



TO: Wade Bryson, Chair
Public Works & Facilities Committee

THROUGH: Denise Koch, Engineering & Public Works Director

FROM: George Schaaf, Parks & Recreation Director
John Bohan, Chief CIP Engineer

DATE: November 1, 2023

RE: Adair-Kennedy Memorial Park Ballfield and Track Bond-Funded Improvements

Voters approved Proposition No. 2 as part of the 2022 Municipal General Election by a 67.5% margin, providing \$6.6 million of General Obligation Bond for repairs and improvements to Juneau's parks and trails. The Assembly intended that approximately \$5 million be used for improvements to Adair-Kennedy Memorial Park, and \$1.6 million for areawide trail improvements and construction of a new public use cabin, similar to the Amalga Cabin. The improvements at Adair-Kennedy Memorial Park include replacing the eight-lane track and installing artificial turf at the existing ballfield to improve safety and extend the playing season.

The track and ballfield improvements are currently under design. The new turf ballfield is at 90% design completion and the track replacement is at 60% design completion. With this information, the projects are estimated to cost:

-	Adair Ballfield Artificial Turf Project:	\$4,680,000
-	<u>Adair Track Replacement Project:</u>	<u>\$2,625,000</u>
	Total Cost:	\$7,305,000

The combined cost for the two projects exceeds the \$5 Million in funding allocated by Proposition No. 2. In an effort to keep work proceeding within available funding provided by Proposition No. 2, Parks and Recreation recommends proceeding with the Adair-Kennedy Artificial Turf Project, recognizing that insufficient funds are available for both projects. While both projects enjoy strong support in the community, the artificial turf field will benefit more users, including girls and boys sports at both high schools, and would likely attract state tournaments to Juneau. Further, the ballfield project will result in reduced maintenance costs over the project's lifetime. Finally, Juneau currently has no artificial turf baseball or softball fields; however, the track at Thunder Mountain High School can meet minimal needs for track and field programs until the Adair-Kennedy Track can be repaired or replaced.

If allowed to proceed, it is intended that the Adair Ballfield Artificial Turf Project would be bid in the next coming months and constructed during the 2024 construction season, ready for use in the spring of 2025.

Recommendation:

Staff requests the PWFC support the decision to proceed with bidding and constructing the Adair-Kennedy Ballfield Artificial Turf Project with the understanding that the Adair -Kenney Track Replacement Project will require additional funds to complete.

2023-28 Temporary 1% Sales Tax Parks & Recreation Projects		
1	Areawide Park Deferred Maintenance	\$500,000
2	Areawide Trail & Bridge Repairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Perseverance Trail</i> \$750,000 <i>General Trail Repairs</i> \$250,000 	\$1,000,000
3	Areawide Parking Lot Paving & Drainage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melvin Park \$700,000 Twin Lakes Park \$650,000 River Road Trailhead \$450,000 Treadwell Arena \$300,000 Cope Park \$200,000 	\$2,300,000
4	Renninger Park & Pipeline Skatepark Improvements	\$2,000,000
5	Arboretum & Eagle Valley Center Road Repairs & Drainage	\$300,000
6	Park & Trail Signage	\$250,000
7	Fish Creek Park ADA Access Improvements	\$500,000
8	Riverside Rotary Park Lighting Replacement	\$500,000
9	Valley Parks & Landscape Operations Equipment Storage & Lighting	\$800,000
5-Year TOTAL		\$8,150,000