns?**

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

**Are there any vehicular and non-motorized related safety concerns in or near the project location?**

Yes

**What are the vehicular and non-motorized related safety concerns?**

As above, lack of a separated bike/path way means that motorists and non-motorized users may at times be in the same lane which is a very unsafe condition for all.

**Are there any safety concerns related to emergency response and non-motorized use in or near the project location?**

Yes

**What are the emergency response and non-motorized use related safety concerns?**

As above, if a non-motorized user is in the vehicle lane and an emergency vehicle appears, this will be a very unsafe situation for all. Provided a separated bike/path way will minimize these safety issues.

### **CRITERIA: Mobility**

**Is the project expected to reduce vehicular congestion?**

Yes

**How is the project expected to reduce vehicular congestion?**

If students can use this bike/pedestrian path, it will eliminate the need for their parents to drive them to school, greatly reducing congestion at the school entrance and at the Golden View/Rabbit Creek intersection.

**Is the project expected to help separate truck (freight) and non-motorized uses?**

Yes

**How is the project expected to help separate truck (freight) and non-motorized uses?**

While Golden View is not a major route for freight traffic, it is regularly used by delivery trucks. This separated bike/path way will effectively separate trucks and non-motorized users.

**Is the project expected to improve the bicycle network?**

Yes

### **How is the project expected to improve the bicycle network?**

This project will DEFINITELY improve the bicycle network which is currently non-existent in the Rabbit Creek Community Council area and most of the surrounding Hillside! As noted above, 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 Golden View Middle School and for Moen Park which is one of only two parks with playgrounds in the entire community. Other youth and family members travel along Golden View to access Bear Valley Elementary school and South High School.

### **Is the project expected to improve the pedestrian network and ADA accessibility?**

Yes

### **How is the project expected to improve the pedestrian network and ADA accessibility?**

This project will DEFINITELY improve the pedestrian network and ADA accessibility which are currently non-existent in the Rabbit Creek Community Council area and most of the surrounding Hillside! As noted above, Golden View Drive is one of the few, fairly flat roads in the Rabbit Creek community making it particularly attractive for walkers, dog walkers, and runners in an area otherwise characterized by steep narrow roads with limited sight lines. It is also primary access for Golden View Middle School and for Moen Park which is one of only two parks with playgrounds in the entire community. Other youth and family members travel along Golden View to access Bear Valley Elementary school and South High School. While ADA accessible paths in the Rabbit Creek and larger Hillside area are limited to non-existent, it should be possible to provide some ADA compliance with a graded, non-paved path in the vicinity of Golden View Middle School and along the flatter sections of Golden View Drive.

### **CRITERIA: Economic**

**Is the project expected to improve access to or within a growth supporting feature of the 2040 Land Use Plan?**

Yes

**How is the project expected to improve access to or within a growth supporting feature of the 2040 Land Use Plan?**

This project will greatly improve 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!

**Is the project located in the Chugiak - Eagle River Area?**

No

**Please identify the Land Uses associated with this project.**

The project is primarily surrounded by large lot residential development (R-6, R-7, and R-9 zoning). There is some undeveloped land, open space (PLI) and a couple smaller areas with single family homes zoned S-3SL.

**Is the project expected to promote or include transit improvements?**

No

**How is the project expected to promote or include transit improvements?**

**CRITERIA: Environment**

**Is the project expected to improve air quality?**

Yes

### **How is the project expected to improve air quality?**

More kids riding bikes and walking to school means fewer vehicles on the road! Also, more people walking and riding bikes to visit with neighbors, recreate locally, and attend community events at the school, will also reduce the number of vehicles on the road, and thus improve air quality.

### **Why is the project NOT expected to improve air quality?**

### **Is the project expected to improve systemwide Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)?**

Yes

### **How is the project expected to improve systemwide VMT?**

More kids riding bikes to school means fewer vehicles on the road! Also, more people walking walking and riding bikes to visit with neighbors, recreate locally, and attend community events at the school, will also reduce the number of vehicles on the road, and thus decrease VMT.

### **Why is the project NOT expected to improve systemwide VMT?**

### **Is the project expected to help implement the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) Climate Action Plan?**

Yes

### **How is the project expected to help implement the MOA Climate Action Plan?**

More kids riding bikes to school means fewer vehicles on the road! Also, more people walking walking and riding bikes to visit with neighbors, recreate locally, and attend community events at the school, will also help meet goals of the MOA Climate Action Plan by reducing greenhouse gas emissions as fewer vehicle miles are traveled.

**CRITERIA: Preservation**

**Is the project expected to improve sidewalk or off-street facilities?**

Yes

**How is the project expected to improve sidewalk or off-street facilities?**

Currently there is no sidewalk, only an uneven, unpaved shoulder. This project will create a friendly, safe, useable bike/path, separated from the roadway.

**Is the project expected to implement natural based solutions?**

Yes

**Which nature based solutions is the project expected to implement?**

There are currently some wetland and ponding areas adjacent to the roadway, it would be expected that project construction would ensure those areas are properly addresses with the use of nature based solutions (e.g., bio swales) where feasible.

**Is the project expected to improve transit stops?**

No

**How is the project expected to improve transit stops?**