

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT February 9, 2026 General Meeting

- **Grants/Projects update:**

- Compost Facility

No Update – No other NOFO has been published yet. It is unclear whether there will be more funding for this program for other entities.

DRC - Recycling Center

Update – After meeting to negotiate with one of the bidders, we are working through an updated proposal and hope to have a professional services agreement in place this week. Completed grant reports for this project. We will have had an update meeting with Region 10 project person before the General Meeting

- Good River Bridge Repair and Embankment Stabilization Project

Update – We met again with Nikki Navio of the Denali Commission. She suggested that we not submit the supplemental request until we have the 100% design documents which will be in early May. That way we will have a better handle on costs. John Barry and I will be preparing this request with input from RESPEC.

- PIDP – Dock/Floats Protection - MARAD funding

No Update – The grant has been submitted, and we are awaiting notification – one way or the other. We can still resubmit for 2026 pending notification.

[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

No Update – The application has been submitted and we are awaiting notification.

- Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program (RTA) Application

No Update – Applications are still being reviewed. Nothing has been posted regarding a notification date.

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

- FEMA – AFG Water Tender

No Update – The contract has been signed. Extension is being requested for the period of performance.

- Septage Management

Update – We received the final 100 percent Engineering Report on Gustavus Septage Management improvements/alternatives. We are linking it for you to review and so it is publicly available via this report.

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At some point we need to have a worksession or town hall on this issue, hopefully along with an ADEC representative. As part of ADEC's Capital Improvement Projects program process, at some point VSW would like to receive a resolution from the City indicating its disposition regarding the alternatives and recommendations in the PER. We as a City are going to have to have a serious conversation about whether or not to take on water/Wastewater authority – which is expensive.

John and I met with a representative from the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) who I met at the AML Annual meeting in December. RCAC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The RCAC provides environmental assistance to small municipal and nonprofit water systems, wastewater systems and solid waste management programs in 11 western states which includes Alaska. Here is a link to their services:

[Link: Rural Water and Waste Disposal Programs & Assistance - RCAC](#)

- Safe Streets for All (SS4A)

Update –We are now engaging with AML for the next phase of the process. AML prepares reports, but we will need to input them.

- Thriving Communities Cohort

Update - This ongoing grant allows AML and ADOT&PF to work with us to identify community transportation needs and projects, help us prioritize them, and offer help in making those needs a reality. I sent out to Staff and Council our recently developed transportation-focused community workplan template and a couple of additional pertinent documents. So far the only input I have received is from Justin who has offered to help once we engage with AML in picking a contractor.

- **Strengthening Gateway Communities:** The NPS has reached out to schedule another meeting which will likely be scheduled for the end of February or early March. We are still waiting for an update from the NPS on the items discussed at the last meeting.

- A list of other tasks/items:

- Worked with Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DSHEM) to ascertain what the City needed to do in terms of the disaster declaration. Among other tasks, I submitted the initial forms needed to apply for disaster public assistance related to damages incurred by the Southeast Winter Storm. I am awaiting them to schedule an Applicants Brief with us.
- Worked on more logistical support surrounding the storm/snow event including contacting various agencies to be able to obtain the DOT Case loader to help with snow removal. It was a team effort but finally got approved for short term use. This event took up a lot of staff resources.
- Assisted Red Cross who called about certain verifications from applicants.
- Participated regularly in scheduled Infrastructure Office Hours and other related meetings and seminars, including community engagement, grant/project updates and our Thriving Communities cohort.
- Various HR items, including updating Job Descriptions and meeting on a performance evaluation.
- Provided an update and documents on select projects for the CIP and CAPSIS
- Participated in a BABA Webinar (Build America, Buy America Act) – BABA requires that all iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in U.S. federally funded infrastructure projects must be produced domestically, meaning all manufacturing processes, including component sourcing, happen in the U.S. – A complex provision for many projects.

- Council Questions or Comments?