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To: Glenn Steckman – City Manager  
From: Joy L. Baker – Port Director *JLB*  
CC: Mayor Handeland & Common Council; Port Commission  
Date: Sept 12, 2022  
Re: Monthly PD Report/Capital Projects Update – September 2022

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**Administrative:**

Coordination continues for the AAHPA (Harbormaster for short) Conference scheduled for 26-30 Sept 2022 in Nome, with numerous city and port staff supporting the planning and setup. We have put together a very full agenda, which has been shared with the Council and Port Commission, with a final version to be available by 19 Sept 2022. I'd like to invite members of the Council and Port Commission to drop in for a specific session or join a meal with us, and meet some of the great Harbormasters and Port Administrators we have across this great state.

**Causeway:**

Arctic Deep Draft Port – Nome Modifications Pre-Construction Engineering & Design (PED):

The City Council approved awarding the NOAA NMFS environmental permitting application work to PND, and the subcontractor is making good progress on this fast-track task they have been assigned. The City is preparing the Work-In-Kind (WIK) package that contains efforts taken on by the City that the Corps would've done under normal circumstances. These costs therefore qualify as part of the City's cost-share to the Corps under the PED agreement for Pre-Construction, Engineering & Design.

The City has executed two grant agreements with the State of Alaska, reflecting the direct legislative grants authorized through the FY2023 state budget process. Eligible expenses are now authorized to be reimbursed back to 1 July 2022, and forward through the development of the Arctic Deep Draft Port.

Local Service Facilities (LSF) Design Integration:

The combined design teams continue to meet each week, as the push to hit the 95% deadline is intensifying. Progress is being made, with additional meetings outside the weekly schedule allowing for specific issues to be resolved more quickly between smaller groups. Although a few items have slid to the right of the schedule, most of these are being, or anticipated to be reached on time.

Sediment at Causeway Bridge and Bridge Repairs:

The Corps contractor (Bristol Construction) has completed the bridge repairs, which resulted in a much shorter closure of the Causeway bridge than the contractor anticipated. Public Works has been dressing up the road shoulders and bridge approaches as manpower and weather have allowed. The project to remove sediment from under the bridge is expected to be awarded throughout the winter and performed in the summer of 2023.

Arctic Port Reception Facility – Solid Waste Disposal (Incinerator):

*This project has been submitted to the USDOT MARAD PIDP program for funds to finish design, procure, ship and construct a solid waste disposal facility to incinerate regulated waste from galleys in foreign ships. The demand for this type of waste disposal is growing with all the cruise ship traffic transiting the Arctic. The PIDP funds are expected to cover 80% of the costs, while a separate grant submitted on 13 May 2022 to the Denali Commission, is expected to cover the 20% match funds. PIDP awards expected to be announced in Sep of 2022.*

**Harbor:**

Inner Harbor CAP 107 Study (Deepen/Widen the Inner Basin):

Following the Port Commission's motion at the 28 July 2022 rescheduled meeting regarding the federal docks in the Small Boat Harbor, the City Council passed a motion on 22 Aug 2022, requesting staff to submit a letter to the U.S. Corps of Engineers to pursue congressional action to authorize the east/west harbor bulkheads & dredging portion as federal infrastructure.

Launch Ramp Replacement Project:

The City Engineer and Port Director are in discussions with the contractor regarding the last underwater drone footage, which appears to show a scour area at the base of the launch ramp. We are awaiting a response from the contractor, and more will be provided at that time.

**Port Industrial Pad:**

West Nome Tank Farm (Property Conveyance):

City/NJUS management and staff continue to work the hurdles associated with getting the property conveyed per the 2014 National Defense Authorization Act. Following a scheduled call with personnel from the ADEC contaminated sites division, the City has requested a follow up meeting with the USAF in the coming weeks. Meanwhile, NJUS and the Port continue planning development for dual use of the site.

Thornbush Laydown Site Development:

The City was recently advised that this project was not awarded a grant from the USDOT RAISE Grant program, but additional funding sources continue to be sought.

Port Rd. Improvements (ADOT Project cost-shared with City/Port):

*ADOT recently advised of an increase in the final construction cost estimate that will increase the City's portion by \$28,250, which is anticipated to be approved by the Council on 13 June 2022, as part of the FY2023 Port budget. Funds are due by 31 July 2022, with project solicitation in Aug 2022, and construction in 2023.*

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*Italics reflects no change in project information from previous report.*

Additional details available upon request.