

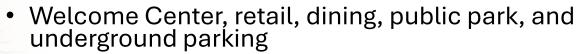
# Áak'w Landing Update

CBJ Committee of the Whole December 2, 2024



## Conceptual Design

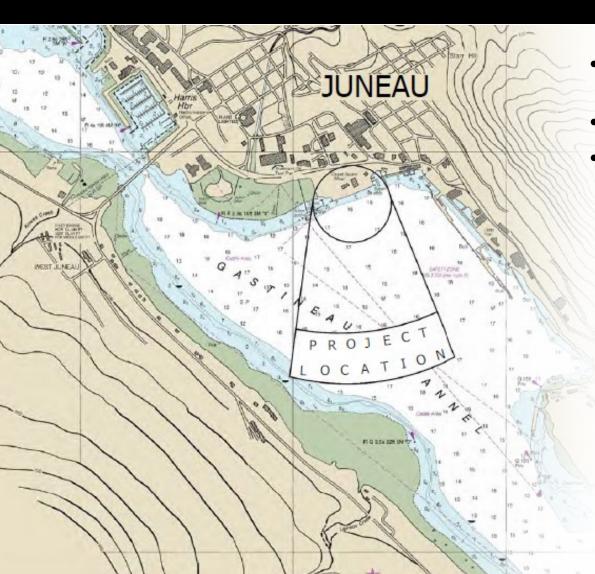




Indigenous Knowledge, Science, and Cultural Center

Floating dock





## Landmark Community Asset



- Engaging plaza and park in downtown Juneau
  - Distinctive visitor experience, incorporating Tlingit culture and scenic views

• Year-round use by residents, regional neighbors, business travelers, and

independent visitors

- Pedestrians flow easily through site, to tours, and into downtown
- Efficient and safe vehicle traffic
  - Vehicle access at Whittier Street
  - Underground parking



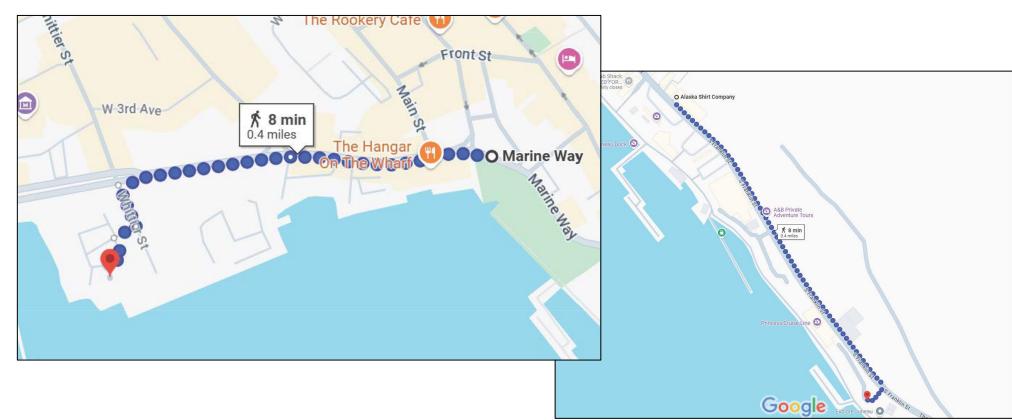
#### Community Benefits



- Reduces downtown congestion
  - Removes thousands of buses from Marine Way and Franklin Street
  - Eliminates lightering to downtown docks
  - Expands Seawalk
  - Honors 5-ship limit
- Promotes environmental sustainability
  - Constructed with shore power capability
  - Reduces up to 40% of emissions compared to ships at anchor
  - Eliminates emissions from lightering vessels

#### Pedestrian Access to Downtown

- Similar distance from Áak'w Landing and Franklin Street dock
- Shopping and attractions enroute



## Community Benefits cont.



- Enhances safety when ships are docked
  - Fewer passenger movements and accidents
  - Improves overall vessel safety
- Increases economic activity
  - Proximity encourages spending on shopping, dining, and attractions
  - Passengers spend more time and money when ships are docked



