



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Proposition 2

Parks & Recreation Projects

1. What is Proposition 2?

The proposition is included on the ballot for the October 6, 2020 municipal election. If approved by voters, it will authorize the issuance of \$15,000,000 in general obligation bonds for paying the cost of planning, design, and construction of municipal infrastructure, facilities and related capital improvements, including school roof replacements, municipal park improvements, street repairs, and energy efficient building maintenance projects.

2. What is the status of projects previously approved by voters for the Temporary 1% Sales Tax?

In 2017, voters approved \$500,000 for deferred maintenance in parks, with funding provided by a temporary 1% sales tax. That funding was allocated in September 2019 and is being used for the design and construction of:

- Replace playground at Sandy Beach
- Partial funding to reconstruct Capital School Park
- Replace the playground at Steelhead Street Park

In 2012, voters approved \$3.94 million in park and trail improvements. Most of those projects have been completed, including:

- Treadwell Ditch Trail repairs and bridge replacements
- Construction of the Horse Tram Trail at Amalga Meadows Natural Area Park
- New bathroom and concession stand at Dimond Park
- New concession stand at Melvin Park
- Replace tennis courts, playground, lighting, and picnic areas at Cope Park
- New parking lot at the Jensen-Olsen Arboretum
- Replace playground at Riverside Rotary Park
- Repair drainage, dock, sidewalks and lighting at Twin Lakes Park

Chicken Yard Park improvements, drainage repairs at Capital School Park, and expanded park facilities in Lemon Creek are in progress.

3. What Parks & Recreation projects would be completed with this bond?

These projects will address needed repairs and maintenance of Juneau's most heavily used parks and facilities according to the Department's list of deferred maintenance. These priorities include, but are not limited to:

- *Treadwell Ice Arena*
 - Repair leaking roof

- *Adair-Kennedy Memorial Park*
 - Repair Track
 - Replace restroom/concession building
 - Repair entry plaza and fencing

- *Capital School Park*
 - Replace playground equipment
 - Repair drainage
 - Repair basketball court

- *Melvin Park*
 - Replace broken field lighting

- *Savikko Park*
 - Replace playground equipment
 - Repair parking lot
 - Repair park entry, including sidewalks

- *Cope Park*
 - Finish paving parking lot
 - Drainage improvements
 - Install ADA-accessible sidewalks

- *Hank Harmon Rifle Range*
 - Range safety improvements
 - Drainage improvements
 - New shooting benches

4. When would the work begin?

Planning and design for these projects could begin immediately after bond funds are approved by voters and appropriated by the Assembly. Weather permitting, construction would begin on several projects in early 2021.

5. Are these projects urgent? Could they be deferred into the future?

Some projects are urgently needed to maintain public safety and protect public facilities (i.e. Treadwell Ice Arena roof repairs). Old and inaccessible playground equipment will be replaced with newer and safer playgrounds. Other projects address long-standing maintenance needs that continue to get worse with time. Some can be deferred, but maintenance costs will increase the longer they are left undone.

6. What will happen if the bond is not approved?

Large projects will not be completed without future funding, such as repairing roof leaks at Treadwell Arena and repaving parking lots. Repairing other facilities and replacing equipment that has reached the end of its useful life will be delayed. For example, current CIP funding allows the Department to replace one playground every two to three years. This means most playgrounds will be 25 to 35 years old before they are replaced; playground equipment should be replaced every 10 to 15 years.

More Information

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