

- **Grants update:**

- Good River Bridge Repairs and Embankment Stabilization – Denali Commission – 792,500 (79,490 match)
Update – We received from the Denali Commission an award of 710,000. We received an answer on the indirect rate, but it is a bit convoluted. We will have a kickoff meeting for this project, and I hope to get clarification on what those totals might look like. We still need to submit a Scope, Budget and Risk Assessment Questionnaire in order to get the award agreement documents.
- Safe Streets 4 All Sidepath Planning Grant – Federal USDOT – 200K
Update – **This was approved.** Jim Mackovjak, Ben Sadler and I participated in a kickoff meeting on 10/08/24 to review the requirements that we need to submit for the Action Plan and Development of the Grant Agreement so the award can proceed.
- Brothers Helping Brothers – Lucas Device
Update- Sol met with the USDA staff in Wasilla while he was at the Firefighters Conference last week. They provided him with an application and other paperwork to apply to their Community Facilities Program.
- National League of Cities – Advancing Economic Mobility – Match AP&T for heat pump acquisition - 20K
Update - We have received 4 applications so far. The city will be making application for 3 units. We participated in the first coaching call meeting and have a grant mid-point call next Wednesday. The recipient questionnaire has been sent to NLC to be sure it includes the data they would like to capture.
- CDS for Compost Facility –was moved by Senator Murkowski
No update - Although the **\$596,000.00** project was included in the Senate committee appropriations bill, the committee bill still needs to pass the full Senate, and then the Senate and the House need to reconcile the different versions of the appropriations bills. Since all they managed to pass was a continuing resolution, we do not know if and when this will come to fruition. Even then the appropriations bill needs to be passed and signed into law. They do not have a timeline on when this will occur and are slightly ambivalent on the process at this point.
- Crossett Foundation Salmon River Park Phase II Playground Expansion Pathway – 20K
Update - We received the payment from Crossett this week and Chuck Schroth has begun construction of the pathway.
- DRC Recycling Center
Update - We continue to work on the permitting process and draft work plan and budget for the project. The CATEX has been submitted and hopefully will be approved so we do not have to do a NEPA study.
- AFG- Water Tender
Update – Work of filling out all the FEMA documentation in order to receive the grant award. I am still waiting on indirect cost rate information. You have before you an NCO for the required match. Whether or not we can use the 10 percent indirect rate towards our cost share, we may still need that amount towards the purchase price.

- **Grants update continued**

- PIDP – 2M

- No update* - This project will advance the planning and design for a critical small boat harbor system in the rural town of Gustavus, Alaska. This grant will fund a feasibility study and preliminary design to at least 35%, to include a Federal NEPA document. Award announcements are expected sometime in early November.

- The GVFD Truck and Skid Unit

- Update* – The paperwork was submitted from our end and grant agreement has been received from DCCED and is fully executed. Specs for the truck have been developed and that document needs to be finalized so we can obtain quotes for the vehicle and other equipment.

- The Cybersecurity Assessment report from Structured is complete and Sol, Liesl and I participated in an overview of the assessment with our Managed Services Provider ATS. I have one printed copy of the report if anyone wants to read it. It is only accessible electronically via ShareFile, and you need a sign on to access it. One council member – Brian Taylor has been given access to review it. We need to have another session with remaining staff and any council members who may be interested. We will need to work with Alaska Technical Solutions and Structured with any implementation plans going forward.

- Transportation Planning – As this has particular impact to Gustavus, I am repeating the description of the meeting for the benefit of new council members. Additionally, I have emailed the meeting facilitator to see if the follow-up report will be forthcoming soon. I wanted to include it with this report but have not received anything yet.

- On August 21st Councilman Taylor and I, along with Justin Marchbanks from Glacier Bay Construction, Lee Parker from Frontier Freight and Julene Kearns on behalf of the charter fleet and Wilson Road interests, participated in an all-day Transportation Workshop at the Admin meeting room at Bartlett Cove. Council Member Mackovjak joined us a little later to talk about the SS4A and sidepath. The NPS was represented by Joni Seay, Acting Deputy Superintendent. There were ADOT planners and other ADOT representatives such as AMHS director and the Southcoast Region Director either present or on Zoom. There were also FHWA representatives who participated. Britta Hamre from AML facilitated the discussion. We reviewed our transportation projects and needs and then were presented an overview of Funding Opportunities and resources, many of which were agencies to which we had already submitted a funding request. Since then, we have received two notifications of awards. We additionally determined priorities for transportation funding applications and took a deep dive on a few of the projects. Both Lee and Justin as commercial enterprises contributed a lot of information and concerns. A follow-up report from the meeting will be forthcoming from AML.

- I attended the Southeast Conference Annual Meeting in Ketchikan the week of September 23rd.

- Among many beneficial sessions and presentations SE Conference has been working on the development of the Southeast Economic Strategic Action Plan. Through that process, 81 potential initiatives have been developed. You can download that document here: www.raincoastdata.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Potential-Southeast-Conference-CEDS-Initiatives-2030.pdf

- The conference agenda and the presentations are linked here: [2024 Annual Meeting Presentations - Southeast Conference \(seconference.org\)](http://seconference.org) Southeast Alaska By the Numbers can be found here: [Southeast Alaska By the Numbers - Southeast Conference \(seconference.org\)](http://seconference.org) There are a couple of printed agendas and Southeast Alaska by the Numbers documents remaining here at City Hall if anyone wants to look at them. You the data on responses to the Business Climate Survey here: <https://www.raincoastdata.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Southeast-Alaska-Business-Climate-2024.pdf?4bab4e&4bab4e> Quality of Life highest percentage was from Gustavus!

- I was both surprised and humbled that Gustavus was selected to receive the Community of the Year Award. You can see the plaque on the wall by the inside door. At the time of this report, I am still trying to find out the criteria for being nominated and selected. I hope to have that information by meeting time. I was asked to provide the criteria for the nomination. Here is what is the criteria from the form (except identifying information).

Requirements

1. Must be a member of Southeast Conference for at least (3) years commitment to the SE region.
2. Incorporated municipality; or an incorporated community non-profit, or tribal government providing municipal type service located in SE Alaska.
3. Community completed (or will complete in 2024/2025) a project or major achievement (considerations will be scaled to the size of the community).

Accomplishments and Achievements

1. The project or major achievement provides strategic importance to the region.
2. The project or major achievement over-came geographic or financial barriers to reach completion.
3. Project or major achievement has a regional impact.
4. The project or major achievement has a Public / private partnership.
5. The project or major achievement created or retained long-term job growth

Any additional information as to why a community should be chosen as “Community of the Year”

- Roads – We have been working with GBC on a few areas needing additional work which includes trees overhanging on Rink Creek, moving some berms to accommodate AP&T replacing an old plywood box to an updated box and to move it further off the road. We need to see if ACS will move their pedestal and booster at the same time. We really need to update our CWP process to be sure the work is planned and completed in a satisfactory manner.
 - Updated the Administrative Library Director Position Descript to align with the Public Services Librarian PD, which is before you for approval tonight. Both Melisa and I worked on this document for the final draft for approval.
 - Council questions or comments?
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