

Several project updates relevant to goals and actions in the draft *Blueprint Downtown Area Plan* were provided by CBJ agencies as part of the review process.

Engineering & Public Works

- Blueprint Downtown Goal/Action (Chapter 7): Street reconstruction projects should include EV charging infrastructure; implement an EV charging permit program and provide EV charging facilities at CBJ.

Progress:

- EV charging has been installed at the Rock Dump, in the City Lot at Basin Road/8th Street intersection, and at Harris Harbor. <https://juneau.org/newsroom-item/cbj-adds-new-ev-chargers-in-three-juneau-locations>
 - CBJ applied for a federal Charging and Fueling Infrastructure grant in 2023, which was not awarded, but plans to apply again in 2024.
- Blueprint Downtown Goal/Action (Chapters 5, 7): Actively market the existing, free Capital Transit circulator and maximize its availability with increased frequency.

Progress:

- Capital Transit will increase summer services to the Valley (using Marine Passenger Fees) as part of a “Tripper” service that seeks to alleviate the crowding caused by cruise ship passages traveling to the Glacier.
 - The *Juneau Visitor Circulation Study* was completed in February 2024.
- Blueprint Downtown Goal/Action (Chapter 7): Continue to invest in Electric Buses as other buses reach the end of their useful life.

Progress:

- Capital Transit has ordered seven (7) new electric Gillig buses, which are expected to be delivered in Fall 2024.

Parks and Recreation:

- Blueprint Downtown Goal/Action (Chapter 6): Continue operating the Augustus G. Brown Swimming Pool.

Progress:

- Upgrades to the Augustus G. Browning Swimming Pool were completed in the spring of 2024.
- Blueprint Downtown Goal/Action (Chapter 6): Increase playground space in the planning area, prioritizing the Downtown subdistrict.

Progress:

- Capitol Park and Chicken Yard Park have been renovated, and additional recreational services such as pickleball courts have been added to Cope Park.
- Gunakadeit Park has been sold, transitioning it into private property.
- Blueprint Downtown Goal/Action (Chapter 6): Redevelop Marine Park

Progress:

- The ongoing project to enhance Marine Park is currently at 65% design, with construction planned for 2025.
- Blueprint Downtown Goal/Action (Chapter 7): Parking

Progress:

- Currently implementing a new parking management system across our two parking garages and three hourly lots, alongside the management of on-street parking.
- Patrons utilizing the hourly lots can now conveniently pay via app or meter, accepting debit/credit cards and coins.
- System upgrade aims for better management of permit sales and garage occupancy, ultimately enhancing the parking experience for all.

Community Development Department:

- Blueprint Downtown Goal/Action (Chapters 1, 4, 6): Review and update zoning code and building code regulations that address development in avalanche/landslide areas based on updated mapping and industry standards.

Progress:

- The CBJ Assembly adopted updated avalanche maps and avalanche regulations in December 2023. The Assembly did not adopt landslide maps or landslide regulations. Project information is available online: <https://juneau.org/community-development/special-projects/landslide-avalanche-assessment>
- Blueprint Downtown Goal/Action (Chapter 3): Implement methods of managing or regulating short-term rentals.

Progress:

- On June 26, 2023, the CBJ Assembly passed a short-term rental (STR) registration program through Ordinance 2023-26(b) to study the impacts of STRs on housing in the CBJ. This registration program took effect in September 2023.
- Blueprint Downtown Goal/Action (Chapters 3, 4): Nurture preservation, restoration and revitalization of downtown.

Progress:

- An update to the 1988 *Juneau Townsite Historic Building Survey* was completed in September 2023.
 - CBJ is partnering with the Alaska Office of History and Archaeology and the State Historic Preservation Office to host a Historic Preservation Workshop on Wednesday, April 24, 2024.
- Blueprint Downtown Goal/Action (Chapters 3, 4): Facilitate the provision of an adequate supply of various housing types and sizes to accommodate present and future housing needs for all economic and age groups.

Progress:

- Housing program updates and resources can be found online at:
<https://juneau.org/community-development/grants>

City and Borough of Juneau:

- Blueprint Downtown Goal/Action (Chapters 3, 4, 5): Encourage integrated art and cultural elements, including a significant Alaskan Native component into new development, renovations and public facilities.

Progress:

- The first 12 of 30 totem poles that will make up Kootéeya Deiyí (Totem Pole Trail) were raised in April of 2023. New signs were erected in September of 2023 explaining the significance of each piece.
- Blueprint Downtown Goal/Action (Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6): Relocate City Hall and redevelop the area as a connection between downtown and Marine Park.

Progress:

- Ballot measures in the 2022 and 2023 municipal elections failed to support funding to relocate City Hall.