

- **Grants update:**

We continue to work through the day-to-day changes and challenges in funding direction from the current administration.

- National League of Cities – Advancing Economic Mobility - Match AP&T for heat pump acquisition.

*Update* – We have now paid out incentives for 13 heat pump incentives. The DRC office is mostly installed and awaiting electric hookup. One will be installed at the Old PO and the Heat Pump for the firehall is awaiting delivery. Some applicants still need to submit additional information. WE recently sent out another flyer to promote the program. Deadline to close out the grant is May 31, 2025. We are working with National League of Cities to allow installation costs beyond the basic incentive at the firehall.

- Compost Facility

*Update* –I submitted a CDS request for FY26 which was similar to the submittal of FY25. We were recently notified that the Continuing Resolution earlier this month excluded all Congressionally Directed Spending (aka earmarks), which means that none of the projects that Senator Murkowski advanced in the Senate bills were ultimately enacted, therefore the FY 25 request, which had been approved out of the appropriations subcommittee is not happening. For those of us who did resubmit, Senator Murkowski’s office is waiting on more clarity on the FY26 timeline – at this time, no formal timelines have been announced by the Appropriations Committee. All FY26 CDS requests will be reviewed as part of a fresh evaluation process, alongside new submissions. Prior inclusion in FY25 bills does not guarantee selection in this year’s process. I am still waiting to hear from the SWIFR grant application. According to their timeline they are still evaluating the applications.

- DRC - Recycling Center

*Update* –The additional budget detail documents and federal forms have been uploaded and other budget detail submitted to the Region 10 EPA representative who we deal with. They are checking with their grants specialist to see if we need to provide more detail to activities under the workplan for certain line items. It’s always something!

Good River Bridge Repair and Embankment Stabilization Project

*Update* – The Award Has Been Issued! Now the work begins. This project is for \$792,500 of which \$710,000 is from the Denali Commiission and \$82,500 is a local contribution. Some of that will include an indirect amount, some staff time and some local capital funds. We can share the project budget and other information if anyone is interested. A resolution for this project was passed in February 2023.

- PIDP – Dock/Floats Protection

*Update* - Looking at updated NOFO with ADOT to see if we can resubmit for 2025. Due end of April.

- FEMA – AFF Water Tender

*Update* - So far this funding hasn’t been put on hold, but we have been advised that there will be an additional layer of scrutiny on any funds being requested and now emails, instead of going to the Regional FEMA office, to the Fire Program Specialist who we were dealing with, have to be directed to some generic email that apparently goes to somewhere in the abyss in DC.

- **Septage Study**  
*Update* – The 65% Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) was completed and sent to the community for comment. I submitted the comments we received to ADEC, who in turn is working with HDR, along with involvement from the multi-agency review committee, (under contract for the PER) to prepare the 95% PER. There are several considerations being looked at and the 95% report is not yet finalized. It will be sent out once it is received. They are trying to develop a PER that is approved by the multi-agency review committee so that Gustavus is eligible to apply for design and construction funding for this project following the completion of the PER.
- **Safe Streets for All**  
*No Update* – This is still on hold at the Federal Highway Administration level. There is a pause on executing grant agreements while the Administration evaluates all grant programs. Another similar grant was submitted under a Thriving Communities application which ultimately is funded via the EPA. Mayor McLaughlin has more information on that process. But that is also on hold for the moment.

- **Request for Reconsideration** on the Xunaa Borough was not granted. We have moved into the court appeal process. Mayor McLaughlin has more to report on this to bring everyone current. Information was sent out to News with links to the LBC information.
- After meeting with him in Juneau in February, Governor’s Chief of Staff Tyson Gallagher, set up a meeting with ADOT Commissioner Anderson, GBC, Kriss Hart of Western Marine Construction, Mike Taylor, and me. Tyson facilitated the meeting where we discussed how to get to outcomes that will work for the City and ADOT. Discussion topics were using the ferry ramp to unload materials more easily and economically, an internet cell booster connected to the dock facility, roads in general along with local drainage issues that involve city and ADOT ROW, and the LE issue at the airport. I have already been contacted by the Director of Management and Administration for ADOT to get the specs on the booster.
- **Roads** – GBC continues to work on the roads. They did some grading during our nice stretch of drier weather. They have been completing road shoulder brushing and maintenance on several roads, as well as adding material, particularly on Rink Creek Road. If anyone has concerns, rather than calling City Hall, please send those concerns by filling out a form that can be found here: <https://www.gustavus-ak.gov/roads/webform/road-maintenance-concerns-reports> We also get copies of the reports.
- A brief list of other items:
  - Participate in weekly Infrastructure Office hours and other related meetings and seminars such as the EPA Tools and Resources Webinar: Addressing Emerging Contaminants in Wastewater Treatment Systems.
  - Collaborated with John Barry on the gravel pit contract and RFP for a single operator. Those documents are being finalized and should be ready to publish this week.
  - City budget review and deliberations with Mayor and Treasurer
  - HR items
  - Completed the necessary paperwork for the containers of PFAS to be removed under the new ADEC program that was a result of the passage of the PFAS bill last session. Shannon and Wilson is facilitating that process as a third-party intermediary since they have the disposal connections.
  - Will attend the 5th Annual Infrastructure Development Symposium the week of April 21<sup>st</sup>. AML, in partnership with Sen. Murkowski, delivers opportunities to advance and strengthen infrastructure across Alaska through active engagement and coordination. It is held consecutively with the Congressional Delegation’s Grants Symposium, a clearinghouse of agencies to assist with information and planning.
- Any Council Questions or Comments?