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To: Alex Pierce, Rorie Watt

JCOS offers the following comments on the city manager's Marine Passenger Fund (MPF) recommendations and dock electrification.

We're pleased to learn that the first item in our January 4 MPF recommendation was addressed by the Finance Committee that same day in approving \$5 million in bonding for two LTC transformers. However we are still concerned about the other two issues we raised about dock electrification, which could lead to project delays -- the question of electrical loads from increasing electrification in the downtown and port area, and the question of completing design and permitting for the project.

We believe that these could be addressed if there were a comprehensive statement of plans for completing electrification of the two CBJ docks.

While the CBJ has taken a number of actions to advance dock electrification, it is currently difficult to know whether all of the necessary pieces are in place, how they fit together or when dock electrification will be completed. Plans and proposals for the project are scattered among various documents, including the Port Director's August memo, the tourism manager's memo on infrastructure needs, and minutes of various meetings. There is no overview or schedule for the project.

JCOS recommends that a clear statement of the plan and timeframe be prepared, and that the Assembly formally approve it. This will reduce public confusion, get JCOS and CBJ staff on the same page, and increase certainty about the project for affected interests such as the electric utility and the cruise lines.

Thank you for considering our recommendation.

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