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SUBJECT: Juneau Douglas North Crossing (JDNC) Project Update

Progress has continued on the Juneau Douglas North Crossing (JDNC) project. Below is a summary of recent activities and a look ahead for your information and use.

North Douglas Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study

The PEL study is a project of Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) with help from their consultant, DOWL. The project is back to full speed again after funding challenges due to a clerical error in the DOT&PF STIP. The CBJ-DOT&PF joint Juneau Douglas North Crossing project was awarded \$7M in Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) to support NEPA. A portion of these funds (\$1.5M) will be used to cover more robust public involvement and enhanced field studies. It is expected that the PEL study will be completed in early 2024.

North Douglas Sub Area Study

The North Douglas Sub Area Study (the Study) intends to document impacts to and inform potential development along North Douglas Highway. After some initial setbacks, DOWL and Agnew::Beck have reorganized the Study to analyze the increased potential for access to buildable lands once the North Crossing is complete. This will inform zoning regulations and medium- and long- range planning considerations. A final report summarizing the work of both DOWL and Agnew::Beck is expected by the end of December 2023.

Forward Glance

The RAISE grant requires an \$866k match which will be furnished by CBJ per Resolution Serial No. 3019(b) A Resolution in Support of a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant for the Juneau Douglas North Crossing.

As a reminder, the \$7M in Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) to support NEPA will require a 9.03% local match to receive these funds. The agencies are proposing to split the cost evenly, requiring a roughly \$315k commitment from the Borough. The language agreeing to the evenly split match and commitment to pay is written in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) currently under review. It is expected the MOA and appropriation ordinance will be presented in January to the Committee of the Whole.