

- **Grants/Projects update:**

- Compost Facility

No Update – Still waiting to hear on the SWIFER Grant submittal.

DRC - Recycling Center

Update – RESPEC submitted the site survey deliverables so we can issue an RFP. The RFP has been drafted as of this writing and should be posted before the General Meeting.

- Good River Bridge Repair and Embankment Stabilization Project

Update – RESPEC project and engineer staff were in town to perform a site visit, and the survey crew was here the week of September 2nd to perform the initial survey for the project. The project person and engineer met with Justin Marchbanks (landowner near ROW) and John Barry. The 20% design package is due on October 31, 2025.

- PIDP – Dock/Floats Protection - MARAD funding

Update – The grant has been submitted with a lot of help from ADOT...and now we wait.

[MARAD-250225-001 Updated PIDP Notice of Funding Opportunity | MARAD](#)

- FLAP – Federal Lands Access Program for the sidepath from Good River corner to the NPS Boundary

Update – Received the Scope and Sequencing documents from ADOT. There were some materials amounts and consequently cost concerns for the total amount to submit for the grant and for our resolution. Tuesday Oct 7, Elm Robichaud of Fairweather Construction, the gravel pit operator, John Barry our engineering consultant and I had a meeting with ADOT engineers, project staff and others to determine amounts and type of materials we could use from Gustavus, and what other materials had to be imported. The ADOT engineers will revise that SSE before we submit the FLAP grant.

- Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program (RTA) Application

Update – This has also been submitted with major help from AML. Similar to PIDP. This is a first come first served application. It is unknown when the awards will be announced.

<https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/RuralandTribalGrants>

- FEMA – AFF Water Tender

No Update

- Septage Study

Update – The 95% PER (Preliminary Engineering Report) was sent out to the community soliciting comments. So far none have been received (as of this writing). The report will need to advance to the multi-agency review committee despite the lack of comments.

To reiterate since there are new council members. At some point the council will need to decide the role they wish the City to play in this issue and the amount of resources they wish to dedicate towards a solution. Since we have no Public Works personnel/department it is very time consuming. I have suggested that a working group needs to be formed.

- Safe Streets for All (SS4A)

Update – The grant agreement has been fully executed. We met with AML who is the subrecipient to iron out details, allowable indirect costs and other details. AML is drafting their agreement as the subrecipient and will submit it to us. Jim Mackovjak continues to attend the cohort and other meetings for the SS4A process.

- I attended Southeast Conference in Sitka the week of September 15th. As always, it was invaluable to be there to learn what was going on in all of the community and regional initiatives as well as updated by various business sectors of Southeast Alaska. Being able to network with representatives of these business sectors and with other community representatives is always advantageous.

Among other presentations of interest – you may want to check out the Visitor Industry and Transportation presentations on Tuesday and the Breakout Work Session /Transportation Plan on Thursday. [2025 Annual Meeting Conference Presentations - Southeast Conference](#) Here is the publication for Southeast by the Numbers [Southeast Alaska By the Numbers - Southeast Conference](#) presented by Meilani Schijvens from Rain Coast Data. They did present and pass the Sea Otter Resolution at the Annual Membership Meeting. [Meeting Materials - Southeast Conference](#)

- **Xunaa Borough Update:** Mayor will update on this.
- **Internet cell booster connected to the dock** – The work was completed on September 2. Recently, I went and checked out the connectivity capability and found 3 bars right next to the building and 2 bars in the ferry staging area away from the building. It should serve the purpose of having cell connectivity in case of an emergency. Thanks to ADOT for the MOU and for getting the Starlink equipment installed.
- **Strengthening Gateway Communities:** Met with Joni Seay, her admin and 2 maintenance staff on September 23rd. Main topic of conversation was about the possibility of the assisting with septage disposal in the future – potentially after it has been dewatered. They are checking with environmental folks at region to see if it can be transported into the park. Let's just say, there was not as much enthusiasm as I had hoped for. Another topic was having Bartlet Cove visitors be able to come into Gustavus more to be able to visit local businesses.
- A list of other items:
 - Continue to participate in weekly Infrastructure Office Hours and other related meetings and seminars, including discussions with ADOT on various projects.
 - At SE Conference I asked Alaska Airlines and Alaska Seaplanes to donate freight to cover the costs to ship 5 sets of used turnout gear to the Two Rivers Fire Department outside of Fairbanks. They agreed and we are working on the paperwork needed to accomplish that task. Johan is the liaison between GVFD and GVFD for that process as he has connections with the Two Rivers FD.
 - Continue to respond to septage concerns.
 - Various HR and tax issue matters
 - Civil Work Permits approval process continues which require some inspections and working through expectations. Council Member Taylor continues to assist for adherence to requirements and closing out the permits.
 - AFFF disposal of two containers still underway but still waiting on shipping quotes. Sea Level Transport apparently cannot schedule it right now and there is a transition in the ownership of Frontier Freight, so we have not received a quote yet.
 - Continued to investigate the FF1 training cost proposal and scheduling by working with UAF on a contract training instead of a tuition based training. They have submitted a cost proposal which is included in the Project request document submitted for your approval at this meeting.
- Any Council Questions or Comments?