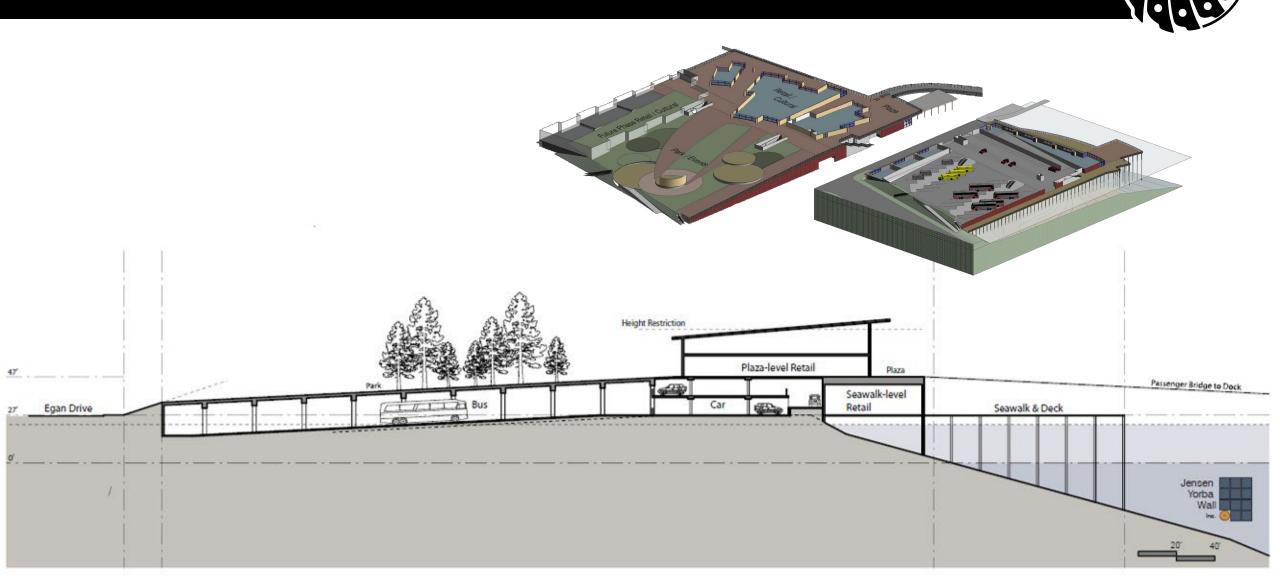
### Community Benefits cont.



- Strengthens Juneau's cultural offerings
  - Indigenous Knowledge, Science, and Cultural Center
  - Tlingit culture featured throughout site
  - Complements cultural & event spaces
    - Alaska State Museum
    - Juneau Arts & Culture Center
    - Centennial Hall
    - Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall
    - Walter Soboleff Building
    - Sealaska Heritage Arts Campus
    - Tlingit & Haida Willoughby District

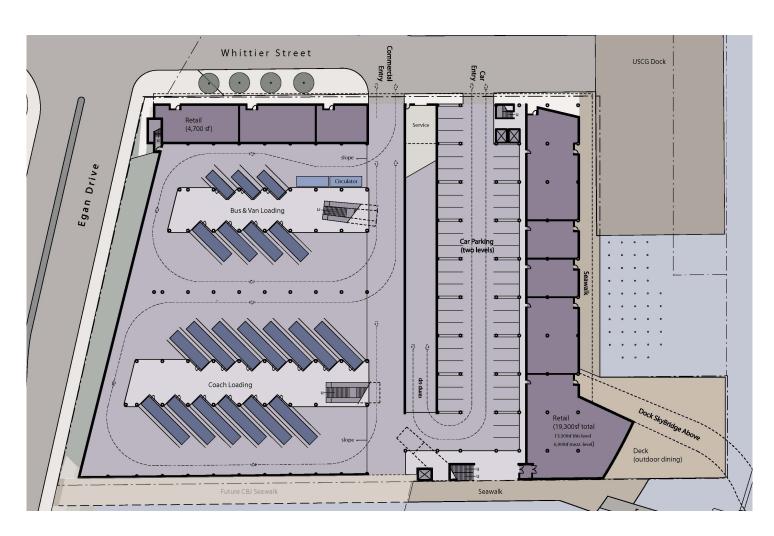


## Aerial and Side Views



## **Underground Parking**





- Two parking levels
  - 93 vehicle spaces
  - 24 bus spaces
- Emergency vehicle access

# **Community Commitment**



## Incorporating Public Input and Experience



- Norwegian Cruise Line purchased the property from Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority in a public auction (2019)
  - Series of meetings to capture public input
- NCL gave the property to Huna Totem (2022)
  - Entrusted Huna Totem with development
  - Continued gathering public input and working on conceptual design
- 20+ years of destination development
  - Icy Strait Point is Hoonah's largest employer and a catalyst for local business creation
  - Developments in Whittier and Klawock reflect community vision and needs

### Collaborative and Transparent Process



- Multiple layers of CBJ input
  - Visitor Industry Task Force recommendations
  - Planning Commission process and conditions
  - Department input including Tourism Manager, Docks & Harbors,
    Parks & Recreation, Community Development
  - Addresses priorities and issues in annual resident surveys
  - Honors CBJ MOAs with cruise lines
- Navigability Study
  - Ensures project is compatible with docks, floatplanes, and vessel traffic
- US Coast Guard
  - Compatible with adjacent property use and vessel operations

