

### Proposal

The Rogers Park Community Council Capital Improvements Projects (CIP) committee (Bob Butera, Heather Ireland, and Dave Evans) proposes revamping the process our council uses to nominate and rank our wish list of projects for submittal to the Municipality.

### CIP History

First a bit of history. Each year the Municipality of Anchorage develops two citywide lists of Capital Improvement Projects. One list includes roads and drainage, and the other is for parks. The lists and their rankings are prepared by Project Management and Engineering (PM&E) and the Park & Recreation departments. Input to the lists comes from PM&E and Parks staff, community councils, the assembly, mayor, and individual residents.

The budget for these needs is almost totally dependent on road and drainage and parks bonds. There has been essentially zero State capital funding since 2014. Needs vastly exceed available money (\$2B need, typical road and drainage bond of \$25M to \$30M and parks bond of \$3M to \$4M). So, the bottom line is that the MOA is falling behind every year. Maintenance (broken stuff) often squeezes out niceties.

There is some Federal money but usually in State Right of Way. Federal and state dollars are managed through AMATS, a separate process from the MOA CIP. Any infrastructure money will likely go through DOT.

### RPCC CIP History

Our council has submitted a long wish list every year. This list is a ranking of projects, some of which have been on the list for decades. The annual ranking of this list is done through an online (Survey Monkey) survey of council members. Survey results are tabulated, and the ranked projects are submitted to the Municipality.

### The Problem

A long list of projects, many of which are of forgotten or vague purpose, does not serve us well. With very little funding, it is best to focus on a few projects that have strong support. We would be fortunate to have even a single project advanced, and that project stands a much better chance of competing with other projects if it is well documented and strongly supported.

### The Solution

We propose to start with a clean slate of projects. Each project on this new list would be nominated by a sponsoring council member or members. This nomination would be on a standard form and would include sufficient information for other council members to understand and evaluate. The form will be created by the CIP committee, available on council website and projects could be submitted throughout the year. Projects would be shown on a council website, and voted on during a voting window in April. The sponsor will do the work of information gathering and initial drafts of the form, and then the CIP committee will review and may make suggestions for improving form content prior to posting the project on the council website.

The annual ranking of this list will be done through an online survey (such as Survey Monkey, or similar) of council members, just as it has been in the past. Survey results will be tabulated and the ranked projects submitted to the Municipality.

Having an updated set of projects with clear descriptions will enable residents to easier understand each project that they will be voting on resulting in a better survey.

Submitting a smaller ranked set of projects will allow evaluators to focus on the priorities of our council.

2022 schedule

Time is of the essence. Ideally, we need to submit our priorities by the end of May. If this proposal is approved at the April 11 meeting, nominations would be open from April 15 - mid May with the online vote to rank occurring in late May.

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