

CITY OF DILLINGHAM, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-27

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DILLINGHAM,
ALASKA, ADOPTING THE SIX-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR
FISCAL YEARS 2026 THROUGH 2032; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO
INCORPORATE THE PLAN INTO THE ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS; AND
PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS**

WHEREAS, Alaska Statute § 29.35.100 requires the governing body of a municipality to establish the manner for the preparation and submission of the budget and capital program, and to hold public hearings prior to approving the budget; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 4.05 of the Dillingham Municipal Code establishes the Capital Projects Fund and sets forth requirements for the adoption and submission of the Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan and Legislative Priorities; and

WHEREAS, DMC § 4.05.010(B) defines the “Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan” as an annual update and long-range need projection of the City, included as a part of the annual budget; and

WHEREAS, DMC § 4.05.020 establishes the Capital Projects Fund for use exclusively for capital projects, including planning, design, engineering, and associated costs, with monies drawn from unappropriated reserves or other sources as the Council deems appropriate; and

WHEREAS, The City Council, in the exercise of its fiscal responsibility and in recognition of the complexity of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget process, gave priority attention to the adoption of the annual operating budget and the establishment and funding of the Capital Projects Fund, both of which were accomplished in accordance with AS § 29.35.100 and DMC Chapter 4.05; and

WHEREAS, The Council's deliberate and thorough approach to the Fiscal Year 2026 budget cycle ensured the financial stability of the City's operating and capital infrastructure, and the Capital Projects Fund was funded and preserved through that process, protecting the City's capacity to advance capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, The Dillingham Planning Commission conducted a comprehensive scoring and prioritization process for thirty-one (31) capital improvement projects using a weighted six-criterion rubric, with independent scores provided by six (6) Planning Commission members, producing a thoroughly vetted and documented project ranking; and

WHEREAS, The six scoring criteria and their respective weights are: Economic Development (×13), Project Need (×15), Quality of Life (×18), Health and Safety (×20), Reduces Costs (×12), and Comprehensive Plan Alignment (×22), for a maximum possible score of five hundred (500) points per project; and

WHEREAS, The Planning Commission has organized the thirty-one (31) projects into three priority tiers: High Priority (composite average score of 350 or greater), Medium Priority

(composite average score of 300 to 349), and Lower Priority (composite average score below 300); and

WHEREAS, The additional time afforded by the Council's sequenced approach has allowed the Planning Commission to complete its full feedback and comment process, strengthening the quality and defensibility of the CIP as presented to the Council and to state and federal funding partners; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has conducted the required public hearing(s) on the Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan in accordance with DMC § 4.05.040 and AS § 29.35.100; and

WHEREAS, Adoption of the Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan at this time positions the City of Dillingham to pursue available grant funding, to develop a strong Legislative Priority submission for the upcoming Alaska legislative session, and to guide capital budget decisions for Fiscal Years 2026 through 2032; and

WHEREAS, The City Council finds that completion of the Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan adoption process, grounded in the Planning Commission's rigorous scoring methodology and the Council's commitment to fiscal stewardship, is in the best interest of the City of Dillingham and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DILLINGHAM, ALASKA, as follows:

Section 1. Adoption of the Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan. The City Council of the City of Dillingham hereby completes the adoption of the Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2026 through 2032 (the "CIP"), consisting of thirty-one (31) capital improvement projects as scored and prioritized by the Planning Commission. The CIP is incorporated herein by reference and shall serve as the official capital planning document of the City of Dillingham for the purposes of grant applications, budget preparation, and state and federal funding requests.

Section 2. Capital Projects Fund. The City Council recognizes that the Capital Projects Fund was established and funded through the adopted Fiscal Year 2026 budget in accordance with DMC §§ 4.05.020 and 4.05.030. Expenditures from the Capital Projects Fund for planning, design, engineering, and construction related to projects identified in the adopted CIP are hereby authorized in accordance with DMC § 4.05.050. The Council may designate Capital Projects Fund monies as local match for grant-funded projects, or as the full funding commitment where no external funding is available.

Section 3. Priority Tiers. The projects identified in the CIP are organized into the following priority tiers based on the Planning Commission's composite scoring:

High Priority (5 projects)	≥ 350 Urgent/essential projects with immediate health, safety, or infrastructure necessity.
Medium Priority (8 projects)	300–349 Necessary projects required for functional public services; deferrable short-term.
Lower Priority (18 projects)	Below 300 Deferrable projects enhancing the community; funded as resources allow.

Section 4. Budget Integration. The City Manager is directed to incorporate the adopted Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan into the Fiscal Year 2026 budget framework and to present Year 1 projects for Council consideration during the next available appropriation cycle. The adopted CIP shall serve as the governing document for all capital expenditure planning through Fiscal Year 2032.

Section 5. Legislative Priority List. Consistent with DMC §§ 4.05.040 and 4.05.070, the City Manager is directed to develop a preliminary Legislative Priority List drawing from the High Priority and Medium Priority projects identified in the adopted CIP, and to submit such list to the City Council no later than the first Thursday of August 2026 for Council review and adoption following public hearing. The Council recognizes that adoption of the CIP at this time provides a strong, documented foundation for the upcoming legislative session.

Section 6. Additional Projects. Any capital project not included in the adopted CIP that may qualify for Capital Projects Fund monies shall be subject to a public hearing to determine eligibility prior to appropriation, as required by DMC § 4.05.060. The Council may amend the CIP by resolution following the required public hearing process.

Section 7. Annual Update. The Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan shall be updated annually and submitted in June as part of the fiscal budgeting process in accordance with DMC § 4.05.070. The City Manager and Planning Director are directed to initiate the FY 2027 scoring and update process no later than January 2027 to ensure the June submission deadline is met in the coming year.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption by the City Council of the City of Dillingham.

PASSED and ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Dillingham City Council on August 6, 2026.

Alice Ruby, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Abigail Flynn, City Clerk