



Memo

To: Glenn Steckman – City Manager
From: Joy L. Baker – Port Director *JLB*
CC: Mayor Handeland & Common Council; Port Commission
Date: June 10, 2022
Re: Monthly PD Report/Capital Projects Update – June 2022

Administrative:

The Port & Harbor Department has finally been successful in recruiting 2 of the 3 seasonal positions, but are still 1 short called the Dock Watch. In the meantime, new employees are being trained on a fast track by long-term staff, and things are moving quickly. We are still hoping to fill the Dock Watch position, as there are many things still to be done, both in coordinating with users, as well as working with the Public Works crew to get all of the equipment deployed and start on maintenance tasks.

The AAHPA (Harbormaster for short) Conference has been confirmed for 26-30 Sept 2022, and will be hosted at the recently remodeled Mini Convention Center, with other venues being used for certain parts of the conference. We have put together a small team for planning and coordination, which we anticipate will include one or two staff members from Conference Planning section at the Alaska Municipal League (AML) We look forward to enjoying the benefit of this expanded service from AML. More to come.

The Port Commission will be holding a Regular Meeting at 5:30pm on Thursday, 16 June 2022 to receive an update on the port expansion project and discuss upgrades and repairs scheduled for the 2022 ice-free season.

Causeway:

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

Project Managers for the Corps and City have been coordinating on the overall schedule for meeting long-range target dates for executing construction agreements and providing cost-share funds for construction. Additional tasks include tracking design budget dollars, and discussing updated construction costs at each milestone of completion – 65% will give updated costs in early July. The final cash portion of the City's cost-share obligation has been requested by, and paid to, the Alaska District. All that remains is \$175K in eligible Work-In-Kind, with any remaining balance paid in cash.

Local Service Facilities (LSF) Design Integration:

The Corps and City design teams continue coordinating for integrating the local and federal project elements. Although 65% was scheduled for end of June 2022, it will take into July to get each designer's work submitted and reviewed by opposing design teams. It will not cause any delay in final design completion, but the necessary time must be taken to ensure this design package is wholly accurate and ready for bid.

A Planning grant application was submitted in Apr 2022 to the USDOT RAISE program for design of the City's Local Service Facilities. We are very hopeful for an award in Oct-Nov 2022 window to fund to design of phases 2 and 3.

Sediment at Causeway Bridge and Bridge Repairs:

The Corps did a site visit with the contractor in late May to discuss construction concerns and limits on the bridge repairs. The Contractor has been on site for several days, and a few locals may have noticed a temporary wood/plastic framework encompassing the area under the bridge. This is to allow access and prevent water/wind to interfere with the repair work. The project is expected to take a few weeks.

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. Denali is expected to announce in July 2022, and the PIDP awards in Aug 2022.

Harbor:

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

A letter from the City has been sent to the Alaska District requesting a policy waiver to prevent the Corps from permanently transferring responsibility of several federal infrastructure items to the City for maintenance and repair. These items include the east and south docks, along with the adjacent dredging footprints – all of which have been federal responsibility since inception.

Launch Ramp Replacement Project:

Contractor arrived on site in early June, and is currently working on the remaining punch list items, along with doing a full sweep of the ramp approach to ensure all construction debris has been removed. We anticipate the bollard pile requiring relocation will be driven on 10 June 2022. The raised panel edges have been ground down to nothing higher than 1-inch, with chamfered edges.

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 USAF real estate and environmental staff did a site visit on 24 May 2022 to document the condition and ability to access the monitoring wells and other equipment. Ken Morton, Assistant Manager at NJUS hosted the visitors during their site walk and answered questions. The City has just learned that the AF Facilities Team assigned to this project, has reached some conclusions and are trying to coordinate a call with the City. In the meantime, NJUS and the Port continue collaborating on development of the site for dual-use.

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 submitted 15 April 2022 – awards due Oct-Nov 2022. If awarded, the design will be final in Jan-Mar 2023, with bidding in spring and construction in summer of 2023.

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.

Italics reflects no change in project information from previous report.
Additional details available upon request.