



April 2, 2024 Ballot Proposition FACT SHEET

Proposition 4

Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area **Renovating and Rehabilitating Trails and Parks, and Making Improvements at Various Parks and Recreational Facilities** **\$4,350,000**

These bonds would pay for capital improvements of renovating and rehabilitating trails and parks, and making improvements at various parks and recreational facilities and allow for increases in the municipal tax cap for annual operations and maintenance (O&M) costs in the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area. (AO 2024-7)

Projects

	Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M		Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual O & M
1. Athletic Field Safety Improvements	\$200,000	\$10,000	8. Mountain View Parks Improvements & Safety Enhancements	\$350,000	\$18,000
2. Campbell Creek Trail Rehabilitation and Way Finding	\$300,000	\$30,000	9. Mulcahy Stadium Facility Safety & ADA Upgrades	\$100,000	\$10,000
3. Eastchester Park	\$300,000	\$15,000	10. Playground Development - All-Inclusive	\$300,000	\$15,000
4. Fairview Recreation Center Improvements	\$250,000	\$13,000	11. Russian Jack Springs Park Safety and ADA Improvements	\$600,000	\$30,000
5. Fish Creek Trail to the Ocean	\$50,000	\$2,000	12. Sand Lake Dock	\$200,000	\$13,000
6. Government Hill Neighborhood Park	\$100,000	\$5,000	13. Tony Knowles Coastal Trail to Ship Creek Trail Connection	\$1,500,000	\$75,000
7. Johnny Ellis Bridge & Park Placemaking	\$100,000	\$5,000	Total	\$4,350,000	\$241,000

Project Descriptions

See attached list.

Costs Associated with Bond Approval

Bond Principal Amount	\$4,350,000
Estimated Annual Cost of Debt Service	\$333,677
Annual Increased Operations and Maintenance Costs	\$241,000

Estimated Annual Property Tax Increase for \$100,000 of Assessed Property Value:

To Retire Debt	\$ 1.04
Operations and Maintenance Costs	\$ 0.75
Total	\$ 1.79

This bond will be voted on and if approved, would impact the property taxes of properties within this service area. Property taxes of properties outside this service area should not be impacted by the passage of this bond.

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It is the expectation of the Municipality of Anchorage that the general obligation bonds proposed for April 2, 2024 will be used to make capital improvements as noted. Information contained herein describes how MOA expects to use the bond proceeds. However, as project development progresses, changes in scope, project feasibility, phasing, timeline, or estimated costs may occur that result in acceleration, delay, or adjustments related to the above projects.



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Anchorage Parks & Recreation Service Area 2024 Bond Projects List

- 1. Athletic Field Safety Improvements \$200,000 (plus \$10,000 O&M annually)**
Areawide upgrades of athletic fields for improved safety and maintenance. Parks & Recreation is working with sports groups to identify improvements to athletic fields and supporting infrastructure. The operations and maintenance (O&M) costs for out years will be assigned when the funding year approaches and the amount to operate and maintain the improvements can be more accurately assessed.
- 2. Campbell Creek Trail Rehabilitation and Way Finding \$300,000 (plus \$30,000 O&M annually)**
The Campbell Creek Trail is one of five major multi-use trails maintained by Anchorage Parks & Recreation. Funding will be used as part of a multi-year effort to resurface the trail with new asphalt, improve drainage, install new wayfinding, and replace aging bridges. The O&M costs for out years will be assigned when the funding year approaches and the amount to operate and maintain the improvements can be more accurately assessed.
- 3. Eastchester Park \$300,000 (plus \$15,000 O&M annually)**
Eastchester Park is located in the Fairview and Rogers Park neighborhoods along the Lanie Fleischer Chester Creek Trail. The Parks & Recreation Department is currently leading a community master planning effort to identify and prioritize future improvements at the park. Funding will be used to implement priorities identified through the master planning process. The O&M costs for out years will be assigned when the funding year approaches and the amount to operate and maintain the improvements can be more accurately assessed.
- 4. Fairview Recreation Center Improvements \$250,000 (plus \$13,000 O&M annually)**
The Fairview Recreation Center is an important recreation facility and community center that provides programs and resources that serve both the neighborhood and the broader Anchorage community. Built in the 1970s, the facility is aging and new improvements are needed to ensure that the facility can continue to serve Anchorage into the future. In 2023, the Parks & Recreation Department completed a Strategic Plan for the Recreation Center outlining the priorities for facility upgrades and new investments.
- 5. Fish Creek Trail to the Ocean \$50,000 (plus \$2,000 O&M annually)**
The Fish Creek Trail to the Ocean project provides a new non-motorized trail connection from the Fish Creek Trail at Northern Lights Boulevard to the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail. Parks & Recreation, in partnership with Anchorage Metropolitan Transportation Solutions (AMATS), is planning, designing, and constructing this new connection. Funding will be used as a 9.03% local match to the Department of Transportation's

federal share. O&M costs are the anticipated amount to operate and maintain the improvements and, for out years, will be assigned when the funding year approaches and the amount to operate and maintain the improvements can be more accurately assessed.

