

ASSEMBLY PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES - DRAFT



March 11, 2024 at 12:10 PM

Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar

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A. CALL TO ORDER – 12:12

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – by Mr. Kelly

We would like to acknowledge that the City and Borough of Juneau is on Tlingit land, and wish to honor the indigenous people of this land. For more than ten thousand years, Alaska Native people have been and continue to be integral to the well-being of our community. We are grateful to be in this place, a part of this community, and to honor the culture, traditions, and resilience of the Tlingit people. Gunalchéesh!

C. ROLL CALL –

Members Present In-Person: Chair Bryson; Ms. Adkison; Mr. Kelly

Members Present Via Zoom: David Epstein, Planning Commission Liaison

Members Absent: Ms. Hughes-Skandijs

CBJ Staff Present In-Person: Denise Koch, EPW Director; Breckan Hendricks, EPW Admin Officer; Christian Crabtree, Contracts Specialist; John Bohan, EPW Chief CIP Engineer; Alan Steffert, EPW Engineer II; Michelle Bonnet Hale, Assembly member, Alix Pierce, Tourism Manager

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mr. Kelly requested moving Capital Transit Tripper Service to top of Action Items section to allow for public comment during lunch hour.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 29, 2024 Regular Meeting - approved with no changes

F. ITEMS FOR ACTION

2. Capital Transit Tripper Service During Tourist Season Memo

Ms. Koch presented Capital Transit's proposed 3 options for enhanced service to accommodate increased demand from tourists riding to Mendenhall Glacier. In recent years, tourists using Capital Transit to see the glacier have overcrowded buses causing local riders to be bypassed at stops. Currently, Capital Transit has 7 new electric buses on order with Gillig that will be delivered by Fall 2024 that could be used for additional service in Summer 2025. The proposed routes would help to mitigate overcrowding. Enhancements proposed include 15-minute service, adding buses and adding a new route.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON TRIPPER SERVICE

- Larry Woodall – 10075 North Douglas Highway – would like to see dedicated routes for bus pass holders only
- Gavin Northey – downtown – spoke in support of option #2.

Planning Commission Liaison David Epstein asked for clarification on the 15-minute route. Ms. Koch explained '15-minute service' indicates departures every 15 minutes and not the trip time.

Ms. Adkison moved that the Public Works and Facilities Committee support the use of \$164,000 of Marine Passenger Fees in FY24 to support the tripper service and move to the full Assembly.

No objection, motion approved

Ms. Adkison moved that the Public Works and Facilities Committee support use of \$1M of Marine Passenger Fees in FY25 to support the tripper service option 1A and move to the full Assembly.

No objection, motion approved.

3. Funds Transfer from BRH Deferred Maintenance to BRH CT/MRI Replacement
(From CIP B55-086 to CIP B55-084)

Ms. Koch presented this request is to transfer \$55,000 from Bartlett Regional Hospital (BRH) deferred maintenance CIP to BRH CT/MRI Replacement CIP to cover cost overruns.

Mr. Kelly moved that the Public Works and Facilities Committee transfer \$55,000 from CIP B55-086 to B55-084 be forwarded to the full Assembly for approval.

No objection, motion approved

4. Funds Transfer to Juneau Douglas Treatment Plant (JDTP) New Vactor Dump (CIP U76-112)

Ms. Koch presented this is a request to transfer \$3.27M to cover costs for a New Vactor Dump. The total cost for the project is estimated to be \$7.92M. CIP B55-086 currently has only \$4.65M.

Mr. Bryson asked if U76-112 has been through all funding steps and this is just asking for funding. Ms. Koch confirmed it this has been identified as a high priority project in the CIP standard process.

Ms. Adkison moved that the Public Works and Facilities Committee transfer \$3.27M from various Wastewater Utility CIP projects to the JDTP New Vactor Dump CIP be forwarded to the full Assembly for approval.

No objection, motion approved

5. Draft FY2025 Six-Year Capital Improvement Program

Chief Engineer John Bohan presented the Draft Six-Year FY2025 CIP plan and explained this is the next step in the CIP budget process. If the PWFC approves, the plan will be presented to the Assembly in April.

Mr. Bryson asked what happens if the actual sales tax funding exceeds the amount projected in the CIP budget. Mr. Bohan explained the excess goes to CBJ reserves to be used as the Assembly approves.

CIP funding comes from sales taxes, passenger fees and enterprise funds.

BRH has requested the removal of the \$3M deferred maintenance line from Resolution 3052 as they have sufficient funds without this added.

Mr. Kelly moved that the Public Works and Facilities Committee remove the \$3M in FY25 Resolution for BRH enterprise funds at BRH's request after finalizing the Draft CIP.

No objection, motion passed.

Mr. Kelly moved that the Public Works and Facilities Committee forward the revised FY25 CIP to the full Assembly for introduction and inclusion into the FY25 Budget review process.

No objection, motion passed.

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

6. Juneau North Douglas Crossing (JNDC) Presentation by DOWL

Steve Noble and Renee Whitesell, DOWL representatives, presented the JNDC PEL study. Mr. Noble explained the planning and public input processes so far and upcoming activities. They expect to complete PEL in July. Ms. Whitesell described the PE process and the criteria for choosing alternatives.

There are 6 alternatives with costs ranging from \$270 million to \$1.7billion. Annual maintenance costs for the alternatives range from \$65K to \$365K.

The draft PEL will be available to the public and there will be a public meeting once the draft final PEL is released. The anticipation is to have a final PEL in July. Construction is at least 5 years out from today.

Mr. Kelly asked how items were added to the list and how they were scored. Mr. Noble explained the process by which each project was scored and then scored against each other.

Mr. Bryson said the PWFC will have a public listening session soon regarding this. Mr. Noble asked that the PWFC make clear that the PWFC is hosting the session and comments or questions might not be answered by DOWL and suggested the session be held in May or June.

H. PWFC 2024 ASSEMBLY GOALS

7. PWFC Milestones - None

I. CONTRACTS DIVISION ACTIVITY REPORT

8. February 16, 2024 to February 29, 2024 - None

J. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next regular meeting will be April 15, 2024 at 12:10PM

Questions from the Committee

Mr. Kelly referred to the public testimony that had suggested the PWFC consider Option 2 and he asked how the PWFC could go about discussing that. Procedurally, it was decided a member could make a motion of reconsideration or they could bring it up at another committee meeting or the full Assembly meeting when it is heard. If held for reconsideration, it would not be heard again until the April 15 meeting and that would be quite late in the process for it to be included in the MPF funding discussion. The decision was made to leave it as is and address it at a later meeting if needed.

K. ADJOURNMENT –

Having no other business, the meeting adjourned at 1:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Jorgensen Business Assists (907)723-6134 