

- **Grants/Projects update:**

- Compost Facility

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

DRC - Recycling Center

Update – RESPEC – the same firm as for the Good River Bridge - was just here to perform the topographical and boundary surveys necessary to help develop the engineering RFP.

- 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.

PIDP – Dock/Floats Protection

Update –The deadline for submittal is September 10, 2025. I have been working with AML and ADOT to coordinate the information that needs to be submitted for this grant – community information, dock usage data, testimonials and photos/videos. ADOT is preparing the budget and engineer estimates and then they format the entire proposal. We have received a couple of letters of support and are waiting for a couple more. The intent is to submit by September 9th.

Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program (RTA) Application

Update – I have been working with ADOT and AML to resubmit this application. It is a similar request as the PIDP. It is a first come first served application submittal and much simpler than the PIDP application. There were problems with the website and other factors the last time we submitted this and so they pulled back the application process for everyone and then just recently published an Amended Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The application has been updated according to the new NOFO and will be submitted at the opening bell on September 8th. <https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/RuralandTribalGrants>

- FEMA – AFF Water Tender

No Update - We are still investigating the waiver process.

- 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.

Apparently Representative Andy Story met with CBJ about our septage issues. I was not invited to this meeting and was only made aware of it because Norma Fleek was in contact with the representative's office on this issue. I am unclear if that was an oversight or because whoever was sending out the emails left out a letter in my address and so none of the correspondence was coming to me. I just now received an update from the representative's staff person informing me of the outcomes from that meeting and stating she had mistyped my address. There are some misconceptions about the City of Gustavus' role in this situation and additionally I believe that they don't understand that this is not dewatered septage, so shipping capabilities and potential solutions are not appropriate to what they envisioned. Suffice it to say I need to respond to the report of the meeting. I only wish we could have participated.

At some point the council will need to decide the role they wish the City to play in this issue and how much resources they wish to dedicate towards a solution. Since we have no Public Works personnel/department it is very time consuming. Perhaps a working group needs to be formed.

- Safe Streets for All (SS4A)

Update – The grant agreement has been fully executed. WE are now waiting on the agreement for services from AML as the subrecipient. Jim Mackovjak continues to attend the cohort and other meetings for the SS4A process.

- **Xunaa Borough Update:** Mayor will update on this.
- **Internet cell booster connected to the dock** – The work was completed on September 2, and I’m told there were no glitches in the installation. I have been advised by ATS that ADOT was able to see that the Starlink and Meraki devices were online and could see the cell booster connected with activity but were unable to assess it right then because Sol had to activate the FirstNet device. I’m told it was activated but as of this writing, I don’t know the actual results of whether there is now a good signal.
- **Strengthening Gateway Communities:** I have a meeting with Joni Seay and relevant staff on September 23rd. Main topic of conversation will be about the possibility of the assisting with septage in the future – potentially after it has been dewatered.
- 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.
 - Continue to respond to septage concerns.
 - Alaska Technical Solutions and ADOT have installed the Starlink equipment and cell booster on the generator building at the dock. At this writing I am awaiting the evaluation of the signal.
 - Various HR matters – including finalizing job descriptions, and employee evaluations
 - Investigate federal procurement rules and draft additional professional services contracts
 - Civil Work Permits approval process continues which require some inspections and working through expectations. Thanks again Council Member Taylor for assisting on these permits for adherence to requirements and closing out the permits.
 - AFFF disposal of two containers still underway – in contact with Shannon and Wilson for this process. Still waiting on shipping quotes.
 - Assisting with the FF1 training costs and scheduling by working with UAF on a contract training instead of a tuition based training. They have submitted a cost proposal which will be included in the Project request document.
- Any Council Questions or Comments?