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## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: June 23, 2023

TO: Chair Bryson and Public Works and Facilities Committee

FROM: Katie Koester

SUBJECT: Juneau Douglas North Crossing RAISE Grant Award

CBJ received notice of award for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant for the Juneau Douglas North Crossing project. CBJ pledged a 5% local match (\$866,000) in Resolution 3019(b). Combined with the award amount, \$16,454,000, the project has \$17,320,000 for final design and document development.

The RAISE grant and the \$7,000,000 for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), secured by Senator Murkowski in FY2023, will take the project to full design. While there is still a long way to go before funding for construction is procured, this timeline will allow for the project to continue to take advantage of funding opportunities established in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

Securing funding for design is an important project milestone, however the project is still in the route selection phase of the Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study and five alternatives are currently under consideration for Level 2 screening. Level 2 screening will evaluate the alternatives with a broad range of criteria including estimated cost and impacts to identify one or more recommended alternatives. ADOT and the PEL project team have stakeholder and technical advisory committee meetings scheduled for Level 2 screening this summer. PWFC will continue to host listening sessions as a complement to the ADOT public engagement project progresses. Detailed information on the PEL study can be found here: Southcoast Region Project, Alaska DOT&PF (jdnorthcrossing.com)