- 6. Government Hill Neighborhood Parks \$100,000 (plus \$5,000 O&M annually)**
Community identified improvements for parks and trails in the Government Hill community as established in active planning efforts. The O&M costs for out years will be assigned when the funding year approaches and the amount to operate and maintain the improvements can be more accurately assessed.
- 7. Johnny Ellis Bridge & Park Placemaking \$100,000 (plus \$5,000 O&M annually)**
This creates a new project for Johnny Ellis Rainbow Bridge & Park Placemaking at \$100,000 for 2024. The intention to include a funding request on the 2024 Parks & Recreation capital bond for the Johnny Ellis Rainbow Bridge & Park Placemaking effort. O&M will be for utilities and operating costs to keep new assets in working order.
- 8. Mountain View Parks Improvements & Safety Enhancements \$350,000 (plus \$18,000 O&M annually)**
This creates a new project for Mountain View neighborhood park improvements and safety enhancements at \$350,000 for 2024. The intention is to include a funding request on the 2024 Parks & Recreation capital bond for improvements to Davis Park which implement projects identified in the Davis Park Master Plan and for safety enhancements, such as better lighting, in multiple parks within the Mountain View neighborhood. O&M will be for utilities and operation costs to keep new assets in working order.
- 9. Mulcahy Stadium Facility Safety & ADA Upgrades \$100,000 (plus \$10,000 O&M annually)**
The Chester Creek Sports Complex is a large sports complex located in the Fairview neighborhood. The complex includes the Kosinski ballfields, Mulcahy Stadium, the Anchorage Football Stadium, and the Bonnie Cusack Memorial Hockey Rinks. Facilities are aging and in need of repair or replacement. Upgrades will address health and safety codes, infrastructure upgrades, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility improvements. The O&M costs for out years will be assigned when the funding year approaches and the amount to operate and maintain the improvements can be more accurately assessed.
- 10. Playground Development – All Inclusive \$300,000 (plus \$15,000 O&M annually)**
Anchorage Parks & Recreation manages over 80 playgrounds and is a national leader for inclusive play. Funding will be used to renovate neighborhood and community use park playgrounds to provide a more inclusive experience by upgrading play equipment and safety surfacing by removing barriers to access for children and families. The O&M costs for out years will be assigned when the funding year approaches and the amount to operate and maintain the improvements can be more accurately assessed.
- 11. Russian Jack Springs Park Safety and ADA Improvements \$600,000 (plus \$30,000 O&M annually)**
A master plan for Russian Jack Springs Park was completed in 2022. The master plan identifies community priorities for investment in current and new facilities. Funding will

be used to implement the master plan and includes projects such as safety improvements, ADA access improvements, chalet area upgrades, paved trail rehabilitation and bridge replacement, lighting, as well as new wayfinding, signage, and amenities. The O&M costs for out years will be assigned when the funding year approaches and the amount to operate and maintain the improvements can be more accurately assessed.

12. Sand Lake Dock \$200,000 (plus \$13,000 O&M annually)

The dock at Sand Lake Park is a popular feature with neighborhood families and the rowing club. In recent years, the pathway and abutment to the dock has heaved and the surrounding ground has eroded, making ADA access to the existing dock difficult. Funding will be used to reconstruct the pathway and dock abutment to create uniform ADA access to support water sports activities for all users. The O&M costs for out years will be assigned when the funding year approaches and the amount to operate and maintain the improvements can be more accurately assessed.

13. Tony Knowles Coastal Trail to Ship Creek Trail Connection \$1,500,000 (plus \$75,000 O&M annually)

The Tony Knowles Coastal Trail to Ship Creek Trail Connection project provides a new non-motorized trail connection from the Ship Creek Trail to the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail. Parks & Recreation in partnership with AMATS is planning, designing, and constructing this new connection. Funding will be used as a 9.03% local match to the Department of Transportation's federal share. The O&M costs for out years will be assigned when the funding year approaches and the amount to operate and maintain the improvements can be more accurately assessed.