## Collaborative and Transparent Process cont.

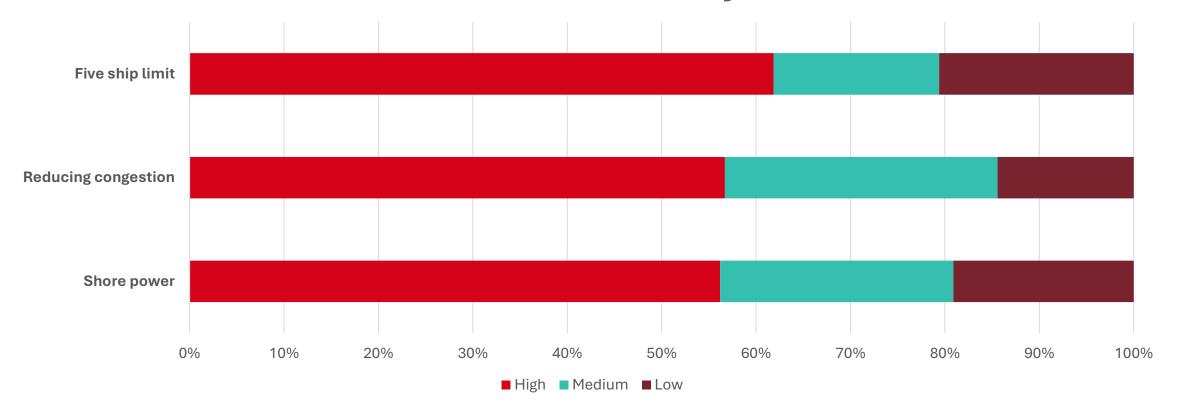


- US Army Corps of Engineers
  - Coordination with federal agencies, including NMFS and USCG
- Alaska Department of Transportation
  - Traffic Impact Analysis
- Alaska Department of Natural Resources
  - State-owned submerged lands
- Alaska Department of Environment Conservation
  - Clean Water Action section 401 certification

## Aligns With CBJ Tourism Priorities



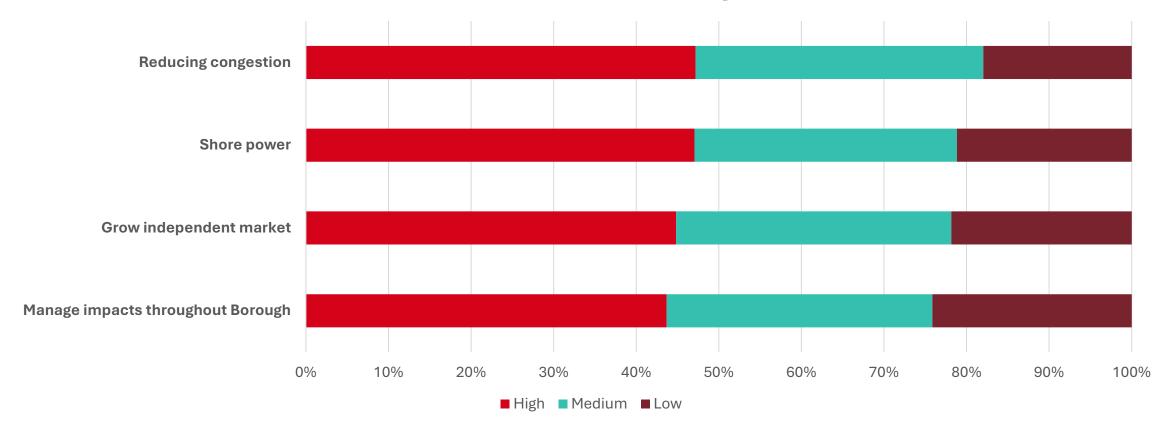
#### **Juneau Tourism Survey 2022**



## Aligns With CBJ Tourism Priorities cont.



#### **Juneau Tourism Survey 2023**



## Visitor Industry Task Force Recommendations



- One large cruise ship per day
- Maximum of five large ships in port
- No hot berthing at the new facility
- High quality uplands development
- Year-round development
- Management agreement with CBJ
- Dock is electrified



## Planning Commission Approvals and Conditions



- Dock Conditional Use Permit (approved July 2023)
  - Limited to one large cruise ship per day, no hot berthing, no lightering
  - Large cruise ships required to use shore power
  - Width requirements for Seawalk adjacent to site, plus easement for CBJ maintenance and management
  - Huna Totem maintains park, paths, landscaping, and amenities
  - Provide shore power within 24 months after an appropriately-sized power line is within 25 feet of property line
  - Navigability study required
- Uplands Conditional Use Permit (approved August 2023)

# Next Steps



## Moving From Concept to Completion



- Continued work with CBJ Assembly and staff
  - Public input this fall and winter
  - City tidelands lease
  - City leading on state-owned submerged lands
- Finalize agreements with USCG and AJT Mining Properties
- Continued technical studies to inform engineering and design
- City, state, and federal agency permits
- Goal: initiate construction in 2025; completion in 2027

#### Thank You!

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