



MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 23, 2025
TO: Mayor Weldon and Borough Assembly
FROM: Katie Koester, City Manager
SUBJECT: Approval of FY2026 Legislative Priorities

The Draft FY2026 Legislative Priority list has made its way through advisory and Assembly bodies, has been scored by all Assembly Members and was discussed at the Assembly Finance Committee on January 8. The proposed FY2026 list is attached and the Draft Legislative Priority Book with project descriptions is included in the online packet. Printed copies of the book with supporting documentation including comments and recommendations from advisory bodies were included in the binders distributed the week of December 20, 2024. Since then, some project summaries required minor updates. Updated versions of those projects are included in the online packet.

Once adopted, the final list will be entered into CAPSIS as ranked, posted on the Assembly webpage, and distributed to the federal delegation.

Federal Priorities

It is also timely for the Assembly to discuss the FY2026 Federal Legislative Priorities as the appropriations portal is now open and scheduled to close on February 14, 2025.

Senator Murkowski's office is encouraging communities to refer to [FY2025 guidance for project proposal eligibility](#)¹. Staff and our lobbyist at BlankRome (Katie Kachel) will be tracking any updates for FY2025 guidance as it becomes available. Below are the Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests CBJ submitted in FY25.

	FY25 Project Request Name	Status
1	Juneau Douglas North Crossing (JDNC) - \$23M	Unsuccessful
2	Mendenhall Wastewater Treatment Plant FOG- \$5.95M	Unsuccessful
3	JSD HVAC and Heating Control System Upgrades - \$6.4M	Renew America's Schools Grant Successful
4	Capital Civic Center - \$15M	Unsuccessful
5	Aurora Harbor Drive Down Float – \$10.686M	PIDP Grant Successful
6	Auke Bay Wave Attenuator - \$1.5M	<i>Pending – Included in FY2025 appropriations bill</i>

In addition to identifying new projects to be submitted, we received word that we need to re-submit the FY2025 request for the USACE GI Auke Bay Wave Attenuator due to USACE funding timelines.

¹ <https://www.murkowski.senate.gov/appropriations-and-cds-request-page>

The following is a list of the top projects on the Legislative Priorities (in priority order) that staff, with guidance from our lobbyist, believe have eligible congressionally directed spending accounts to plug into. Final requests, including dollar amounts, is a bit of a moving target as we work with the delegation and Ms. Kachel. We have been advised to submit no more than 5 priorities.

FY26 Project Possible Requests

- Glacial Lake Outburst Food Disaster Long-Term Mitigation (USACE)
- Glacial Lake Outburst Food Disaster Short-Term Mitigation (FEMA)
- Juneau Douglas North Crossing (JDNC)
- Mendenhall Wastewater Treatment Plant FOG
- Telephone Hill Redevelopment
- Bartlett Emergency Department Renovation/Expansion
- Capital Civic Center
- Auke Bay Wave Attenuator (resubmittal)

Given the competitiveness of the projects, the different funding sources available, and the need to re-submit Auke Bay Wave Attenuator - if the Assembly would like to keep Capital Civic Center on the list I recommend submitting the list below. JDNC is needs more project progress to be competitive (and has already received a CDS), Telephone Hill is in early stages of project readiness, and Bartlett ED Addition has also already received a CDS. You will be hearing a project update from Capital Civic Center at the January COW before the final adoption of the Legislative Priorities on February 3rd.

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Requested Action:

Discuss FY2026 Legislative Priorities, including staff recommendation for Federal Congressionally Directed Spending Requests. Forward FY2026 Legislative Priorities to the Assembly for adoption.

Encl: FY26 CBJ Legislative Capital Priorities List_DRAFT (January 2025); Summary of Assembly Member Scores_FY26 Draft Legislative Priorities_Revised (01.23.25)

[Guidance for Congressionally Directed Spending \(CDS\) Requests from Senator Murkowski's office](#)