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TO: Nick Waldo, Chair, Juneau Commission on Sustainability
FROM: Dianna Robinson, Environmental Project Specialist, CBJ
SUBJECT: May Staff Update

Chair Waldo,

Please see updates from CBJ staff below.

Dianna Robinson, Environmental Project Specialist

- On April 23rd, we officially moved on to the next stage of the process to receive the \$2.5 million appropriation from Sen. Lisa Murkowski. We're hopeful that we'll receive the funds in the next 2-3 months.
- Staff will issue an RFP for the solid waste 'big question' study sometime in May, and hope to have a finished report around October 2024.
- The RecycleWorks baler had its computer destroyed during a power surge; the center was closed for a little over a week.
- The Waste Characterization Study will take place at the landfill May 20-25th. We hope to get a first draft of the study by the end of June.
- We are working on contract amendments to begin work on the 2022 and 2023 GHG emissions inventories.

Rich Ross, Transit Superintendent:

- The chargers for the 7 buses arriving this fall are still in the manufacturing process. Bids for the switchgear that will power the chargers are due this Thursday. Last I heard from Gillig the buses should be arriving in late September – Early October 2024.
- Capital Transit is submitting a grant application to AKDOT who will submit to FTA today (LoNo) for 6 additional electric buses and related charging infrastructure. If awarded these vehicles will help to bolster our summer service capacity which has been strained in recent years due to record number of cruise passengers. The award announcements should be on or before July 9th. There is a 2 year lead time from when electric buses are ordered to delivery currently.

Nate Abbott, Building Maintenance Supervisor

- Completed the Daikin VRV install
- Next week we will install a Daikin Split and take a startup class

Minta Montalbo, Senior Planner

- The next plan we'll be trying to finalize is the South Douglas West Juneau (SDWJ) area plan, which has completed its public visioning phase and is ready for drafting, so I'm working on a contract for that work. I'll let you know when we have a final draft ready for agency review.
- The Comp Plan is slated for later this summer or early fall, once we finalize the SDWJ area plan. Since these area plans become part of the Comp Plan (if adopted by ordinance), we need to get them finished before we start on the Comp Plan rewrite. That will be a multi-year project, with a full year of public outreach, so plenty of opportunities for JCOS participation.