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To: Glenn Steckman – City Manager  
From: Joy L. Baker – Port Director *JLB*  
CC: Mayor Handeland & Common Council; Port Commission  
Date: August 17, 2021  
Re: Monthly PD Report/Capital Projects Update – August 2021

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**Administrative:** This month's report will focus on project updates as it has been a busy season thus far.

**Causeway:**

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

The next phase of the port expansion has finally commenced, with design teams having been determined and individual roles having been assigned. The City has hired two engineering firms to design the local service facilities (LSF's) which are utilities (CRW Engineering), and docks/roads/bridge/dolphins (PND Engineers), which will allow the City to retain more control over the design elements that are 100% City responsibility. The remaining piece is the general navigation features (GNF), which are controlled by the Corps, but the city has a 35% cost-share in, and therefore must be aware of progress and ensure that adequate communication is occurring so the elements all properly interface in the end. After teams were defined, a technical meeting was held on 29 July 2021, to make introductions, review the design components with the Corps and ask technical questions to ensure each of the project scopes reflect the exact layer expected by the other design teams. The meeting was long but very productive. It is expected that an actual charrette will be held in September and allow more communication regarding project impacts and benefits, and less of the technical aspects needed for design collaboration.

- Anyone with questions on this project can call 907-304-1905 or email [jbaker@nomealaska.org](mailto:jbaker@nomealaska.org), and further info on the project study is located on the Port of Nome page at [www.nomealaska.org](http://www.nomealaska.org).

Sediment at Causeway Bridge:

The Corps is in the process of obtaining an official waiver from HQ going through the full and stringent Corps process to secure permission to use real estate adjacent to the project to stockpile sediment during the project. Once a waiver is received, the Corps will proceed to offer this option to the existing contractor who holds the annual Corps dredging contract. If accepted, the contractor may elect to do the work or sub-out.

Anode Replacement Project:

The City's contractor, Global Diving & Salvage (GDS) arrived in Nome on Monday, 16 Aug 2021, and has been working with staff to setup a perimeter at the project site, as well as an off-site work area for prep of the anodes, equipment and dive gear. Contractor is coordinating with the Harbormaster and his assistants regarding vessel traffic schedules and access, and expects just a 13-day window to complete all work.

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

The project team sections have completed their drafts and submitted to the planner for inclusion in the Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP) meeting presently scheduled for Friday, 20 Aug 2021. Results of the TSP review will be provided by POD (Hawaii), within a week or so, with actions outlined as necessary for the District Team and local sponsor to address before the next review period. This study remains on budget and mostly on schedule.

**Concrete Launch Ramp Replacement Project:**

STG began work on 22 July 2021 with site setup, traffic control, and demo of the existing ramp, followed by 4-5 back to back storms that shut down the project for over a week. During this period, STG re-evaluated their plan of in-water work, deciding a more effective approach would be to de-water the site so construction can occur in a shorter time-frame. Project team is working with the Corps to obtain an expedited permit modification. STG still expects to finish work by 30 Sept 2021.

**Snake River Moorage & Vessel Haulout Facility:**

City staff continue to investigate suitable federal and state grant programs to find an appropriate funding vehicle to develop this project. The importance of this project continues to escalate as more and more vessels wish to use the facility to do commercial fishing, dredging and commodity movement, along with sailing vessels seeking a resupply/refuge point after their long voyages north/south of the Northwest Passage. All combined, the multi-fleet user drives congestion in the inner harbor, and contributes to navigation and maneuvering conflicts within the Small Boat Harbor, especially when the larger vessels need to maneuver and there are many smaller vessels in close proximity to do it safely. Achieving development of this project will bring long-awaited relief to all fleets using the Inner Harbor. Users, large and small, continue to complain, with some providing support letters for funding applications expressing the critical need for the facility.

**Port Industrial Pad:****West Nome Tank Farm (Property Conveyance):**

The City continues to have little success in working with the USAF's Real Estate unit, even with a new project coordinator being assigned to the project. As the USAF was trying to obtain information from ADEC during our last teleconference, the City will contact ADEC staff on land use controls and long-term access agreements, along with the environmental protocols and their effect on land use. NJUS and the City continue to collaborate on a development plan for the site, with CRW Engineering in an effort to be further prepared for the transfer.

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

City/NUS staff and the City Engineer have been coordinating with ADOT to resolve some pending ROW issues concerning areas along the project that the state needs for construction. ADOT anticipates soliciting the project solicitation period to be late this year, with construction in summer 2022.

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

Additional details available upon request.