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SUBJECT: Juneau Douglas North Crossing (JDNC) Project Update

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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.

#### Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

The MOA between CBJ and the Alaska Department of Transportation (DOT&PF) outlining responsibilities and conditions concerning assigning the RAISE grant to DOT&PF and CBJ's commitment to match funding for both the RAISE grant and Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) has been reviewed by Engineering, Law, and the Manager's office. CBJ returned the MOA to DOT&PF on February 16 with CBJ's notes and comments. DOT&PF will have the opportunity to review and comment. Once all parties agree to the content of the document, the MOA is expected to be presented to the PWFC and Assembly for review, alongside an ordinance appropriating those funds. It is anticipated the MOA will be ratified within the next three (3) months.

#### North Douglas Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study

DOT&PF has made progress on the PEL study and is nearing completion of the Level 2 Screening, which will be presented to the technical and stakeholder advisory committees on March 7, 2024. The advisory committees will have the opportunity to review and comment on the Level 2 Screening, which includes a numerical ranking of the remaining alternatives.

#### North Douglas Sub Area Study

The North Douglas Sub Area Study (the Study) has made progress in assessing potential development opportunities on the mainland, along North Douglas Highway, and West Douglas Island in light of a future crossing and in consideration of the goals outlined in the CBJ comprehensive plan. A draft report summarizing the work of both DOWL and Agnew::Beck is expected by the end of this week.

#### Forward Glance

The RAISE grant requires an \$866,000.00 match which will be furnished by CBJ per 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 CBJ-DOT joint North Douglas Crossing project was awarded \$7M in Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) to support NEPA. Unfortunately, neither CBJ nor DOT were aware of a required 9.03% match to these funds. The agencies are proposing to split the cost evenly, requiring a \$347,422.50 commitment from CBJ. The language agreeing to the evenly split match and commitment to pay is written in the above-mentioned MOA. An appropriation ordinance for the needed match will be presented alongside the MOA in a “not to exceed” format. The hope is that previously appropriated funds could be approved as a portion of the RAISE Grant local match. However, the grant agreement must be signed before applying for pre-award costs can be considered.