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To: Glenn Steckman – City Manager  
From: Joy L. Baker – Port Director *JLB*  
CC: Mayor Handeland & Common Council; Port Commission  
Date: April 18, 2022  
Re: Monthly PD Report/Capital Projects Update – April 2022

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## **Administrative:**

The Port & Harbor Department have pushed out 3 employee positions, two of which are seasonal positions (Harbormaster's Assistant and Dock Watch), and the other is a full-time office position intended to be shared with the Public Works Department. We are hoping there is interest in the community and applications start coming into City Hall. In the meantime, staff continue working through budgetary planning, procurement and planning seasonal maintenance/repair needs with the Public Works Department. Vessel scheduling for 2022 is ramping up, as most know to book the Causeway in advance to secure desired dates.

The Port Commission will have a Work Session & Regular Meeting at 5:30pm on Thursday, 21 Apr 2022 to review PND's Fendering Alternatives for the new dock construction. PND will join the work session to provide input and respond to questions. Port users and the general public are all encouraged to attend.

## **Causeway:**

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

Periodic discussions with the Corps District Project Manager and various section chiefs to address concerns or issues raised by the project team or Division personnel. A Geotech contractor has been getting core samples within the project expansion footprint over the past few months, experiencing weather delays and ice instability. The extended schedule to complete the drilling required the Corps to modify the contract. This has most likely accelerated the Corps' next fund request from Aug 2022, to sometime in the next 2-4 weeks. The Corps is evaluating available project design funding and will advise soon. The City's 25% cost-share for design is funded through a DCCED grant 2019-DC-008, so no in-house funds will be necessary.

### Local Service Facilities (LSF) Design Integration:

Efforts continue with the Corps and City design teams coordinating very closely on connection points to inform accurate quantities and cost estimating without overlap or gaps, along with the precise alignment of where the existing structure meets the new construction. Design work remains on an aggressive schedule with the next milestone approaching in June, followed by an accelerated pace to get 95% generated, reviewed and approved, before 100% final is due in Dec.

- Anyone with questions on this project can call 907-304-1905 or email [jbaker@nomealaska.org](mailto:jbaker@nomealaska.org) 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 and Bridge Repairs:

*(The Corps is still working to determine a program and contracting mechanism to conduct sediment removal west and under the bridge).* District personnel and Bristol Engineers made a site visit on 18-19 April 2022, to review the project plans and current conditions with the contractor. The repairs are intended to address corrosion on the west and underside of the bridge caused by wave impact. It is anticipated the work will be conducted during the 2022 ice-free season.

**Harbor:**

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

This project is currently on hold with the Corps, pending written notification from the City on the desired path forward.

Launch Ramp Replacement Project:

The City Engineer and I recently met with the design engineer and project contractor to discuss a work plan and schedule proposed by STG for the remaining punch list items. Although the schedule had the contractor driving the remaining pile this week, the temps and frozen ground have pushed that out for the time being. The punch list included some minor bull rail repair, pile installation, ramp approach clearing and as-built survey, as well as a solution to address the three panels that lifted slightly during grouting operations. Each panel lift is somewhere between 1"-2" and STG has been asked to respond to the designers concerns and questions regarding the proposed scarifying method. More detail will be shared as this moves along.

Snake River Moorage & Vessel Haulout Facility:

City personnel continue to search for an applicable funding vehicle to develop this project. It is possible this project will align with one of the programs being funded by the IJA infrastructure dollars.

**Port Industrial Pad:**

West Nome Tank Farm (Property Conveyance):

*The City continues to work with JBER and HQ USAF personnel to understand the remaining steps required to complete the property conveyance to the City. At this time, it is anticipated the final documents could be signed sometime around Oct/Nov 2022. In the meantime, the City and NJUS continue collaborating on development of the site for the NJUS tank farm, and defining vessel lay down closer to the ramp.*

Thornbush Laydown Site Development:

This project has been submitted to the USDOT RAISE Grant program for funds to complete the remaining 10 acres of the 18-acre parcel. Applications were due on 15 April 2022, with awards anticipated in the Oct-Nov 2022 window. Should this package be successful, design would be finalized during the Jan-Mar 2023 window, with solicitations released in Mar-April for construction in summer of 2023.

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

*ADOT has advised that the project solicitation will be released in Aug 2022, with construction in summer of 2023.*

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

Additional details available upon request.