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## MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

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**To:** Mayor and City Council Members  
**From:** Christopher Maines, Planning Director  
**Through:** Jack Savo Jr., Acting City Manager  
**Date:** November 19, 2025  
**Re:** December 2025 Report

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**PLANNING COMMISSION:** The Planning Commission met on November 12, 2025. The main topics of discussion involved reviewing the comments from the kick-off meeting with Agnew::Beck, Road Maintenance and Ownership, and Parking Lot Standards. It was decided to focus the December meeting on Road Maintenance and Ownership. I will be compiling municipal code, DOT owned roads, the Curyung Tribal Council's Long Term Transportation Plan, and other information. Depending on the discussion we should have a resolution to present to the City Council by January. I will be attending public meetings over the next few weeks to discuss this issue. I will be speaking at the CANDU meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup> and will be working with Cade Woods to develop a presentation for UAF's Lunch and Learn. I encourage Council members to attend our Planning Commission or these other public meetings to hear the discussion.

**EPA Landfill Appropriation:**

The City of Dillingham's 4.72-million-dollar project officially started on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Now that the government shutdown is over, I have heard back from our EPA contracts and grant specialist. She assured me that our contract is entering the final stage and we should expect our agreement before the Thanksgiving Holiday. This has been a long process, but it finally appears we will be able to begin work by December.

**Harbor Lights and Harbor South End:**

We have been in communication with Nushagak Electric on behalf of the City of Dillingham. Since the weather has changed and the ground is now frozen, we have decided to postpone the construction activities until Spring of 2026. We have contacted Nushagak Electric and have requested a meeting in February/March of 2026 to coordinate the details and try and get the work accomplished before the Harbor starts receiving fishing vessels.

**Snag Point Erosion Appropriation:**

I have been working with Acting City Manager Jack Savo Jr. on this project. I have completed a scope of work and budget for review by FEMA. The scope and budget were reviewed on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Only a few questions and suggestions were offered, and I have since made the changes and adjustments. We are still being held to a strict timeline, and we are in the process of requesting an extension. We will update the Council when we receive a response from our funder on whether an extension is granted or not.

### **Dillingham Airport Waterline Extension:**

The Council awarded RESPEC with the contract for engineering and design on the airport waterline extension. RESPEC has already begun their work and has scheduled a site visit for December 2<sup>nd</sup> through December 4<sup>th</sup>. They will be in town to look at our existing system and gather preliminary data. I will also be providing them with previous documents on past waterline extension models that were designed for the City of Dillingham in 2015 and 2022. I am excited to get started on this project.

### **Rural Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Deployment (ARED) Project**

I was connected with Andrea Tousignant, MPA, at the Alaska Municipal League through Kristina Andrew of Deerstone Consulting. After reviewing Andrea's proposal for the Alaska Rural Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Deployment (ARED) project, I found the initiative compelling and am looking forward to discussing this opportunity with Andrea to explore potential collaboration on advancing EV adoption in rural Alaskan communities.

### **Updates/News:**

I was contacted and held a meeting with a local future business owner. He had recently won a small business competition sponsored by BBNC for his E-Bike rental business. We discussed permits and requirements for a business of this type. I wanted the Council to be aware because his idea could prove to be very helpful to residents, fisherman, and potential tourists. Plus supporting local business is always a good thing. As more details become available, I will provide them.

### **CIP 2024-2029**

Below is the list of the top projects from the latest Capital Improvement Program. The CIP is reviewed annually, and new projects may be submitted for review and inclusion.

<b>1 Downtown Fire Hall Replacement. Estimated</b>	<b>\$14,018,000</b>
<b>2 Water System Improvements. Phase IV PFAS</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>
<b>3 Wastewater System Upgrades. Improvements beyond the Harbor</b>	<b>\$8,649,519</b>
<b>4 Harbor Revetments and Breakwater/Emergency Bank Stabilization</b>	<b>\$1,659,000</b>
<b>5 New Landfill Trash or Ash Cell</b>	<b>\$ 6,500,000</b>
<b>6 Snag Point Erosion/Sewer Lagoon Bank Stabilization</b>	<b>\$4,800,000</b>
<b>7 Replace one well at the Landfill for Ground Water Monitoring</b>	<b>\$89,500</b>
<b>8 Repair Landfill Shop</b>	<b>\$1,300,000</b>