

Safety Improvement Projects Planned Around Anchorage



Roadway safety is a top priority for the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF). This includes both motorist and nonmotorist safety. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) defines a Vulnerable Road User (VRU) in 23 U.S.C. §148(a) (15) as a nonmotorist who is included in the federal definitions of non-motorized fatalities or serious injuries. FHWA also commonly describes VRUs as people walking, bicycling, or rolling who are at greater risk of serious injury or death in a crash because they lack the protective structure of a motor vehicle. For transportation planning, safety assessments, and funding programs, VRUs are a major focus of the Safe System Approach and the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).

Anchorage Area Projects:

This is not a comprehensive list but intended to give a sample of projects planned around Anchorage. Not all of these projects may be VRU specific but have related elements.

HSIP 26CR03 - TUDOR ROAD AT WRIGHT STREET AND DALE STREET - VRU IMPROVEMENTS

Pedestrian safety improvements at Tudor Road & Wright Street and Tudor Road & Dale Street.

HSIP 25CR06 - MOUNTAIN VIEW DRIVE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Reconfigure roadway to 3-lane configuration from Reeve Avenue to Flower Street, driveway consolidation, raised crosswalks, and transit stop improvements/relocation. Signalized intersection improvements including leading pedestrian interval.

HSIP 25CR05 A STREET SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Reconfigure roadway to 2-lane one-way. Install traffic signal at 16th Avenue and A Street. Shared-use path and creek crossing to connect 16th Avenue to the Chester Creek Trail on the west side of A Street.

HSIP 25CR02 INGRA & GAMBELL COUPLET SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Reconfigure one-way roadways to 3-lanes each.

HSIP 25CR01 NORTHERN LIGHTS BLVD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Reconfigure roadway to remove one lane between Lake Otis Blvd and Lois Drive. Widen Sidewalk to ADA compliant standards. Consolidate driveways. Install buffered grassy area or two-way cycle track. Enhance signalized crosswalks, include 4th crossings at New Seward Highway and Minnesota Drive crossings with signalized hardware upgrades and Leading Pedestrian Intervals. Install rectangular rapid flashing beacon and raised crosswalk at Lois Drive. Install new sidewalk connection on Lois Drive from Northern Lights Blvd to Benson Blvd. Reduce speed limit to 30-MPH.

HSIP 21CR01 5TH AVE: CONCRETE ST TO KARLUK ST PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

Install pedestrian median barrier between Concrete Street and the couplet of 5th and 6th Avenues. The project scope also proposes to improve existing lighting levels to the extent practicable.

HSIP 19CR01 GAMBELL ST UTILITY POLE REMOVAL AND INCREASED PEDESTRIAN LIGHTING

Remove existing utility/lighting poles and replace with new light poles with break-away bases installed farther from travel lanes outside the ADA accessible route. Existing overhead utilities are currently being removed and reinstalled underground by Chugach Electric Company.

OTHER AMATS TIP PROJECTS THAT ALL HAVE NON-MOTORIZED IMPROVEMENTS:

- Fireweed Lane Reconstruction
- Spenard Road Rehabilitation
- Rabbit Creek Road Rehabilitation
- Potter Drive Rehabilitation
- Mountain Air Drive Extension
- Eagle River Road Pathway
- Academy – Vanguard Drive Area Traffic Circulation Improvements
- 3rd Ave Reconstruction
- 32nd Ave Upgrade
- Dale and Folker Street Reconstruction
- I/L Street Rehabilitation
- Northern Lights Sidewalk Repairs
- Glenn Highway Trail Connection
- Campbell Creek Trail Crossing at Lake Otis
- Minnesota Drive Sidewalk Repairs