



MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 23, 2023

TO: Deputy Mayor Gladziszewski and CBJ Committee of the Whole

FROM: Katie Koester, Engineering & Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Final Adoption of FY24 Legislative Capital Priorities

The purpose of this memo is facilitate committee discussion and final adoption of the FY24 Legislative Capital Priorities. The Legislative Capital Priorities List communicates to the State and Federal delegation, and the community, the long term projects that the City and Borough of Juneau has on the horizon. The intent is for this list to expand beyond the deferred maintenance and infrastructure repair that dominate the Capital Improvement Plan and build a shared vision for a future Juneau. The list has been successful in helping narrow focus on the more visionary projects and I am happy to report that many of the projects identified in the FY23 list have had some progress.

This year, the Assembly began discussing priorities in September of 2022 when the Public Works and Facilities Committee adopted a schedule to guide the process. A solicitation was issued to all CBJ Boards and Commission chairs and their lead staff (including empowered boards) with instructions on how to comment on the list and/or submit new projects for consideration. Boards and Commissions were given two months to work through their process. Board and Commission input, including proposed new projects, was part of the packet the Assembly used to rank projects over the holiday.

The prioritized list was presented at the January 4, 2023 Finance Committee meeting, however tonight is the first time the body has had an opportunity to discuss the priorities after hearing from the public. Because staff is continuously working on these projects, the status of some of the projects has changed since introduction of the list in fall of 2022.ⁱ This illustrates how the project detail (but not the prioritization) of the Legislative Priority Projects is ever evolving as projects progress.

Recommendation: Discuss, amend and adopt FY2024 Legislative Capital Priorities for distribution to the state and federal delegation.

Enc:
FY2024 Draft Legislative Capital Priorities

ⁱ Project updates include: Voters passed funding for the CBJ radio system replacement reducing the total project cost by \$2M; Capital Civic Center has a funding strategy with a \$10M state request and \$35M federal request; and Congressionally Directed Spending has been officially secured for Municipal Composting and Juneau Douglas North Crossing which will update those projects to reflect the next phase (CBJ is actively pursuing grants for the next phase of both projects).