

- **Grants/Projects update:**

- Compost Facility

No Update – During her visit, I drove Senator Murkowski and her staff to the DRC (among other locations) and showed her the where the compost quonset used to be and the site if the anticipated compost facility upgrades. I explained that SWIFR has not been funded for the last two cycles and that is why we have submitted CDS requests for the last few years.

DRC - Recycling Center

Update – RESPEC, engineering contractor is working on the 15 design. We had our monthly update meeting with the Region 10 project person, and I have submitted a budget revision to include temporary personnel costs in order to bring Paul Berry on to assist with the project. We additionally had to reallocate some budget line items to accommodate the increase in engineering costs. WE are awaiting approval for the revision from the EPA grants manager on the revision request.

- Good River Bridge Repair and Embankment Stabilization Project

No Update –Waiting on the 100% design documents which will be in early May to submit a supplemental request. John Barry and I will be preparing this request with input from RESPEC to submit to the Denali Commission.

- PIDP – Dock/Floats Protection - MARAD funding

No Update –The grant has been submitted, and we are awaiting notification – one way or the other. The new NOFO is out, and we are working with ADOT on a couple of improvements in preparation of a 2026 application.

[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 – We were just notified that we were approved for the funding for this project. The Program Decision Committee (PDC) approved \$650,00 for Phase I design and once presented with the final option/scope of the project, the remaining budget is \$2,615,000. This is a total of \$3,265,000. We will first need to determine when FHWA will have the funds available. If the funds are only available later on like FY28 or 29, it is possible that we might be able to start Design before then using other funds and then paying it back when the funds become available. ADOT is looking into this. Kirk Miller, engineer at ADOT is ready to go as soon as we know about funding. This project will need to be added to the STIP.

- Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program (RTA) Application

Update –We were just notified that we were not funded under this program, which was first come first served. Even though the application was entered as soon as the portal opened, it did not make the cut. They received more than 799 applications of which 49 communities were funded, and funding was exhausted before they reviewed our application. <https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/RuralandTribalGrants>

- FEMA – AFG Water Tender

No Update – Apparently the FEMA offices are still on hold. We requested an extension for the period of performance on 2/9/26, resent a message and received a canned out of office response due to federal funding hold.

- Septage Management

Update I submitted a PER update funding request through VSW based on the changes that occurred during the PER period. We have not heard back on this yet. We had a meeting with Senator Kiehl, Mayor Beth Weldon, representatives from Juneau Public Works, John Barry, Justin Marchbanks, Mayor McLaughlin, Theo Graber from RCAC, Kristin Freiburger of Shannon and Wilson, Trevor Richards of Juneau Septic, and Norma Fleek who

prompted the meeting. I am not sure that we really got anywhere in the brief time we had. I think the next step is to get information about regulatory details from ADEC before we can proceed to engage more with CBJ.

- Safe Streets for All (SS4A)

No Update – Waiting on AML for next steps in the process. AML is the subrecipient for SS4A.

- Thriving Communities Cohort

- *Update* - At the Infrastructure Development Symposium this week (4/7-4/9) there is a Thriving Communities cohort meeting the afternoon of 4/8. Some of the topics/training will include:
 - Build project management skills tailored to rural Alaska
 - Connect directly with federal funding partners
 - Learn from peers advancing similar projects

We are working on task order details to engage the chosen firm on the next steps.

- RE-VEEP

Update - New! An opportunity came forward for the Library to submit a grant application through the Alaska Energy Authority. This agency award grants to eligible entities within Alaska to finance building-scale renewable energy, energy efficiency, and conservation projects in public buildings and facilities located in rural Alaska. Through these types of projects, communities are able reduce their energy consumption and costs. Melisa submitted a grant for an energy audit and a boiler replacement, and we were just notified that it was approved for \$14,500.

Strengthening Gateway Communities: We had a meeting with the NPS on 3/20. The meeting was to have been with someone from the Regional Office, but they were not in attendance. There are minutes from this meeting and the previous meeting which can be shared with council.

- A list of other tasks/items:

- **Storm Event:** We had the Recovery Scoping Meeting on 3/24. Now the work begins of separating the various categories of damages and mitigation projects. I have been working with Ben and GBC to gather costs and figure out which category they go in for possible cost recovery. I will be a JBER on Friday to work with the DHSEM staff to wind our way through the morass of paperwork needed to document the projects and associated costs, much of which was snow removal.
- Regularly attended scheduled Infrastructure Office Hours and other meetings and seminars, including community engagement, grant/project updates, and our Thriving Communities cohort.
- Various HR items – (including evaluations)
- Worked with Melisa and Mark Berry on a RE-VEEP Grant submission for an energy audit and boiler replacement in the library. (Recently approved!)
- Continued coordination on roads and snow issues.
- RESPEC kickoff meeting for the DRC facility with John Barry.
- Contract with and meet with Alcyon Consulting for the grant support documentation project and attended a kickoff meeting

- Council Questions or Comments?