

- **Grants/Projects update:**

- Compost Facility

Update – We were not awarded this grant. The only application period for FY26 is for Tribes and Intertribal Consortia.

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 – We issued an intent to negotiate with RESPEC. Both bids were higher than expected. We hope to set up a meeting with them in the next week.

- Good River Bridge Repair and Embankment Stabilization Project

Update – The 20% design document estimates showed increased costs which is not surprising since the original estimate was 2022/2023. Neither the City nor RESPEC were able to find as built information from when the bridge was constructed so they will have to perform an additional analysis of bridge-related structural details. Change orders have been submitted. I also met with Nikki Navio of the Denali Commission on the cost increases and the potential for a supplemental. She indicated that request would be reasonable but that we would have to submit a formal request that would be reviewed by a committee sometime in February. 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 – The program received 799 applications across 49 states and three US territories totaling over \$789 million in requested funding. Applications are still being reviewed. Nothing has been posted regarding a notification date. <https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/RuralandTribalGrants>

- FEMA – AFG Water Tender

Update – The contract has been signed. I will be requesting an extension to the period of performance just to be safe; in case it is not able to be shipped prior to August of this year.

- Septage Management

Update – We received the final 100 percent Engineering Report on Gustavus Septage Management improvements/alternatives. It won't get signed until the Multi-Agency Review Committee (MARC) has approved the document. I have not reviewed it thoroughly yet to see if our comments were incorporated but from first glance I can already see that the Executive Summary has misstatements. John Barry will also provide a review. The City is not obligated to agree to implementing any of the alternatives presented in this report. However, as part of the Capital Improvement Projects program process, VSW would like to receive a resolution from the City indicating its disposition regarding the alternatives and recommendations in the PER. If anyone wants a copy, let me know and I can email it.

- Safe Streets for All (SS4A)

No Update – now have the subrecipient agreement with AML. Jim Mackovjak continues to attend the cohort and other meetings for the SS4A process. We will be engaging with AML for the next phase of the process. AML will prepare all of the 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. This includes:

- **Technical Assistance** – Guidance in navigating federal funding opportunities
- **Skill Building** – Enhancing the skills and capabilities of local government to manage transportation needs
- **Planning Support** – Assistance in developing local transportation plans
- **Community Engagement** – Facilitation of public involvement
- **Resource Identification** – Help in identifying and accessing relevant funding sources

I have been meeting with Jill Melcher, Southcoast Planning Chief, Alexandria Lawrence, ADOT Planner and Britta Hamre of the Alaska Municipal League on finalizing the Community Workplan and Sub Award Agreement that needs to be submitted to the federal agency this month. The purpose of the workplan is project prioritization, pre-development, enhanced targeted support for Thriving Community project implementation and coordination. This work plan is a framework to help us identify priorities, engage residents, and build momentum toward shared goals.

- I attended the AMMA (Alaska Municipal Managers Association) and AML (Alaska Municipal League) Annual Conferences in Anchorage the week of December 8th. Unfortunately, I was weathered in for the first day of the AMMA meeting. Among other informative sectionals Vice Mayor Beck and I attended the Thriving Communities sessions, so he could learn first hand how this will help us in developing a transportation plan for the community. Both agendas can be found here: <https://amlannual.org/agenda/> <https://alaskamanagers.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2025-AMMA-Annual-Conference-Agenda-FINAL-2.pdf> The available presentations are in blue on the right hand side.
- **Strengthening Gateway Communities:** We have not received an update from the NPS on the items discussed at the last meeting.
- A list of other tasks/items:
 - The recent Snowmaggedon event has taken up a lot of staff resources. Other work tasks have taken a backseat to our already full workload. Suffice it to say we are not only digging out from the snow but from our work that has been on hold while we all navigated the storm, even if from afar. The list of communications and coordination during this event is long and could use an entirely separate report although we are still working on several components of the event. The Mayor has prepared an overview for the council. We solicited input from staff and will be compiling a list of suggestions as we attempt to prepare for a future such event.
 - Prepared the disaster resolution that we need to submit so we will hopefully be able to get approved for additional assistance and financial reimbursement for the recent snow events. I have asked staff to provide a list of expenses and projected repairs that will be needed to submit for reimbursement should we get approved under the Governor's disaster declaration.
 - 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 writing performance evaluations
 - Received from Travis Miller the deliverables we agreed to for the GVFD Assessment with his recommendations. I will forward that to the council for your review.
 - AP&T items – Worked with AP&T to help mark transformer boxes during the snow event.
 - Staff Meeting – reviewed/discussed travel policies and compensation related to travel
- Council Questions or Comments?